



## YEAR 4/5/6 ROCK CLIMBING



**MT ARAPILES**

### FOR YOUR DIARY

#### October

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

11 - End of Term 4, 3.15pm

### 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

## Chapel

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

## Congratulations Caleb

On Monday Caleb competed In Melbourne at the State level competition. Caleb did extremely well finishing 9th out of 16 people. Well done Caleb!



## End of Year Graduation Service

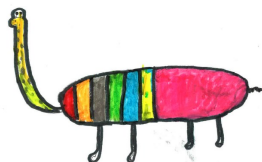
The End of Year Graduation service will be held on Thursday 10th December at 7pm at the Nhill Lutheran Church. It is an expectation that all students will attend this service.

## Chapel Offering

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

## Mascot of the Week

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



## 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.

Yesterday our Year 4/5/6 students went on an excursion to Mt Arapiles where they had to climb up rock cliffs and then abseil down! I was most impressed with the efforts of all students as they completed many climbs of varying degrees of difficulty. Students definitely developed resilience skills, problem solving and self-confidence. We were so impressed by the excellent attitude and determination shown by all students to succeed and conquer! It was wonderful to witness students encouraging each other and celebrating successes. An excursion like this was not possible without the support of Mr Colbert and Mr Deckert who spent all day belaying, coaching and guiding the students. Thankyou so much to Mr Colbert and Mr Deckert for being willing to help our students have such a valuable and enjoyable day.

With Christ,

Tara Pritchard

## Twilight Tennis Competition

TWILIGHT TENNIS NEWS!!

GET YOUR TEAMS TOGETHER OR ENTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL!!

Dates have been set for twilight tennis:  
Wednesday October 28th - November 18th (4 weeks)  
February 3rd - March 9th (6 weeks)

Starting at 6pm:  
Twilight membership \$50  
BBQ tea and drinks available

Please submit your names or teams to Rae Kennedy ASAP  
0429 913212

## School Tea Towels

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**.



# Notices

## Spare Uniform Reminder

Could students that have borrowed spare uniform please return the items as soon as possible as we have limited second hand clothing left. We encourage all students to have a spare change of clothes in their bags.

## Student of the Week Awards

### Class Awards

#### Sean Pedie

For learning the vowel and consonant phonemes on the THRASS chart and for using them to spell words like measure correctly.

#### Nathan Ebbs

For trying extra hard to write letters on the lined paper correctly.

#### Matthew Reichelt

For having a great attitude towards his school work and for taking pride in his work.

#### Ella Reichelt

For working quietly in class and for contributing to class discussions during our Christian Studies unit.

#### Sam Cook

For working hard to improve the presentation and content of her work. Keep up the great efforts Sam!

#### Racquel Deckert

For doing a great job of playing piano for Chapel. It was terrific to see you challenging yourself Racquel, well done!

## Performing Arts Award

#### Nathan Ebbs

For staying focused throughout the dance, playing percussion instruments both fast and slow, and making careful choices. Well done!

## 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.

## Birthdays this week



Levi Mock - 28th October  
Chloe Crisp - 1st November

## **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:

- ◆ *Hairy Maclary Favourites*
- ◆ *Deluxe Butterfly Notebook Set of 3*
- ◆ *Santa's Key*
- ◆ *How to Play Guitar*
- ◆ *Marvel Encyclopedia*
- ◆ *Women's Weekly Comfort Food*
- ◆ *Ten Monsters in the bed*
- ◆ *Let's Make Spiral Doodles*
- ◆ *Meg and Mog 10 pack books*
- ◆ *2 Water Bottles with Freezer Tubes*

## FLYING THE COOP OR COMING HOME?

About ten years ago we had a budgie called Bluey. We kept him in a cage in our dining room and during the day we'd put him outside on a stool to get some fresh air. One morning we opened the curtains to the back door to find bluey's cage in pieces on the door mat. I immediately realised that I forgot to bring him in the night before. The wind, or a cat must have knocked the cage off of the stool, and it broke open. There was seed and feathers everywhere. And there was bluey. Outside of the cage. Having an alfresco breakfast on the terrace! I knew that the minute I'd open the door, Bluey would fly off. And he did. Straight into a huge tree in the car park. Short of a cherry picker, there was no way we could reach him. Bluey was seemingly free. But we knew that a budgie domesticated over many years would not survive long in the big wide world by himself, particularly with a host of stray cats about. We ran out to the car park calling him: "Bluey...Bluey." He chirped and chortled a proud affirmation of his independence. Bluey wasn't coming home any time soon. He was staying in that tree. We brought seed heaped up on saucers; some of those special Trill bell shaped budgie treats, but still he wouldn't come. We had the food he needed. We had his home where he would be safe. We loved him. We called him. But he didn't come.

What Bluey saw as freedom wasn't really freedom at all. It's like that for us too. The Western world sees rules and boundaries as restrictive. We cherish independence rather than inter-dependence. We distrust institutions and trust our hearts and minds instead as if we really do know all things. We live in a world that says each person should be the final judge of truth—even about who God is. But this only traps us to the idea that we are, somehow, the centre of our world.

True freedom is found in Jesus. Jesus says: *"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* (John 8:31-32). In Jesus word, the Truth, he gives us the answers to the questions of life.

In 1517 the Augustinian monk, Martin Luther, struggled with questions like these. How can I know a loving God? Where can *real* comfort for a guilty conscience be found? How can I begin to live a Christian life, and when I fail to do so, is it possible to begin again? Then he discovered the Gospel—that true freedom is found in Christ and his life, death and resurrection, because that is exactly how God has *already* made us right with him and it's received personally through faith. Seeing that even the church itself was obscuring and even letting go of Jesus' words, and holding to a whole host of new teachings of their own making which taught that salvation and forgiveness could be earned by doing certain things, or bought with money, Luther and others set about reforming the church, because the people so desperately looking for hope found only despair. This week we commemorate the 498<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that monumental event.

Like we called Bluey, God calls us through Jesus' words. We can listen to God, or fly off on our own course. But when we hear in our hearts God's law which demands perfect obedience in thought word and deed, we will understand how much we need to hear the sweet and comforting sound of the gospel which urges us to no longer look to ourselves and what lies within us, but to open our ears and to hear Jesus only, and to continue in His word which alone can make us free.

*Prayer: Dear God, is it really true that you should love me with an undying and unconditional love? Lead me to the truth of your word, so that I am sure the answer is 'yes'! Thank you that though there is nothing humanly possible to earn your blessing, you sent your own Son to the Cross so that I can know you personally. Help me to trust your promises, so that I surely have what I believe—true life and freedom with you, forever. Amen.*

Pastor Tim



# Year 4/5/6 Reformation Day



## Students of the Week

## Photos



## The Ed Award

Rachel Reichelt

Excellent  
organisational and  
leadership in  
establishing the left  
and right club.



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> November.

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

Final orders are due before:→ 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Thank you for your continued support.

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

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## 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](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)*



# 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](http://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

