



Term 4 New School Pets.....

We have ducks!



Outstanding Achievement

We would like to again congratulate Caleb on his outstanding results at the Greater Western Track and Field Athletics held in Ballarat. Caleb came 2nd in his Shot Put event. We wish him all the best when he competes in Melbourne on Monday 26th October.



FOR YOUR DIARY

October

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
3 - Digital Portfolios
7-11 - Year 6 Orientation week at college
10 - Graduation Service

Prayers 4 this week

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

◆ Isaac and Giana Pohlner and their family

◆ Adeline Pritchard and family

Maintenance Roster

September/October

Paul Drendel

Paul Schubert,

Kim Croot,

Jason Deckert



From the Principal

Uniform

With the weather heating up hats are now **compulsory** for this term. Summer uniform is now compulsory. We have noticed some children in incorrect uniform. Please make sure your children are wearing the **correct** school uniform. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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.

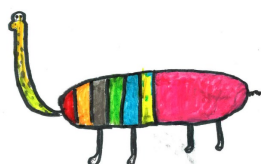
Book Club

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

Thanks, Linda.

Mascot of the Week

This weeks winner is Asher Zanker. Congratulations Asher, see if you can find it hidden in the newsletter!



Chapel Offering

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

On Monday, our Year 4/5/6 students attended a Cyber safety Information session at Nhill College. The session was presented by Susan McLean who is Australia's foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and young people. Susan informed the students on the positive benefits of technology as well as what we need to be aware of in the area of cyber safety. Students learnt the legal age for social networking sites and apps and why these rules should be obeyed. I also attended the evening information session and again, appreciated her expertise and advice in how to keep children safe in the digital space. I have purchased Susan's latest book for our school and encourage all parents to borrow from the library. As stated, 'This book is for you, right now. It will tell you everything you need to know about the digital world and how it affects your children: what your children are doing online, what they shouldn't be doing, what you can do to help them get the best out of technology and, most importantly, what you can do to keep them safe.' (p.2) Knowledge is power.

On Tuesday, Mr Pritchard, Mrs Koop and I, attended a Teacher Professional Learning program that the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority provided to support us in using our NAPLAN 2015 data. The program focused on how to analyse our school data to impact learning programs and inform future teaching. It was a very worthwhile workshop and we have been able to identify areas that will focus on whole school improvement, inform classroom practice, student progress, curriculum delivery and program development.

The students are excited to welcome two new additions to our mini farm this week. Daffy and Caramel are Khaki Campbell ducklings and they are already proving to be very popular additions to our outside learning landscapes. The students would like to make tree guards for our fruit trees in the mini farm and request any spare chicken wire that families may have sitting in the backyard that is no longer needed. If you are able to support the students in this project, please see myself or leave a message at the office.

Next week, as part of our Resilience program at school, our senior class has the opportunity to participate in a rock climbing excursion to Mt Arapiles. Rock climbing is a great medium for students to develop and explore the natural world and develop qualities such as self-reliance, self-trust, confidence and working with others.

With Christ,

Tara Pritchard

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

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. An order form is attached to the newsletter and a sample towel is available for viewing in the front foyer. Could the order forms please be returned to Miss Keller at the front office by **Friday 6th November**.



Colour Run Nhill

West Wimmera Health Service 'Loop the Lodge' Fun Run is now only days away.

Come as yourself, or get a team together, get into the spirit and have fun dressing up as your super-hero or perhaps a sporting identity or family member. It's all up to your imagination.

Come to the Little Desert Nature Lodge and enjoy delicious food, wander through market stalls, children can enjoy the jumping castle and face painting.

For the enthusiast new style lightweight singlets are available online as a memento of the event.

So come on! **This Sunday 25 October** is the day. Tickets are available online through Eventbrite: <https://wwhsloopthelodgefunrun.eventbrite.com.au>.

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 this Friday at 9.00am and will be lead by the 4/5/6 class. 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

Pastor Tim is currently away this week. We give you a devotion of the week from the LCA website.

'Now, if you intend to fulfil your responsibility towards my master and treat him fairly, please tell me; if not, say so, and I will decide what to do.' Laban and Bethuel answered, 'Since this matter comes from the LORD, it is not for us to make a decision. Here is Rebecca; take her and go. Let her become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD himself has said.' (verses 49-51)

By the time the servant had told his story again, the food must have been cold. He left no stone unturned to make sure Laban and Bethuel knew exactly what had happened. He was making sure there was no room for misunderstanding. He said, 'Whatever your decision, let me know so I can act accordingly'.

The decision that follows is remarkable in its contrast to the laboured words of the servant: 'Since this matter comes from the LORD, it is not for us to make a decision. Here is Rebecca; take her and go.' If it is God's will, which they believe it is, the decision has already been made.

How often do we get worked up about and make heavy work of something that God already has decided? How often must he sit shaking his head sadly as we tell him all about the situation and make sure nothing is missed out? Because he already knows.

It is good to be well prepared. It is good to work things through. But, when we take our cares to God, it is good to remember that he knows what we need better than we ourselves do. We can trust him to make the right decision.

Father, help me not to burden you with details you already know, but rather to put my life in your hands through Jesus Christ, knowing I am completely at home and at peace there.

Out and About Around the School

October is known as Walk to School month, so look below to see children walking to school as well as other activities around the school.



2015 TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER



Dear Parents/Friends,

As part of our fundraising efforts for this term, our school is running a group tea towel project to help raise funds for school resources.

The unique tea towel design will be made up of individual portraits created by all our children and staff. The children's pictures and names will be arranged together as a commemorative design for the whole school, then screen printed in blue onto high quality white tea towels (50x70cm).

We chose tea towels because the project involves the children, provides a wonderful keepsake and makes a meaningful gift for parents, relatives and special friends. The tea towels look amazing, are so easy to post and make a fabulous reminder of your child's early years. There is a sample tea towel hanging on the notice board in the front foyer.

It is only \$12 for one limited edition tea towel or save by purchasing 2 for \$20.

Tea towels can be ordered by completing the order form below and returning with exact payment to the office in an envelope clearly marked "TEA TOWEL ORDER" by Friday 6th November.

Make sure you don't miss out! Preserve your child's artwork and remember friends and teachers forever!

Final orders are due before:→ 6th November 2015

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any queries please call Miss Keller on 03 5391 2144.

TEA TOWEL ORDER FORM

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact Name and Phone Number: _____

Number of Tea Towels Ordered: 1 2 3 4 5 or more →

Please enclose payment with your order

Cash or cheques made payable to:

TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

Nhill Lutheran School

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.

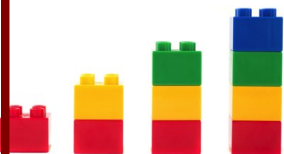
The age of innocence in which we grew up is now a distant memory. Worried? Of course you are—any parent who loves their child would be. We all need help as parents to raise our kids in today's world that is rapidly spiralling out of control with social standards changing from one day to the next. What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



GET in2 FUN GET in2 CRICKET

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia's favourite sport. It's available for kids of all abilities and it's great fun, safe and teaches basic skills - helping kids learn to play just like their Australian Cricket heroes.

**West wimmera milo cricket is open
to 5 - 10 year olds**



All kids receive a
**BONUS
PLAYER PACK**
when they
register!



Where: Davis Park

When: Sunday 1 November 2015

Time: 10am to 11am

To register visit playcricket.com.au, click on
"Where can I Play?" and search for 3418.

Click on West wimmera cricket

Visit **PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU** to find out more



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://wwhsloopthelodgefunrun.eventbrite.com.au>

Team “My Hero”