



August 20th 2015



FOR YOUR DIARY

August

24-28 - Book Week/Fair
27 - Book Week parade and activities

30 - Parish Service

31 - P&F Meeting, 2.15pm

September

3 - Father's Footy Day

17 - School Concert, 7pm

18 - End of Term, 2.30pm

- Blue/Pink Day

October

5 - Term 4 begins

8-9 - P-2 Sleepover & Excursion

10 - Nhill Air Show, P&F cooking donuts

★ ★ Cabaret Fun! ★ ★



PMP PLAYGROUP THIS WEEK



Prayers 4 this week

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

◆ Charles Hassall and family

◆ Paige Hoffrichter and family

Maintenance Roster

July/August

Michael Koop

Tim Ebbs

Adam Clark



From the Principal

In May, our Year 3 and 5 students completed the NAPLAN tests (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy). The school has now received these results and parents are able to collect their child's report from the classroom teacher. We encourage parents to discuss their child's results with the classroom teacher so that successes are celebrated and areas that need improvement are addressed. We remind parents that NAPLAN is **one** part of our assessment schedule at school and results should be consistent with other data collected.

A big thankyou to the P&F for organising such a fantastic Cabaret last Friday night. The band, 'Acousticus Stomp', provided an opportunity for families and friends to dance and have FUN together. Thank you so much to Kim and Sharon Croot who organised the goods and services auction which raised \$2000 for the school. Thank you also to all in the school community and wider Nhill community who contributed items to be auctioned.

On Tuesday, our students enjoyed a fun football session ran by Jason and Jae from AFL Victoria. The Sporting Schools program allows all students to participate during school hours and this term it will be held every Tuesday for the next four weeks. All students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform or bring their sneakers to school on a Tuesday.

Goal posts one week, a new fence the next! It never ceases to amaze me how generous people are in volunteering their time and talents to bless our school! Thank you so much to Matthew Zanker for replacing our back paddock fence and making the boundary more secure and safe. Thank you also to Western Ag for supplying the materials needed to complete the fence.

Next week is Book Week and the CBCA (Children's Book Council Australia) is celebrating its 70th year! The theme for Book Week is, 'Book's light up our world'. Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Our students will celebrate Book Week by participating in a range of activities including telling stories relating to the theme, entering competitions and highlighting the importance of reading. On Thursday, the 27th of August, there will be a Book Week parade at 9.00am and students are encouraged to come dressed as a book character. Parents are most welcome to attend the parade and see all the amazing costumes! The library will be open all day with fun activities to complete and students will be able to participate in a range of multi-aged activities. There will also be a Scholastic Book Fair displayed near the front office and open for purchases every lunchtime and afternoon after school. The Book Fair will be open all day on Thursday. Thank you in advance to Linda Drendel for organising the Book Fair.

All students and families are invited to the School Family Service on Sunday, 30th of August beginning at 10.30am. Students will **not** be required to wear their school uniform for this service. We value opportunities to build links with our Church Congregation and acknowledge the generous support that members of the congregation continuously provide to our School. After the service, there will be the opportunity to purchase bags of sheep manure for \$3.00, which our senior students got all dirty and smelly bagging on Monday. The proceeds of the sheep manure will go towards our sister orphanage school in Myanmar. Pre orders will be accepted and there is free local delivery for any orders of 10+ bags. We would like to acknowledge the very generous support of Terry, Lois and Murray Miller for allowing our students to use their woolshed.

Has your calendar got a circle around Thursday, 17th of September? Can we count you in for our School Concert? All parents, grandparents and friends are most welcome to attend the evening performance which begins at 7pm. All students are looking forward to seeing you there! The theme for this year is 'Favourites'!

Next term we are excited to offer our new Prep / Foundation students for 2016 an Orientation Program. This will allow new students and their parents to familiarise themselves with our school and establish classroom routines. This orientation program will take place every Friday morning with transition sessions that will prove to be invaluable in ensuring that our new students have a smooth start to their first year at school. These sessions will be available to all students who have enrolled for Prep next year and will be in addition to the usual three Kindergarten visits.

Yours with Christ, Tara Pritchard

Notices

Chapel

Chapel will be held on Friday 21st August at 9.00am. This will be led by Pastor Tim. Please feel welcome to come along and stay for morning tea afterwards.

Book Week

"Books light up our world" competition. Take a photo or draw a picture of something that lights up our world. Winners will be announced at the book week parade on Thursday 27th August. All entries must be in by tomorrow.

School Concert

School concert costumes are well on their way. If parents could please provide the follow items, the rest is covered!

Prep/1 Class:- A dressing gown (the brighter the better)

Year 2/3 Class:- A black top and track pants/ leggings & a pair of pyjamas (the brighter the better)

Year 4/5/6 Class:- A black top and track pants/ leggings & a pair of pyjamas (the brighter the better)

Sarongs:- if any students can bring a sarong to school.

If unable to source, please let Tanya Mock know ASAP. Thanks, Tanya Mock

Chapel Offering

We have now raised \$383.55 towards our Sponsor Child, Wakiaxong.

Enrolments for 2016

We are now accepting enrolments for 2016. We would like all enrolment forms in by the end of Term 3 so we can plan for the 2016 school year. If you have any questions about the school, would like an enrolment form or would like a tour of the school, please contact us 53912144.



**1200
Stickers
collected!**

Keep them coming!

**BOOKS &
GIFTS DIRECT**

Delivery Date:

Thursday 20th August

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:

- * ABC for Kids 10 DVD in tin - \$20
- * Family Kitchen Cookbook - \$20
- * Inside out book & pencil pack - \$15
- * I'm special 6 book set - \$12
- * 365 Main meals Aust. Womans Weekly - \$12
- * Leaving Time Jodie Picoult - \$12
- * Vehicle Construction kit set 2 - \$12
- * Home Spa Microfibre hair wrap - \$8
- * Gel hot and cold pack \$7



Our new lambs are back to stay for the rest of this term! Their names are Ruby and Sky (wearing the collars) and Robin and Ben. A huge thankyou to the Zanker and Colbert families for them.



A big thankyou to Matthew Zanker for fixing our fence line for our back paddock. If you need any fencing done, give him a call on 0403 179 392.

From the Pastor

PRAY FOR BIG EARS!

Most of us would be familiar with the much loved folktale 'Little Red Riding Hood', the earliest version of which was apparently in 1697 by Charles Perrault. It is a story about a young girl (named after the red hooded cloak she wears) and a big bad wolf. On her way to her Grandma's cottage she comes across the big bad wolf who tricks her into revealing where she is going. When the big bad wolf finds out Red Riding Hood is going to her Grandmother's cottage, he goes on ahead, locks Grandma in a cupboard, disguises himself to look like her, and waits to ambush Little Red Riding Hood. "My! What big eyes you have, Grandma!" Little Red Riding Hood says in surprise after she arrives. "All the better to see you with my dear!" replies the wolf. "My! What big ears you have, Grandma!" says Little Red Riding Hood. "All the better to hear you with, my dear!" says the wolf.



The wolf had deceived Little Red Riding Hood, and Grandma too. I thought this was a good illustration of how the Devil seeks to deceive and ambush us too. The Bible reveals him as a deceiver and Jesus described him as 'The father of lies' (John 8:44). In Sunday's Gospel reading from John 6 we hear that the Devil deceived some of those who were following Jesus:

Jesus said: "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you - they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him...From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him" (verses 63-66).

Many of those who had heard Jesus teach them that eternal life is found in him had fallen to the devil's deception - to fall away from Jesus. It's not that God was incapable or impotent in the face of such temptation. He had spoken his words to them; words that are full of the Holy Spirit and life - words that bring eternal life. But they closed their ears to what God had spoken and had chosen to reject them and trust in their own reason, rather than in the One bigger than human reason. It's still the same today. Having heard Jesus' word, the constant temptation is to go our own way. Jesus says there is no middle ground: "Whoever is not with me is against me" (Luke 11:23).

So in Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus challenges his disciples. They have heard his words of life. They have seen the defection of many of those who previously followed him. Now Jesus puts the question to them: "Will you go away too?" Simon Peter answered him: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68-69).

Jesus asks that question of you too. What will your response be? To follow or fall away? One of the best prayers we could ever pray is for humility; to pray for 'big ears' all the better to hear our Lord with as he speaks to us through his word, the Bible. Then we will listen to him, rather than our own reason.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we believe that you are God's Son, our Saviour. You have come to bring us forgiveness and eternal life. Give me big ears to hear you, and renew my heart to trust what you say, especially the Good News that you have the words of eternal life. Protect me from falling away, and strengthen me to follow you. Amen.

Pastor Tim



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Books

Read!

Keep

reading those

books and

sending them in

Only 2 weeks to go!!



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Favourites

Our School Family Concert

17 September

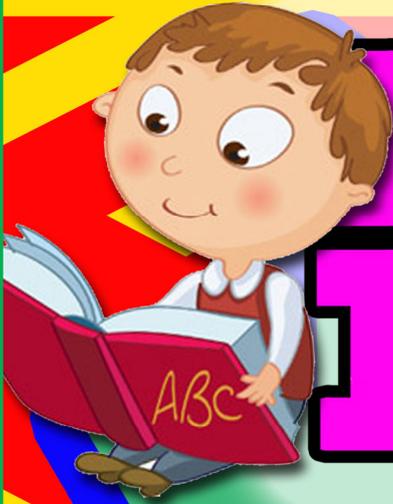
7 pm

Nhill Community Centre

Gold Coin Donation Entry



Come to our



BOOK FAIR

24-28
August



lunch &
after School

lots of books for sale

Nhill Show

Come to the

Nhill A&P Society Show

15th October 2015

Make sure you're there at 4.15pm
to watch the

Grand Parade

and

Fireworks at Night

School Photos



Leadership Photo



Year 6 Photo



Sports Captain Photo



Year 6 Graduation Photo

Please cut and attach to an envelope with correct money inside by 28th August.

I, _____ would like to purchase the following photos at \$20 per copy,

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Photo | qty _____ | total _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sport's Captain Photo | qty _____ | total _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Year 6 Photo | qty _____ | total _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Year 6 Graduation Photo | qty _____ | total _____ |

I have enclosed the correct money in this envelope.

Signature: _____