



★ Reading Challenge Lunch ★



NEWSLETTER

FOR YOUR DIARY

September

- 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
- 15 - Nhill Show, No School
- Grand Parade, 3.45pm
- 16 - Pre-Prep Program
- 23 - Pre-Prep Program
- 28 - Kinder Orientation, 9-11am
- 30 - Pre-Prep Program

November

- 4 - Kinder Orientation, 9-1pm

Well done
to all the
Students!

Prayers 4 this week

- Each week we pray for someone in our School Community. This week we pray for...
- ♦ Lance & Troye McBride and family
- ♦ Alison Miller and family

Maintenance Roster

September/October

Paul Drendel
Paul Schubert,
Kim Croot,
Jason Deckert



From the Principal

Tonight we look forward to our School Concert which starts at 7pm at the Nhill Community Centre. The theme of the concert is 'Favourites'. Many of us think of the Favourites Cadbury chocolates. Cadbury describes their box of Favourites as a product that makes the most of any get together and that there is something for everyone. The school concert tonight is a wonderful opportunity for us to get together as a community and celebrate the wide variety of skills and talents of the students, such as singing, dancing, and speaking in front of an audience. Staff have worked hard to ensure that the Performing Arts curriculum aligns with what has been happening in the classroom. Tonight you will hear a ballad written by Tiana Schubert and Freya Colbert which is an excellent example of the high standard of work that students strive to achieve. Thank you so much to all staff for guiding the students, to Mr and Mrs Harding for their expertise in lighting and sound, and to all parents who have assisted with costumes and props. A concert requires team effort from a whole range of people and we appreciate all your support.

- ◆ Just a reminder if all students could please be at the Nhill Community Centre no later than 6.45pm.
- ◆ Parents are welcome to take photos of their child/ren tonight during the concert, but we request that families please do not post photos of any other students on social media e.g. Facebook. There will be a concert video prepared for each family to take home as a keepsake next term.
- ◆ School finishes at 2.15pm tomorrow. We pray that all students and their families have a restful and safe holiday. Please note that school resumes on Monday, 5th October.
- ◆ Tomorrow after Chapel, there will be a special morning tea to wish Mrs Koop all the best as she goes on Maternity Leave. Parents and friends are invited to come and enjoy a cuppa with Michaela. There will be a hamper placed in the staff room for those who would like to contribute a small baby item for Michaela. Students are encouraged to come dressed in either blue or pink casual clothes for the day.
- ◆ Please note that Council have granted staff a week leave next June to attend Professional Development. Therefore, there will be three weeks holiday from June 17th to July 8th 2016.

Student of the Week Awards Class Awards



Oliver Bone

For being kind to his injured classmate.



Archie Zanker

For extensive help sorting Thrass cards.



Ella Reichelt

Working quietly and trying her best in class and for having a go at writing different types of poems.



Noah Pearce

For being a friendly class member and for having a go at writing different types of poems.



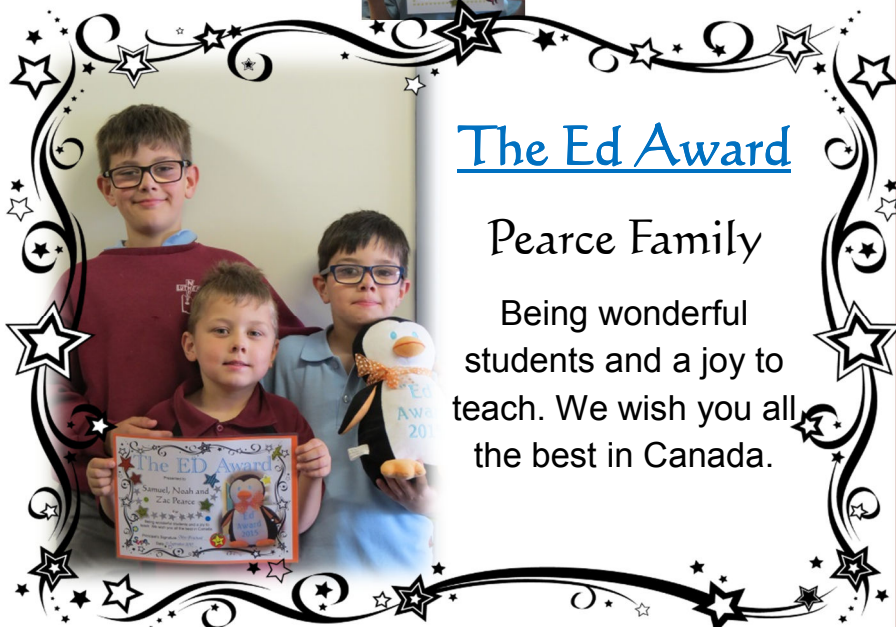
Charles Hassall

For great writing with his Bible description. I want to keep reading Charles!



Grant Pedie

For fantastic improvement in the neatness of his writing. Terrific to see Grant.



The Ed Award

Pearce Family

Being wonderful students and a joy to teach. We wish you all the best in Canada.

Notices

Star steel posts wanted

I'm sourcing star steel posts for a wildlife-animal shelter that is in need of secure adequate fencing for rehabilitating wildlife, plus fostering unwanted pets. Please if you have any lying around in sheds, gardens etc. would you be willing to donate them to this wonderful rescue centre? They can be either left at my place or I'm willing to pick up. Thank you, Karen Cramer

Chapel Offering

We have now raised \$406.05 towards our Sponsor Child, Wakiamong.

Book Week Stall

Thank you to all the families and friends of the School for supporting our Book Week Stall. We managed to sell a total of \$1316 worth of books which will give the school reward points to spend on Literacy resources.



Thank you to all the friends and families of the School who collected the Earn and Learn Stickers. We collected a total of 3960 stickers. We have now sent them off to be validated and soon we will be able to use them for resources in our classrooms.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on the Monday and Wednesday of the first week back of Term 4. Throughout Term 4, the uniform shop will only be open on Wednesdays after School. As usual, there will be a two week swap over of uniform.

Office Hours—School Holidays

Due to Mrs Koop going on maternity leave at the end of the term, and Miss Keller starting on the first day of Term 4, the school office will not be open on any set day in the holidays.

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.

Chapel

Closing chapel will be held on Friday 18th at 9.00am. This will be led by Pastor Tim.



**Delivery Date:
Early Term 4**

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. Check out this week's sample box on the front coffee table.

Working Bee

There will be a working bee this Saturday at the school starting at 8.30am. The focus will be mostly cleaning up around the school particularly around the oval. If you have access to a tipping trailer or a fertiliser spreader, please bring them along. For further enquiries, please call Mick Koop, 0428 910 245.

From the Pastor

SCHOOL CONCERT— WHO WILL BE THE GREATEST?

Every blessing to the students, teachers and helpers for tonight's school concert. I'm sure it will be a great show and I bet all the students are busting with excitement! Who will be the greatest? Would it be the student with the biggest role? The best costume? Or the one who performs without mistakes; no tongue-tied words, standing out of place, or mistimed cues? But because you are their parents, you won't be looking for mistakes. You're there to smile upon your kids, to encourage them, to support them.



That makes me think of how God sees us. No matter what our background is, where we're from, what we do, God loves each of us equally and unconditionally—even though, throughout the drama that is our lives, we've made plenty of mistakes. And more than *just* mistakes. We all fall short of the perfection that God demands of us. We've all sinned against God. Some of us might not even see our need for him. In our natural condition, humanity is separated from God. But it is also true that he didn't wait for us to get it right with him. He doesn't look for the greatest. He didn't choose the best performers—in fact, he chooses those who do make mistakes, and those whose performance doesn't measure up to his standards.

In Sunday's reading from Mark 9, Jesus' disciples had lost sight of this. They were squabbling about who among them was the greatest. Jesus called them and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

God doesn't play favourites. *All* have sinned and fallen short of God's glory but Paul also says in Romans 6:24 that this also means that "*all* are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." That's because Jesus, the greatest, became the least for you. He said: "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." Then Jesus *did what he said would happen*: he humbled himself to the point of death on a Cross, hardly a picture of greatness according to worldly standards. But it is true greatness—because of what Christ did, God our Father will not be looking for how many mistakes his children have made through their life. He will not hold the sins against those who turn to him because they have all been fully forgiven through Jesus' own death.

After the curtain call on this life is drawn, God will be waiting to lovingly embrace his faithful children just like a parent hugs their child with a smile after school concert. He will usher his children into their reserved seats in heaven where they will have an audience with him forever. How is all this possible? Simply through faith in the Greatest, who laid down his life to become the least for us.

Birthdays this week and throughout the holidays!



Rourke Croot
22 September

Giana Pohlner
23 September

Isaac Pohlner
2 October

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you that you do not hold our failings against us but give us your grace through faith in Jesus who has perfectly fulfilled the law for us. Lead us to surrender our human cravings for greatness, and find true joy in becoming the least, so that in the strength of your Son we may worship you and serve those around us. Amen.

Pastor Tim

seedsticks®

sow your support

Raising money for our School garden!

A mixture of Herbs, Vegetables, Flowers & Natives available
from the School Office.

**\$2.50
a packet**

Each packet contains
10 seed sticks

Nhill Show

Nhill Lutheran School once again has the opportunity to walk in the Grand Parade at the show. This will begin at the showgrounds, meeting at 3.45pm. If your child would like to participate in the parade and you are happy for them to commit to this, please let Miss Keller know by Monday 12th October.



Some Concert practise pictures

Expressions of interest are invited for: **Junior - Basketball Clinic**

with
BASKETBALL VICTORIA

TIM DOWNES

at the
Warracknabeal Leisure Centre

September 23rd, 24th & 25th 2015

(first week of school holidays)

3.30pm – 4.30pm 8-10yrs

4.30pm – 5.30pm 11+yrs

\$15.00 for 1 x child x 3 sessions

\$25.00 for 2 x children x 3 sessions

\$30.00 x 3 children x 3 sessions

B.Y.O light refreshments & drinker

Registrations to Cheryl Woods at the Warracknabeal Leisure Centre by

Tuesday 8th September 2015,

forms also available by emailing cwoods@yarriambiack.vic.gov.au



Fun. Freedom.

Faithblocks.



Empowering kids *today* to make *informed* choices for *tomorrow*

Remember when you were a kid? Somehow life seemed so much more innocent...

...but today dangerous pressures are more intense at a much younger age. Our Western culture presents the fake and illusory in personal appearance, partners and lifestyles as something we can realistically attain to achieve self-worth and purpose. We are told to pursue experience to numb hurt and pain. To fill the void of emptiness many are turning to shock drugs like Ice which causes addiction after the first use with terrifying consequences. The media sexualises everything and we're told that sex is the product and our body is the shopfront. Aggressive hardcore porn is easily accessible and has been scientifically proven to 're-wire' the neurological pathways in the brain, addicting viewers to violently act out what they are watching. The pressure to redefine marriage has gone as far as a man suing the government in America because they disallowed him to marry his Macbook filled with pornography. Bullying is an epidemic. Violence is escalating. It is not surprising that depression and suicide are increasing.

Our children need us today more than ever.

The age of innocence in which we grew up is now a distant memory. Worried? Of course you are—any parent who loves their child would be. We all need help as parents to raise our kids in today's world that is rapidly spiralling out of control with social standards changing from one day to the next. What will life be like in 10 years time?

We teach our children a lot of things essential for their well being.

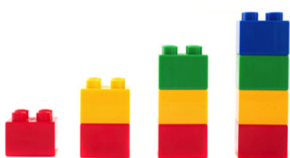
Healthy eating, road safety, dental hygiene, appropriate social skills to form meaningful relationships, and study habits are all things all children need to be taught for their physical well-being. What about their spiritual well-being? Some parents say they will let their kids make up their own mind about the Christian faith. But there are 66 books in the Bible. Where would they even start? **Our children need to be taught the Christian faith so that they can make their own informed decisions about how it relates to their life now and their life beyond this world.**

An anchor in a world spiralling out of control

We are convinced that the Christian faith has a critical role to play in contemporary Australian society as the anchor we need in a world rapidly changing from one day to the next. We believe we are not here by random chance and that we have a purpose greater than participating in the race of survival of the fittest. We believe each person has value, worth, dignity, purpose, identity, belonging and hope, because they have been created in God's own image and he is so committed to us that he gave his one and only Son to die and restore us to fullness of life with him forever. We believe God who rose victorious over death is with us always and shares his blessings with us.

So we're stepping up to the plate to support you—one block at a time

We'd like to introduce you to a suite of programs we've developed called Faithblocks that teaches the Christian faith in a systematic way—one block at a time. Kids need age-appropriate opportunities to learn that build on previous learning. That's why Faithblocks aims to engage children from the Starting Blocks program from age 2 right through to their secondary school life. It's so much easier than trying to do it on your own!



Self-driven learning that's FUN, for EVERYONE

Yes! All of those words belong together! Faithblocks aims to be as stimulating as possible by using multi-media and a range of tools and methods that engages all the senses, with fun rewards which themselves enhance learning, teaching that what we learn impacts others. You do not have to be Lutheran (or even Christian) for you or your kids to join in Faithblocks—nor will there be any pressure for your family to join our church. This is not about enticing Christians from their current church community to join ours but simply a service we are offering to the community. You can have peace of mind all volunteers are legally compliant with Working With Children checks, Safe-Place & Childsafe certification.



Let's talk about Faithblocks. Please contact us so that we can share with you some of the programs available in the Faithblocks suite ranging from 2 years to Secondary School age. There are various delivery methods available for your children, or for you together with your children as a family.

Please contact the Nhill Lutheran Parish office (5391 1223) or nhillpar2@bigpond.com to register your interest, receive more information, and to enrol in current and 2016 programs.



Faith for life

building for tomorrow begins *today*

Jesus said, "...you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)



ABOUT: Aussie Hoops is starting point for young basketballers, aged 5-10 and is aimed to prepare them for the next level.

It is fun and provides basic skill development in a structured and safe environment.

NHILL INTERNATIONAL RULES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR TERM 4.

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT aussiehoops.com.au (click on "register" and follow the prompts)

Please register by the END of Term 3.

TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL BETWEEN 3.30 AND 4.30PM

10 WEEKS STARTING 6 OCTOBER TO 8 DECEMBER at the LOWAN SPORTS CENTRE

COST returning participant or no pack option \$45.00 (incl all insurance and entry fees)

COST new participant or if want another pack \$70.00 (all costs plus ball, bag and singlet)

Information should be on the website but if you have any questions, or would like to assist in any way, please contact me on 0408911664. Emma Dickinson, Co-Ordinator

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



Nhill Learning Centre

Learning together

School Holiday Activities

Stampin Up Card Making

Date: Friday 25th September

Time: 10am – 12pm (8-12 years*) or 1pm - 3pm (12+ years)

Cost: \$16.50 per child per session **Includes materials**

Venue: Nhill Learning Centre

**parental supervision required*

Please register your child by Friday 18th September



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tracey@nnhlc.org.au

Proudly supported by Hindmarsh Shire Council



youth **FISHING** CLINIC

Kids 10+ years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly.

The day runs from 10am – 1pm with a BBQ lunch supplied.

Cost: \$16.50 per child.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

Maximum 10 participants.

Location: Nhill Lake lawn area.

Dates: Tuesday 22nd September or Monday 28th September.

Registration by phone only.

53912196 by Friday 18th September to register.



Jim the Magician

Enjoy a magical school holiday experience with Jim the Magician. Children love magic - Jim the Magician's show is filled with colourful magic, plenty of audience participation, and even a live bunny. It's a fun packed performance for children of all ages,

Nhill Library - Wednesday 23rd September at 10.30am
Kaniva Library - Wednesday 23rd September at 2.00pm
Horsham Library - Thursday 24th September at 10.30am
Dimboola Library - Thursday 24th September at 2.00pm



West Wimmera Health Service



“LOOP THE LODGE”

Fun Run/Walk

Sunday 25th October 2015



Colour Run Scavenger Hunt



Casey's Pantry
Café de Kerb
Market Stalls
Face Painting
Jumping Castle
WWHS BBQ
Little Desert Nature Lodge Nhill

10am

<https://www.hsloopthelodgefunrun.eventbrite.com.au>

Team “My Hero”

Nhill College Presents:

Susan McLean – Australia’s expert in

Cybersafety and young people

F-12 Parents, staff and community members are

invited to attend the information session on

Monday 19th October at 7pm at Nhill College

An informative and entertaining session for parents, carers and staff. It will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of –

- What are kids doing online?
- Online grooming
- Cyberbullying
- ‘Sexting’
- Potential dangers and tips
- Learn the lingo
- Be confident in setting

- 1 in 3 teenagers will be affected by Cybersafety issues
- Approx 40% teenagers are sexting/sending naked selfies
- Children sending or asking for naked selfies as early as the age of 9
- 25% of teenagers report that they have experienced repeated bullying via their cell phone or on the internet.
- Over half (52 percent) of young people report being cyber bullied.
- Embarrassing or damaging photographs taken without the knowledge or consent of the subject has been reported by 11 percent of adolescents and teens.

rules and boundaries around internet use in the home

- Question Time

Gold coin donation at the door

Please register your attendance by phoning

Nhill College on 53 912 111 by the

12th of October as supper will be supplied.

For further information please contact

Nhill College Well-being staff

Mrs Clark or Mrs Magrath.



**KIDS
COMP**



Nhill Lake Committee are
hosting a Youth Fishing
Tournament!

WHATS ON IN

NHILL THESE

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

Date: Friday 25th September

Time: 11a.m – 2 p.m (Awards after 2pm)

Place: Nhill Lake

Ages: All ages – Under 10 MUST be
accompanied by an adult

Cost: Free

Bookings: Please call 5391 4444 and visit your
local Council customer Service centre or school
office to collect a consent form.



THERE WILL BE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO ON A
DAY TRIP PAINTBALLING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Date: Wednesday 30th September

Pick up Time: 7a.m from the Info Centre

Place: Burrungule Park Paintball

Ages: 12-18

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

MINIMUM NUMBERS REQUIRED

Cost: \$60.00 (plus extra spending money for
extra paintballs and dinner)

Bookings: Please call 5391 4444 and visit your
local Council customer Service centre or school
office to collect a consent form.



PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



An ultimate Frisbee Competition!

Date: Saturday 26th September

Time: 2 p.m to 8p.m

Place: Davis Park

Ages: 12+

Cost: Free + BBQ tea provided

Bookings: To register your interest go to

[https://www.facebook.com/
events/398772080321856/398772090321855/](https://www.facebook.com/events/398772080321856/398772090321855/)



SKATEBOARDING!

OWNLIFE will be running a

Skateboarding workshop and best trick competition
at the Jeparit Skate Park.

Date: Tuesday 22nd September

Time: Buses will leave each town at 9.30am to
arrive in Jeparit by 10am and will return to each
town approx. 4pm.

Place: Jeparit Skate Park, Broadway

Ages: All welcome – Under 10 must be accompanied
by an adult.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

MINIMUM NUMBERS REQUIRED

Cost: Free

Equipment: BYO or helmets and skateboards
provided

Bookings: Please call Meg Hall on 5391 4444 to book
your place and/or for transport – Consent form
required.

