### Digital Portfolios

Today the students presented to their parents their Digital Portfolio. This gives the students the opportunity to show their parents all the work that they have done in the first Semester. These presentations replace the Parent/Teacher interviews and allows the student to get excited about showing their work.

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### Prayers 4 this week

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

- Karen Cramer
- Families travelling over the holidays and that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

### Maintenance Roster

**July/August**

- Michael Koop
- Tim Ebbs
- Adam Clark

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The ‘Get em going’ playgroup welcomes all children under 5 years of age. The school would like to share the use of the wonderful PMP resources recently purchased by the P&F with the rest of the Nhill community. PMP stands for Perceptual Motor Program and it is a planned sequence of learning and motor experiences designed to help each child reach his or her full potential. PMP develops lateral skills, balance, positive body image, tracking skills, spatial relations, loco motor skills, and manipulative skills. In doing so, children will improve not only their physical skills but their emotional, social, and cognitive skills as well.
From the Principal

There is great excitement in the school as students present their digital portfolios, celebrate learning and set new goals with their parent/s and teacher. Digital portfolios will be saved so that at the end of Year 6, students will be able to have a copy of their work.

We value opportunities where our students can contribute to the wider community. Tomorrow, our Student Representative Council have organised a Crazy hair/Clothes day. Students are encouraged to wear crazy (bright coloured/patterned) clothing and crazy hair for the cost of a gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards our sister orphanage school in Maw Per Koh, Myanmar. Students will be participating in a range of activities to raise awareness of the orphanage school and Plaw will be sharing photos of the school.

Special thanks to all who have contributed in some way to assist our students in their learning this term. This includes parents and volunteers who spend time during the week listening to children read in our Reading Buddies program. Thank you to the P&F and Council members for countless hours supporting our School and being a blessing to the students. Thank you also to people in the community for supporting our school including IGA supermarket who recently donated a generous amount of money to purchase school resources. We are blessed to be part of an amazing community that values and supports students and their families.

Next week our staff will be participating in Professional Development in Melbourne as well as spending time at Ballarat Grammar and Carey Grammar. We wish all families a restful holiday and look forward to seeing students again on Monday, 13th of July.

We have many exciting things planned in Term 3 such as our 5/6 camp, Performing Arts Concert, tree planting, Book Week, School Family service and more.

With Christ,
Tara Pritchard

Student of the Week Awards

Performing Arts Award
Zoe Bandel
For following instructions and working hard to make a Harmonica instrument even when it was challenging. For always turning up to music class ready to learn and enthusiastic.
Zoa Mock
For great expression in the ‘Help me’ song. For working co-operatively with others and for encouraging peers and being flexible in different activities.

Class Awards
Rachel Reichelt
For always taking pride in her work and writing very neatly. Well done Rachel!!
Archie Zanker
For showing positive leadership skills in class.
Noah Pearce
For excellent work with exploring patterns in the times tables and for always unpacking and organising his things in the mornings.
Chloe Zanker
For excellent work with compound words and for being a friendly class member.

Tiana Schubert
For great thinking with her quiz scores pictograph. Keep up the terrific work Tiana!
Jasper Croot
For showing greatly improved time management skills with his “Luke” scroll and digital portfolios. Well done Jasper!
Chapel will be held on Friday 19th June at 9.00am. This will be led by the Prep/1 Class. Please feel welcome to come along and stay for morning tea afterwards.

**Library & Building Funds**

Contributions to both the Building and Library funds are an optional part of our fee structure. The Library fund in particular is accessed by all students, and it is an integral part of the school’s effort to keep children supplied with quality literature. The end of the financial year is fast approaching, why not take advantage of this tax deductible donation before the end of June? Further information can be obtained from Tricia Alexander by ringing 53923215

**Mission Presentation**

Pastor James May, Director of Lutherans in Africa and teaching missionary to 20 different countries, will be visiting the Nhill parish on Friday 19th June and giving his presentation at the School. You are invited to come and hear him speak on his work supporting our Lutheran brothers and sisters in some of the smallest and largest Lutheran churches in the world. His work takes him to some of the most dangerous parts of Africa where the hunger for God’s word is deep and the need for the gospel is desperate. Prepare to be inspired as you hear how God continues to build His church through the simple preaching of law and gospel and how our support can help bring salvation to many. You can read more about his work at www.lutheransinafrica.com.

**Earn & Learn 2015**

This year’s Earn & Learn will start next month on Wednesday July 15th and our school is registered. Keep an eye out for the stickers when you happen to be shopping in a Woolworths. Inform friends and family to collect stickers as well! Let see if we can beat 2014’s total!

**Books & Gifts Direct**

Books & Gifts Direct deliver a selection of books and gifts to the school for people to look at and purchase at a discounted rate. Check out the books, list what books you would like to purchase and pick them up on the delivery date. Payment options are EFTPOS, cash/cheque or card. This week’s sample box has:

- *Minecraft handbooks - set of 4 - $15*
- *Maisys Holiday Book Bag - $15*
- *Night Night Sleep Tight - Set of 4 Children’s stories - $12*
- *Microsoft Word made Easy - $7*
- *Metabolic Clock Cookbook - $8*
- *10 pc Balloon with LED flashing Light - $8*
- *Dream Angel Sun Catcher - $10*
- *Beginners Cooking Step by Step - $6*
- *Educational Card Game - set of 6 - $6*

* These would make fantastic gift ideas!

**Office Hours—School Holidays**

Mrs Koop will be in the office on Friday 26th June and Friday 10th July during the school holidays between 9.00am - 3.00pm weekdays. Please feel welcome to contact the office during this time.

**Birthdays this week!**

- Joel Mock 28 June
- Mrs K Koop 30 June
- Sam Cook 4 July
- Nathan Ebbs 15 July

**Delivery Date: Thursday 16th July**
STORMS IN LIFE

As a kid I absolutely loved storms. I loved hearing the heavy rain roar on the tiles (not the same soothing sound as on a tin roof, but impressive, nonetheless). I loved watching hail bouncing on the back steps and one winter I remember they piled up like snow. I loved blackouts because when we didn’t have power it meant we got to light the candles. My favourite was the thick tall candle that sat on top of the TV—it was blended bands of red and orange and it gave out this really soothing glow. So I loved storms—until one particular occasion when we had a blackout and lighting was striking all through the Adelaide Hills. I remember sitting on the carpet in the passage way and the whole house was lit up with the electricity in the sky, creating fearsome looking shadows on the wall. I decided from that night on that I didn’t really like storms that much anymore. I was terrified.

In Sunday’s reading from Mark’s Gospel we hear about a furious storm. Jesus crosses over the sea with his disciples in a boat and a furious storm whips up and the waves broke over the boat so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” (Mark 4:37-38).

We too experience storms in our life—the loss of a loved one, the tragic death of a child, sudden onset of chronic and debilitating illness, a terrible accident, family arguments, loss of job, transition to aged care in our twilight years, uprooting and moving to the city or interstate to pursue educational or career paths, the inner grief when we have sinned against God and others, the opposition that Christians face from the devil, unbelieving family, and friends, or a crisis in faith when we see so much heartache on the news and wonder where a loving God is. Sometimes it seems as if Jesus is asleep and indifferent to the perils around us.

That’s what the disciples thought. They didn’t realise that they were in the boat with God himself. So Jesus immediately took action: He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” Terrified, they asked each other: “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!” (v39-41)

Mark shows us that this Jesus is the God of the universe who spoke creation into being (Genesis 1). He speaks and the storm is stilled. The disciples hadn’t quite worked out the divine identity of Jesus. The storm did. It instantly obeyed Jesus’ command. In this way Jesus saved the disciples from the peril that was raging around them. He has saved us from the perils of evil, sin, death and the devil through his death and resurrection so that through faith we too are in the boat with him. As the storms of life rage around us and stir up the seas of anxiety in our heart we have the assurance that Jesus speaks to our hearts from the safe haven of his word: “Quiet. Be still.”

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you that all things are in your hands. Be with me in the storms of my life and lead me to the safe haven of your word where you speak your promises of peace to me. Take me to that haven now. Give me ears to hear you speaking to me. Amen. Pastor Tim

**P&F Events for 2015**

Fri 14th Aug - NLS Cabaret
Sat 10th Oct - Donuts at the Nhill Airshow
* More details closer to events.

**School Photos**

Envelopes for School Photos will be going home shortly. These will need to be returned in the first week back from the holidays. School Photos will be taken on the Monday of the 2nd week, (20th July). Students need to be in their full winter uniform.

A special Thank you to Mrs Mock for helping Paul and Mick with the new sprinkler system on the back oval!
Chapel Offering
We have now raised $306.75 towards our Sponsor Child, Wakiaxong.

Note from Plaw
I will be undertaking the Act for Peace Ration Challenge during Refugee Week (14-20 June) and getting sponsored to do it. The challenge is about standing up for refugees. I will be surviving on the same rations as a Burmese refugee receives living in Mae La Refugee Camp on the border of Thailand and Burma. It consists of rice, split peas, salt, fish, flour and oil. The money that I raise will help make sure refugees have enough to eat. I am asking that you consider sponsoring me. The link to my fundraising page is https://rationchallenge.everydayhero.com/au/plaw. Thank you for considering this and you can read more about Act for Peace at www.actforpeace.org.au.

Crazy Hair/Clothes
TOMORROW the SRC is having a Crazy Day! The students/teachers/parents are asked to wear crazy (bright coloured/Patterned) clothing and crazy hair. Please bring a gold coin donation that will go towards our sister school in Myanmar.

Healthy Eating
Just a reminder that we encourage healthy eating at school. Students are encouraged to have raw fruit or vegetables as snacks.

School Cleaning
The cleaning roster has been sent home. Those who are scheduled for the mid year clean on Friday, 19th of June are welcome to start cleaning at 1.15pm. Even though school finishes at 3.15, we thought it might suit some parents to complete their cleaning whilst students are busy at lunchtime and in the afternoon.

Raising money for our School garden!

Well done to Zac who has read all of his challenge books!

$600

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