



## Upcoming Dates

MAR	Monday 12th	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 13th	P&F Meeting at 7pm
	Monday 26th	National Young Leader's Day—Year 6 only
	Thursday 29th	Grandparent's Day
	Thursday 29th	Last Day of Term 1 - 2.15pm finish
APR	Monday 16th	First day of Term 2

## Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Sean Pedie: Sunday 11th March

Shilah Hiscock: Sunday 11th March

Kit Oliver: Sunday 11th March



## From the Principal

We have had a very busy week this week with many exciting opportunities to learn. On Monday, we had a performance from Regional Arts Victoria called, 'Balance'. The performance got children engaged in the exploration of sustainability, recycling and alternative power generation. Through the use of puppetry, electronics, animation and live theatre, students had a chance to step up and save the world!

On Wednesday the students had an exciting time at the Wimmera Field Days in Horsham. Students participated in many activities and performances including the Live Snake Show, Motocross stunt show and George the Farmer concert. There was so much to see, including many impressive displays and big machines! Other interesting things the children got to see was an optic fibre cable, how much sugar is in soft drink, how to save water and ways to stay safe on the farm. It was great to see students being willing to ask questions and find out information from stall holders. As agriculture is a major industry in this area, it was great to see all the technology and businesses that contribute to the strength of agriculture in this region.

Yesterday the students participated in a walk-a-thon to raise money for the Wirraway aeroplane. The students decorated a vehicle with wheels for the occasion and raised approximately \$1200.00 which is a fantastic effort! It was terrific to see so many parents, grandparents and friends come along to support the students and enjoy the BBQ afterwards. Our P&F will be selling donuts at the family day on Saturday at the Nhill Aerodrome. Thank you in advance to all families for being willing to go on the roster.

The Quality Schools survey has now been sent out to parents, staff and students via email. The survey is managed by Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII). The surveys are being conducted for the school by RADII under a contract with Lutheran Education Australia. The data that is collected will be used by the school and Lutheran Education Australia to develop strategies and implement initiatives to improve the quality of education offered by Lutheran schools. We ask as many as possible please complete the survey by 25<sup>th</sup> of March. If you have not received an email inviting you to participate, and you would like to access the survey, please follow the procedure listed in the newsletter.

Yours with Christ,  
Tara Pritchard

## Devotional Thought

### From the heart

**'A healthy tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a poor tree bear good fruit. Every tree is known by the fruit it bears – you do not pick figs from thornbushes or gather grapes from bramble bushes. A good person brings good out of the treasure of good things in his heart; a bad person brings bad out of his treasure of bad things. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.'** (verses 43-45)

Jesus' story about the tree and its fruit points to an obvious outcome at harvest time. The kind of tree determines the kind of fruit it will produce, and the health of the tree determines whether the fruit will be good or bad. This seems obvious.

But this lesson is not always so obvious when it comes to your life. Are you looking around for solutions to problems in your life? Are you wondering why your life seems to produce more dry prickles than sweet juicy grapes? Has your heart been in your mouth because of fear and worry?

God is at work in your life to enable you to bear good fruit. Like a sickly tree transplanted into good soil, your heart has been transplanted firmly into Jesus and his word. This happened first in your baptism, and now God keeps renewing you every day. God creates in you a new heart, one you can 'wear on your sleeve' in contentment, joy and peace. From this treasure of good things in your heart, will come good words and actions that will be beneficial to those around you.

***Lord, help me to keep drawing nourishment from you, so that I can produce good fruit in my life. Amen.***

**FAITH**  
is like Wi-Fi,  
it's invisible but  
it has the power  
to connect you to  
what you need.

## Worship News

Please see below for this week's Parish Service time.

Nhill: 9am

Woorak: 9am

Jeparit: 9am

Church Office: 5391 1223



## Prayer of the Week

Each week we pray for someone in our School Community. This week we pray for.....

- ♦ Harper Crouch and her family
- ♦ Sydney Currow and her family

## Get 'Em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be running again next Tuesday 13th March. Each week children will be given the opportunity to participate in physical, social and mental stimulating activities to assist in preparing them for their learning journey ahead.

Please bring along the following:

- A water bottle
- Fruit snack
- Gold coin donation



If you have any questions or would like more information on the program please see Miss Keller at the front office.

## First Aid Incursion

St John Ambulance will visit our school next Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of March to deliver free First Aid training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters lead students through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency. Our junior students learn about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students learn about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

Participating students will be given a special piece of homework for parents to take home and complete. We encourage you to "do your homework" and go online ([www.stjohnvic.com.au/quiz](http://www.stjohnvic.com.au/quiz)) to see how much you know about First Aid. Are you First Aid READY?

More information about the St John First Aid in Schools program can be found at: [www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools](http://www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools)

## School Event News

### Volunteering at NLS

For all parents wishing to volunteer at school to help in the classroom, on camps or with other student activities this year, parents must bring the following to the front office: 1) a current Working with Children Check and; 2) a certificate of completion of one-hour Valuing Safe Community training session on-line within the past three years. As a school of the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA), staff and volunteers are obliged to meet the requirements of the LCA Safe Place Policy. Valuing Safe Communities (VSC) is a program to comply with this expectation. This training is valid for three years.

### VSC Online Training Instructions

Go to <http://ilearn.alc.edu.au/course/view.php?id=170>. Follow the instructions. Use the Enrolment Key: VSC3\_Volunt33r to gain access to the training. On-line training takes about 30-40 minutes. Certificates of completion will be generated at the end of the session. If you need any assistance, or would like to use a school computer to complete the training, please see Brittany at the front office.

### CSEF

If you hold a current Health Care or Pension Card (valid on or before 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018), or are a Foster Parent, you may be eligible for a government payment under the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund. Payments are \$125 per primary student. For more information, see the attached document or visit the CSEF website. Forms have been sent home, but please enquire at the front office if you require another one. Applications should be returned to the office as soon as possible.

### Change of contact details

Please note that we have recently changed our contact details at school. Our new school email address is now [admin@nls.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@nls.vic.edu.au).

## Maintenance Roster

The purpose of this roster, is if there are any small maintenance issues that arise in your month, you may be called upon to help. Thank you for your help.

### March/April

Kim Croot, David Reichelt, Adrian Pedie, Steven Carew, Roy Dickinson, Jeff Woodward



## Music News

Mrs Merrill Harding is available for private guitar tuition this year. If your child would like to learn the guitar at school, please call Merrill on 0438 920 262.

## Working with Children Check

At Nhill Lutheran School, we have a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. **It is a requirement that all parents and volunteers have a Working With Children Check under Victorian Government regulations.** The check is just one of our responsibilities in creating and maintaining a child safe environment. If you would like further information or assistance in completing the application process online, please see Miss Keller at the front office.

## For Sale

The school currently has for sale some budgies. They are the perfect pets and are available for just \$10.00 each. All the proceeds made from this will be going towards the schools mini farm which all the kids adore! Please contact the front office if you are interested.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Nathan and Rebecca Albrecht on the birth of Ruby Jane on Wednesday 7th March. Ruby is a little sister for Tom, who is in Grade 2. We hope she brings you much joy and happiness and are sure Tom will be a fantastic big brother!





## A day out at the Wimmera Field Days and our Walk A Thon!







**Nhill Learning Centre**

*Learning together*

## SRI LANKAN COOKING CLASS



ENJOY A  
DELICIOUS  
MEAL WITH  
FRIENDS

LAMB CURRY, FISH CUTLETS  
MINT SAMBAL & MORE

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March

6:30pm - 8:30pm

**\$30**

(All Ingredients supplied)

Register by telephone 53 879801 or email [nnhlc@internode.on.net](mailto:nnhlc@internode.on.net)

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