



NHILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

July 16th 2015



Last Tuesday, we had the first session of our Playgroup. It ran successfully and the children had a lot of fun using our new PMP equipment. The 'Get em going' playgroup welcomes all children under 5 years of age and is held every Tuesday, 9.30am -11am. Further enquires, please contact the school, 5391 2144.



Get 'Em Going Playgroup



FOR YOUR DIARY

July

13 - Term 3 begins
20 - School Photos
21 - School Nurse Visit
28-31 - Yr 5/6 Camp

August

24-28 - Book week

September

17 - School Concert, 7pm
18 - End of Term

October

5 - Term 4 begins
15 - Nhill Show

Prayers 4 this week

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

- ◆ Ayesha Ahmed and family
- ◆ Zoe Bandel and family.

Maintenance Roster July/August

Michael Koop
Tim Ebbs
Adam Clark

From the Principal

Welcome back to the start of Term 3! We have an exciting term ahead of us with activities such as the Year 5/6 camp, our concert, communicating with the Karen orphanage, extending learning landscapes in the playground, Book Week, Parish Service and the famous Father's Day footy match! I encourage Parents and Guardians to please read the newsletter every week as it is our main form of communication and a lot is happening throughout the term.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students starting this term. We welcome Lance and Troye McBride, Sam Mahfoud, Charlotte Paech and Ayesha Ahmed. We pray that our new students settle quickly and families also feel welcomed into our school community.

Congratulations to our Student Representative Council who organised a fantastic Crazy Hair/Clothes fundraiser on the last day of term 2. Students and staff came dressed looking crazy and colourful and raised \$200 for the orphanage school in Myanmar. Students got to view photos from the orphanage school and view a video of what it is like in a refugee camp. Students also worked in groups to make a delicious Karen meal for lunch. We would like to say a big thank you to Plaw for showing us how to cook this amazing meal and sourcing the ingredients.

Nhill Lutheran School has a strong commitment to maintain a culture of learning throughout the school. We are grateful to the School Council for supporting and placing a high priority on professional learning amongst staff. In the holidays, staff attended a week of professional learning in Melbourne and got to spend time at Ballarat Grammar, Sunshine Christian School and Carey Grammar. One of our focus areas was looking at digital interfaces for learning. We are very blessed at Nhill Lutheran to have a wide variety of technology to use in the classrooms including notebooks, iPads, computers and touch screen computers. Whilst no single device fits all purposes, we aim to teach our students to select a device that best serves the need, and the decision should always be more about why than it is about how. Writing is still an immensely important and equally complex skill and recent research has identified the importance of hand activity like writing on learning and memory. Staff are committed to ensuring that technology is used to enable and enhance effective teaching and learning practices.

I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to all parents who were rostered on to attend our midyear school clean. The school is sparkling clean ready for another semester! Thank you so much to Kathy Koop from the Parents and Friends Association for co-ordinating the clean. Just a reminder that our end of year clean is scheduled for Saturday, 12th of December.

Our 'Get em going' playgroup started this week and it was a lot of fun! Children got to participate in perceptual-motor activities and a craft activity. Our playgroup will run every Tuesday morning 9.30-11.00am. All children under the age of 5 are welcome to attend.

Yours with Christ,
Tara Pritchard



Notices

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy to Zoe, Deanne and Wayne Bandel on the passing of Zoe's Nan. As a school community we pray for peace, comfort and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Healthy Eating

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

Chapel

Chapel will be held on Friday 17th July at 9.00am. This will be led by Mrs Pritchard. Please feel welcome to come along and stay for morning tea afterwards.

School Photos

Envelopes for School Photos have gone home last term. These will need to be returned TOMORROW even if you don't want to purchase any photos. School Photos will be taken this Monday 20th July. Students need to be in their full winter uniform.

Expressions of Interest

We've had a few forms back from families who are able to cook or not able to cook donuts at the Nhill Air Show. Can families please let the school know ASAP so we can start planning. If you need a new form please see Mrs Koop.

Head Lice

Next Friday, 24th July, our School Nurse will be visiting the School and is willing to give a talk to parents regarding Head Lice, how to spot them, treat them, etc... Please let the school know if you're interested in coming.

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.

Earn & Learn 2015

This year's Earn & Learn will start this week 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!



Donations needed

We are looking for people to donate any Goods or Services that will go up for auction at the School Cabaret. Please contact Kim or Sharon Croot, 0417 281 117 (S); 0427 281 117 (K).

Help Wanted

Tanya Mock is seeking help with starting to construct costumes for the School Concert at the end of this Term. If you are can help, there will be a working bee at 2pm at the School next Tuesday 21st.

PMP Resources

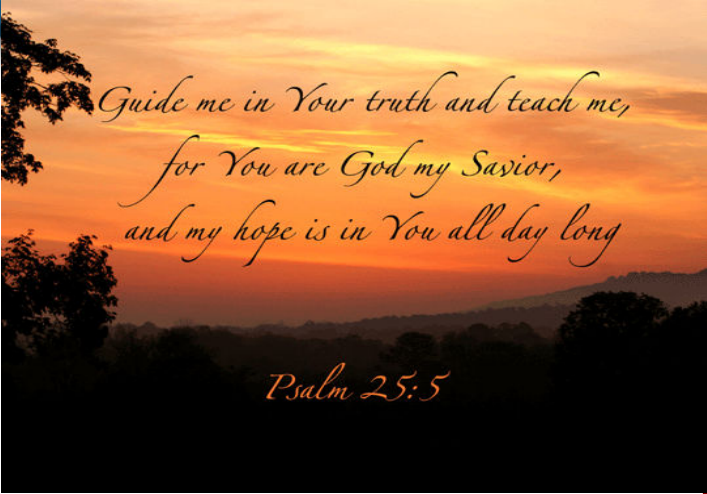
As you might have heard, the school has recently purchased some PMP equipment through the P&F. PMP stands for Perceptual Motor Program and it is a planned sequence of learning and motor experiences designed to help each child reach his or her full potential. PMP develops lateral skills, balance, positive 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. They are being used in our Playgroup, Pre-Prep program and our early years classes. Thankyou to the P&F for purchasing these for us.



From the Pastor

TRUE HOPE FOR A BROKEN WORLD

We probably all know some people that don't believe there really is a God. I read an atheist's argument on the internet that there couldn't possibly be a God because of what they witness all around them: murder and rape, all kinds of violence and destruction. Sometimes when we see the frailty of our own humanity and suffering and struggle with sin we might ourselves be tempted to question if there really is a God. However if we argue that there is no God based on the evil we witness and experience, we are actually left with even less hope than before—every night the news bulletins show us the problem of sin and evil. So if there is no God to deal with that, how do we?



*Guide me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are God my Savior,
and my hope is in You all day long*

Psalm 25:5

In Sunday's reading from Ephesians 2 the Apostle Paul says to the church at Ephesus: "You were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world". We couldn't and still can't fulfill the requirements of God's Law—the problem of sin we see so easily all around us is our own problem too. Our natural sinful condition excludes us from God's presence. We were without God, without hope. Without peace. This was reality for us before our baptism and before we came to faith. Imagine if that was a permanent reality for us!

But God is like a parent who loves their children no matter how rebellious and wayward they may be. He sent his Son Jesus to fulfill the sacrificial system for all of us. In the person of Jesus, God Himself stepped into our broken world and took our sinful and frail humanity upon Himself and do away with it on the cross forever. God dealt with evil by pouring out His judgment on sin upon his own Son in our place. Jesus wore His Father's just sentence of death for us so that we might know Him and live. Through the Cross we have been reconciled to God. The Holy Spirit has spoken through the Apostles and prophets and Jesus Himself to bring peace through saving faith in Christ crucified for the forgiveness of all our sins.

We were without God and without hope, in captivity to sin, death and the kingdom of Satan. But through faith in Jesus we have hope because we have come into the presence of God Himself. Frail, broken, anxious and suffering as you may be, your identity as the Father's sons and daughters is not dependent on how you feel, or how well you have lived, but on the Cross. It's when we look to the Cross and not what we see on the news bulletins or experience in our own lives that we see a loving God. Through faith our loving God journeys through our life with us until the day he takes us to our heavenly homeland, where here will never be another tear from our eyes. We will not be transgressed against ever again and we will finally be rid of our sinful nature, on the day we are called to unimaginable glory. That is the real hope that God has won for you through His Son.

Prayer: Gracious God, thank you for triumphing over sin and evil on the Cross. Keep me safe in your care and guide me through your word and teach me, for my hope is in you all day long. Help me to show your love by being your instrument of justice and compassion in the world around me. Amen.

P&F Events for 2015

Fri 14th Aug - NLS Cabaret

Sat 10th Oct - Donuts at the
Nhill Airshow

* More details closer to
events.



Pastor Tim

Martin Luther Tour

The year 2017 will mark the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, and a group of Queensland Christians are organising a tour "In the Footsteps of Martin Luther" through Italy and Germany in April 2017. Former Lutheran Bishop of Queensland, Rev Noel Noack, and his wife Meg will be the Tour hosts, and invite everyone to join them.

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a packet
Each packet contains
10 seed sticks



Quiz

Trivia Night @ The Nhill Sporting Clubrooms

Saturday 25th July @ 7pm

\$5 per person, Tables of 6-10

Drinks @ Bar Prices

BYO Nibbles

Get together with your smartest team mates, friends or family members for the Yanac Hockey Club Quiz Night.

Awards handed out at the end of the night. All welcome!

Bookings or Queries: closs_junior@hotmail.com

0409439145

Victorian
Premiers' reading challenge



Keep reading those books and sending them in

DAYS
FOR
GIRLS
INTERNATIONAL

Mission: Creating a more dignified, free and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene solutions.

Winiam Hall

Friday 31st July: 7.30pm. Join us for Coffee & Cake as the format of the weekend is explained and we prepare for making the kits. BYO wine/bubbles if you feel like a drink.

Sunday 2nd August: 10am - 4pm. All hands on deck. There are a variety of tasks to be completed. Don't be put off if you can't sew, all help is appreciated.

Please bring a plate of lunch to share - afternoon tea will be provided.

BYO: sewing machine, overlocker, scissors & any old flannelette sheets. If you only have an hour to spare for the weekend please join us - we understand if you can't commit to a whole weekend: every bit helps.

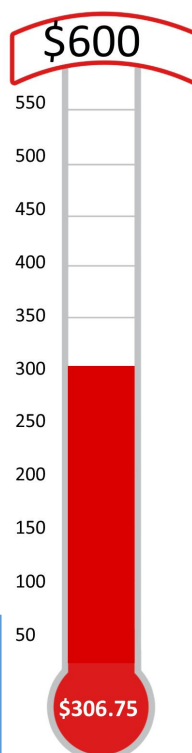
www.daysforgirls.org

Please register your interest to Janine Clark 0488 915 247 or Lisa Braybrook 0400 323 418

Days for Girls
Every Girl • Everywhere • Period •

Chapel Offering

We have now raised \$306.75 towards our Sponsor Child, Wakiexong.



World Vision

OUR SPONSOR CHILD



WAKIAXONG PAWANG

Playgroup Library Week

20 - 24 July 2015



SHARE THE JOY OF PLAY AND STORYTIME



What is Libraries Week?

Playgroup Library Week is a great opportunity to meet local families with children aged 0-5 and connect with your local library.

Playgroup and storytime both aim to engage parents and carers with their children and offer great opportunities for fun and learning in a relaxed, informal environment. There is little or no cost involved and no need to book.

Nhill Library

Friday 24th July @ 11.00am

Come along and join in with songs, rhymes, stories & a craft activity with Lisa from Playgroup Victoria

Jeannette Rowe children's book giveaways
Phone Lisa 0456 869 390 or Mary 53911684 for more details

Wimmera UnitingCare are excited to offer a

3yo Kinder

program at Nhill Kindergarten

Enrolments now open...

Every Thursday
9am-12pm

(school terms only)

Cost \$250 per term
30 places available

Program will begin
early in term 3
(subject to enrolments)

For further information
please call Tracey Bone,
EY Service Leader
on 5362 2925

For an enrolment pack
email Cherie Hobbs,
EY Admin Assistant at
cherieh@wuc.org.au



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Wimmera UnitingCare

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Get en going

Tuesday Mornings 9.30-11am
Using the Perceptual Motor Program
Starting Term 3 - July 14th

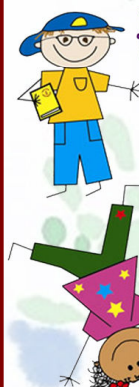
Free playgroup for under 5s

For more information
Call Tara Pritchard
5391 2144

Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

PlayGroup

Nhill Lutheran School
Multipurpose Room



Nhill Lutheran School

presents

a family **Cabaret**

featuring music from

Acousticus Stomp

BYO theme, nibbles & drinks

ie: Sporty; Superheros; 60's

Friday 14th August

Doors open @ 7.30pm

Nhill Lutheran School, Multipurpose Room

Cost: Adults \$10
Students \$5
Pre-Schoolers free

all enquiries
contact Tanya Mock
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Mystery Auction

