

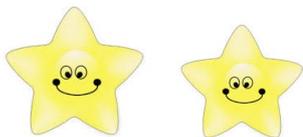


# NHILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

16th October 2015

## NHILL SHOW GRAND PARADE 2015



## Welcomes for Term 4

This term we welcome Porsha. Porsha has just started at school, and is an elder sister to Mercedes. We hope you enjoy your time with us.



### FOR YOUR DIARY

#### October

- 16 - Pre-Prep Program
- 23 - Pre-Prep Program
- 28 - Kinder Orientation, 9-11am
- 30 - Pre-Prep Program

#### November

- 4 - Kinder Orientation, 9-1pm
- 6 - Pre-Prep Program
- 11 - Kinder orientation, all day
- 13 - Pre-Prep Program
- 20 - Pre-Prep Program
- 27 - Pre-Prep Program

#### December

- 1 - Reports Home
- 4 - Digital Portfolios
- 7-11 - Year 6 Orientation week at college

### Prayers 4 this week

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

- ◆ Grant, Hayden, Sean Pedie and their family
- ◆ Jordan Pipkorn and family

### Maintenance Roster

September/October

Paul Drendel  
Paul Schubert,  
Kim Croot,  
Jason Deckert



# From the Principal

Our Year Two students had a wonderful experience last week sleeping over at school and enjoyed making pizzas, cubby houses to sleep in for the night, and eating popcorn whilst watching a movie. The next day, they joined the Prep and Year One students on an excursion to the Halls Gap Zoo. Thank you so much to Mrs Ebbs, Mrs Koop, Mrs McKeown and Mr Pritchard for organising such a valuable off campus learning experience.

Thank you so much to the parents who volunteered their time and skills on Saturday to cook donuts at the Nhill Air Show. Thank you also to all who could not attend but still donated money to support the stall. We are so blessed to have so many parents who are willing to fundraise so as to benefit our students. Thank you to the P&F for organising the donut stall and coordinating the roster. It was an amazing effort with \$2000 raised on the day. Well done everyone!

Today we welcome our 2016 Prep students to the first session of the Pre-Prep program, which aims to develop excellent routines and behaviours before next year. Children will participate in curriculum activities such as literacy and numeracy. The Pre-Preps will soon be introduced to their Buddies in Year 5 who will help the children and reinforce positive and social values such as care, valuing difference, respect and including others. The Pre-Preps will have recess and lunch at the same time as the other students, which will help them learn the structure of a typical school day. Our Pre-Prep program will be offered every Friday from October 16<sup>th</sup> to November 27<sup>th</sup> and is available to all children who are enrolled in our Prep class for 2016.

In addition to the Pre-prep program, the children will also attend 3 Kinder visit sessions which are: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October (9-11), Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November (9-1) and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November (9-3.15). We look forward to meeting and getting to know our new students for 2016 and their families.

Yesterday the students enjoyed the Nhill Annual Show and thank you to all who walked in the Grand Parade. Even the lambs Ben, Skye and Robin enjoyed the show too!

With Christ,  
Tara Pritchard

## Sheep Manure

Just a reminder that we still have sheep manure available for purchase out the front of the school. Bags are \$3 each. We offer delivery for purchases of 10 bags or more.

## Book Club

Book club orders are due back on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Late orders **will not be processed.** Please leave them at the front office.

Thanks, Linda.

## Congratulations Caleb

Today Caleb competed in the Greater Western Track and Field Championships held in Ballarat. Caleb came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Shot Put, allowing him to compete in Melbourne on the 26<sup>th</sup> October. Well done Caleb!

## Uniform

With the weather heating up hats are now **compulsory** for this term. Summer or winter uniform will be accepted as a changeover period for the first **2 weeks** of term. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

## Mascot of the Week

We have recently introduced a mascot of the week that the students design. Each week a winner is picked and placed in the newsletter. This week's winner is Zoe Bandel. Congratulations Zoe, see if you can find it hidden in the newsletter!



# 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, Wakiaxong.

## School Tea Towels

In the coming weeks students will be producing custom made tea towels. The unique tea towel design will be made up of individual portraits created by the students and staff making the perfect commemorative gift for students and families. They will be available for purchase through an order form.



## Meals on Wheels

The Year 6 students are again representing the school amongst the community by delivering Meals on Wheels. Maekala, Jasper and Levi deliver on Wednesday's.

## Enrolments for 2016

We are now accepting enrolments for 2016. We would like all enrolment forms in **as soon as possible** 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 on 53912144.

## Chapel

Chapel will be held as normal next Friday at 9.00am. Please feel free to come and stay for morning tea with us.

## **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. Check out this week's sample box on the front coffee table. On offer this week is:

- ◆ *Glitter LED Colour Changing Christmas Tree*
- ◆ *Beatrix Potter Audio Books*
- ◆ *Decorate your own plate*
- ◆ *Big Book of Bedtime Stories*
- ◆ *Women's Weekly Eating Well*
- ◆ *Women's Weekly Food for Babies and Toddlers*
- ◆ *Silicone Ice Pop Moulds - Set of 6*
- ◆ *Kicking Reindeer*
- ◆ *Marvel Comics Poster Collection*
- ◆ *Jotter Set of 4 Puzzles*
- ◆ *Pet Friendly Accommodation in Australia*



# From the Pastor

## PRE-PREP PROGRAM



Pastor Tim is currently away at strategic planning meetings this week. This week we give you a devotion of the week from the LCA website.

**'Take your son', God said, 'your only son, Isaac, whom you love so much, and go to the land of Moriah. There on a mountain that I will show you, offer him as a sacrifice to me.'** Early the next morning Abraham cut some wood for the sacrifice, loaded his donkey, and took Isaac and two servants with him. They started out for the place that God had told him about. (verses 22:2,3)

Isaac must have been confused. Then terrified.

Since his birth he had been the apple of his father's eye. Once he was old enough, he went everywhere he could with his father, so being taken on this long trip wouldn't have been very different from what he was used to. The journey was perhaps longer than any he'd done before.

His question was a reasonable one: 'Where's the lamb?' His father's reply seemed reasonable too: 'God will provide one'. This was different from the usual, but not a worry.

Then it became a very big worry. Isaac found himself tied up and lying on an altar, and his father was brandishing a fearsome knife. What on earth was happening?

There was another much-loved son, who knew that his father had very much on his mind. He knew that God would provide a lamb for the sacrifice—and he knew that he himself was the lamb. This son's obedience was total, as we read in Philippians 2.

Isaac was saved in the nick of time, when God provided a sacrifice. And, when the time was right, you and I were saved. What was fearsome for Isaac was faced with love by Jesus. And we have eternal life because of him.

*Thank you, Father, for providing the Lamb-your son Jesus Christ. I cannot understand just how much it cost you. All I can do is weep with gratitude that you were willing to pay the price. Amen.*

# 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

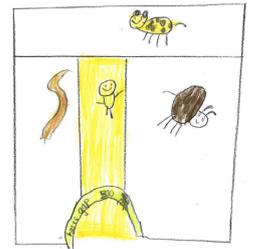
Each packet contains  
10 seed sticks



## Prep 1/2 take a trip to the Zoo

On Friday I went to the Halls Gap Zoo. I saw a lot of animals. My favourite part was watching the cheetah lie in the shade. I had an amazing day.

By Archie



On Friday we went to the Halls Gap Zoo. At the zoo my favourite animals were the goanna, the cheetah, the peacock and the meerkats. My favourite bit was finding the Australian animals.

By Giana



On Friday I went to the Halls Gap Zoo. I saw animals and my favourite animal was the horse. At the zoo I fed the animals a lot.

By Rachel



On Friday, I went to the Halls Gap Zoo. I liked the crocodile. I had fun.

By Oliver.



# Further Notices

## SHOW WINNERS

At the show students displayed numerous items of artwork. Some of the students were fortunate enough to claim a prize. Congratulations to all students who received a prize, and to all the students for displaying their beautiful artwork. Congratulations also to Starla, Lanie and Deegan.



## Student of the Week

### Awards Class Awards

#### Rachel Reichelt

For completing wonderful descriptive sentences about our trip to the Halls Gap Zoo.

#### Fatima Tarar

For speaking clearly and confidently about facts about Koalas during class sharing time.

#### Troye McBride

For excellent work in caring for our school animals and for offering to help assist with jobs on the Year 2 sleepover.

#### Hayden Pedie

For an excellent start to the term and for great organisational skills with getting his diary signed and completing his homework.

#### Lance McBride

For making excellent use of his time this week. It has been great to see Lance checking that tasks are finished and writing faster. Well done Lance!

#### Freya Colbert

For doing a great job of observing and recording her electrical science experiments. Well done Freya!

## Performing Arts Award

#### Ethan Reichelt

For showing a clear understanding of fast and slow in music. Demonstrating verbally with percussion instruments with body movement. Well done Ethan!

## The Ed Award

Hayden Pedie

For his positive attitude, excellent organisational skills and completing his homework and reading tasks. Well done Hayden.



**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](mailto: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)*

**West Wimmera Health Service**  
**“LOOP THE LODGE”**  
**Fun Run/Walk**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015**



**Colour Run**  
**Scavenger**  
**Hunt**



**Casey's Pantry**  
**Café de Kerb**  
**Market Stalls**  
**Little Desert Nature Lodge Nhill**  
**10am**  
<https://www.loopthelodgefunrun.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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



**WWHS**

West Wimmera Health Service

## **WE ARE LISTENING**

Your ideas can improve our service

You are invited to attend a

# **COMMUNITY MEETING**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 6.00 PM**

## **Nhill Hospital**

**Patient Lounge**

Light refreshments will be served

### **ALL WELCOME**

**We need your ideas about:**

**The health services available to you now**

**Your aspirations for healthcare in the future**

### **TELL US AND WE WILL LISTEN!**

Need more information? Call Kate Pilgrim on 5391 4218 Email [kpilgrim@wwhs.net.au](mailto:kpilgrim@wwhs.net.au)

Mr J N Smith PSM  
Chief Executive Officer  
West Wimmera Health Service

# Dimboola Swap Meet

The 2nd Weekend in October

Proudly run by the  
**Little Desert Rodders  
Rockers & Collectors Club**



PO. BOX 16, Dimboola 3414 Ph: 0430974216  
Email: [dimboolaswapmeet@bigpond.com](mailto:dimboolaswapmeet@bigpond.com)

Something for all the family

**Antiques**

**Automobilia**

**Collectables**

**Hotrod Parts**

**Vintage & Veteran**

**Food & Entertainment**

# Show N Shine

CARS ON SHOW FROM 10.30 - 2.30 PM



Trophy's & Prizes



Miss Ruby Rabbit

Many types of Cars, Motorcycles, Trucks,

Caravans, Boats etc will be on display



For more information

Email: [dimboolaswapmeet@bigpond.com](mailto:dimboolaswapmeet@bigpond.com)  
or [WWW.dimboolaswapmeet.com.au](http://WWW.dimboolaswapmeet.com.au)

## Booking Form

Send to - Dimboola Swap Meet

Po Box 16, Dimboola. 3414.

Name: .....

Address: .....

.....

PH: .....

Indoor Sites-5m x 3m .... \$25.00

Outdoor—9m x 6m ..... \$15.00

Food Vendors per day . \$150.00

Show N Shine entry..... \$15.00

Year..... Reg.....

Make.....

Model.....

Signed.....

For more information call

0477069202

**Pre Booking is Essential**

Show N Shine entry \$15.00 covers car, driver & 1 passenger to the swap meet