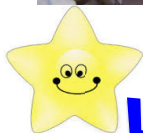
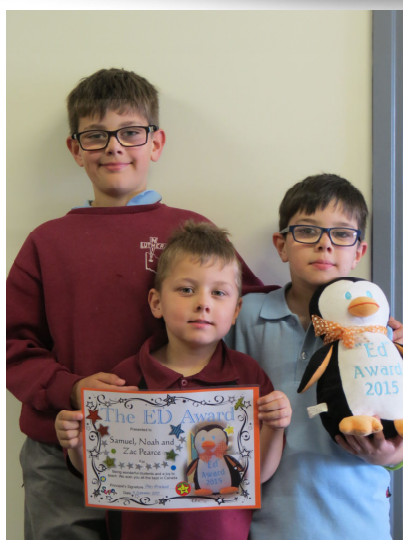
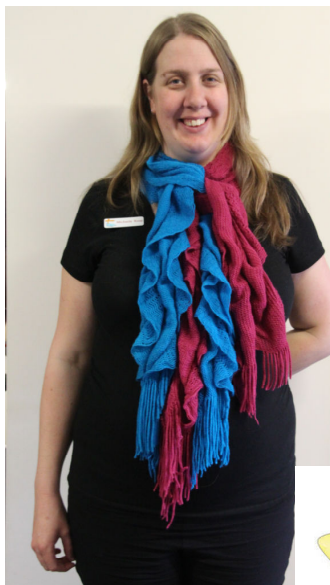




Farewells for Term 3

Last Term 3 we said a very sad goodbye to the Sam, Noah and Zac Pearce and family. We wish them all the very best in their journey back to Canada. We also said goodbye to Michaela Koop who is now on maternity leave.



Welcomes for Term 4

This term we welcome 2 new students to the school. We welcome Mercedes and Porsche. We hope you settle in nicely and enjoy your time with us. A photo of Porsche will be included next week.



FOR YOUR DIARY

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
- 6 - Pre-Prep Program
- 11 - Kinder orientation, all day
- 13 - Pre-Prep Program

Prayers 4 this week

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

- ♦ Levi, Zoa, Joel Mock and their family
- ♦ Charlotte Paech and family

Maintenance Roster

September/October

Paul Drendel
Paul Schubert,
Kim Croot,
Jason Deckert



From the Principal

Welcome back to school! Staff and students are looking forward to an exciting term. Today the Year 2 students have their sleepover and tomorrow the Prep, Year One and Two students have an excursion to Halls Gap Zoo.

The month of October is walk to school. Well done to the students who are making an extra effort to walk to and from school this month. Just a reminder for students to mark off each walk on their class chart.

On Monday, we welcome Mr Ken Provis from Mission Aviation who will be presenting to our students and bringing a Redbird Flight Simulator for them to look in.

Next week we welcome our Pre-Prep students who begin their orientation classes so that they are ready for next year. This will take place every Friday throughout the term and is being run by Mrs Jessica Ebbs. This transition program is offered free of charge to all students who are enrolled in our Prep class for 2016.

This term, students will again present their digital learning portfolios which will reflect achievements and goals from all areas of the curriculum. Students will be presenting their digital portfolio as a three way conference to parents and the teacher. This will take place on Thursday, 3rd of December and each conference will run for 15 minutes. Please note that this is **not** a pupil free day and provisions will be made for the classroom teacher and student to present digital portfolios throughout the day. Please keep this day free and if you have a particular time that would suit, bookings can now be made at the front office. Parents will receive Semester reports on Tuesday 1st of December and will be able to identify close comparisons between the written school report and the digital learning portfolios.

With Christ,

Tara Pritchard

Lost Jumper

Could parents please check their students school uniform to see if a jumper labelled Liam Deckert has been accidentally picked up. It is a size 10.

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.

Congratulations Caleb

On Tuesday 6th October, Caleb competed in the Little Desert Division Athletics held in Horsham. Caleb came 2nd in Shot Put, allowing him to compete in Ballarat next Friday. Well done Caleb!

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.

Support Lance

Lance's artwork is currently entered in the Flight Expo at Gallery Central. Please pop in, show your support and vote for Lance's artwork. It is number 38 and below is a photo. It has already been sold! Well done Lance and good luck!



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, Wakiangong.

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.

Birthdays this week

Charles Hassall - 9th October



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.

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. Stay tuned for more information to come and a photos of some samples!

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 with the Year 3/4/5/6 students. Please feel free to come along and stay for morning tea afterwards.



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. On offer this week is:

- ◆ *The complete book of Knots*
- ◆ *Colours - Colouring for Adults*
- ◆ *The Fab 80's - 12 CD Collector's Edition*
- ◆ *Woman's Weekly - The Christmas Edition*
- ◆ *Hey Dad, You're Great*
- ◆ *Woman's Weekly Indulgent Cakes*
- ◆ *15 Fantastic Stories Ronald Dahl*
- ◆ *Dr Seuss Wall Chart*

From the Pastor

Someone Who Understands

There might be many who have no idea what we are going through, and all of a sudden we come across someone who *does*. Isn't that an encouragement! Isn't it a comfort when someone understands how we feel! Doesn't it lift us when we meet someone who has experienced something of what we have!

We all have someone who understands what our journey through life is like. There is someone who knows everything about you, your joys, your sufferings, your limitations and pain, your fears and challenges, your needs, your emotions. Everything of what it means to be human.



This is not just *anyone*—this is Jesus himself, who was born for you, God in human flesh. The gods of every other religion stay distant and removed, waiting for humans to serve them because of their greatness. But the one true God used his greatness to serve us, clothing himself human flesh. Being human, God in Jesus can understand our weakness and temptations. But Jesus didn't become human just to understand how we feel. He became fully human to actually help us personally.

In the Old Testament God's people needed a high priest to draw near to God on their behalf and seek God's mercy for them. He would offer sacrifices on their behalf so that God would forgive them for their sins and look on them with his favour. Now, God has sent Jesus to be our high priest. He was born as a real human being, yet was without sin, and he perfectly fulfilled God's commandments for us. Then he laid down his life on the cross as the once-for-all sacrifice for sin. He is the one who has earned God's favour for us and ascended into heaven to open the way to his heavenly Father for us too. In Sunday's reading from Hebrews we hear:

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Jesus, the Son of God didn't become human only to sympathise with you, but he came to earth to do what we couldn't do ourselves—fulfil God's righteousness for you. That is why you can always be confident to approach the throne of grace and receive mercy and grace from God to help you in your time of need.

Prayer: Thank you, loving God that we can always come to you and confidently ask you for your mercy and grace because of what Jesus has done for us. Help us to do this, and do this often, for we need your grace each moment of our life. Assure us of your peace and favour for Christ's sake, strengthen our faith, and comfort us always. Amen.

Pastor Tim

From Phou Khoun, Laos



World Vision®

SPONSOR CHILD UPDATE

We recently received a letter from our sponsor child Wakiaxong Pawang thanking us for all our support and generosity.

Dear Nhill Lutheran School,

Thank you for your continuous support and care for me and my community. Your kind support brings many blessings to our lives. I wish you all the best! I am happy to share with you my progress.

I am currently in class N3 at Primary School and I enjoy counting numbers when I am at school. My teachers have been able to undergo some training to help me learn more, and I have been able to access more educational equipment now.

In my spare time I enjoy reading a book. I play with my friends I feel very happy. When I read a story I like to share with my family. When I have a problem I like to share with my friends. When I feel sad I like to share with my grandparents. When I do my school assignments I like to share with my family.

My health has been normal. With your generosity I have been able to receive vaccinations from mobile clinics, have received medical funds and nutrition training.

My favourite traditional dish is grilled fish. At my home Village we have also began some construction of boreholes so we can have more access to fresh water. We also now have some livestock which will help my family.

Thank you for your support.

Wakiaxong



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.

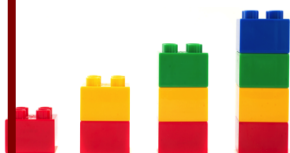
The age of innocence in which we grew up is now a distant memory. Worried? Of course you are—any parent who loves their child would be. We all need help as parents to raise our kids in today's world that is rapidly spiralling out of control with social standards changing from one day to the next. What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

West Wimmera Health Service



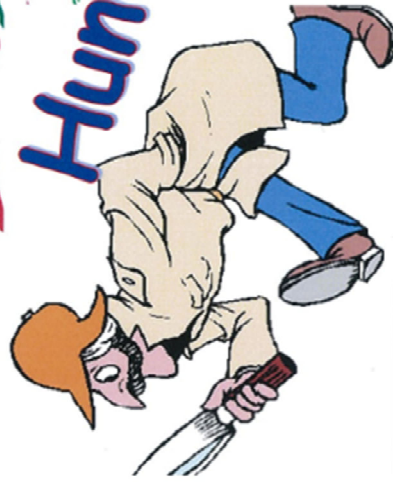
“LOOP THE LODGE”

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.hslloopthelodgefunrun.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.



FEELING CREATIVE? CHECK OUT SOME GREAT COMPETITIONS HAPPENING AROUND TOWN!

NHILL SHOW ANIMAL NURSERY PHOTO COMPETITION

Can't bring your pet to the show?
Why not bring a photo instead?
People's choice for best photo on the day.
Great prizes to be won!!!

- * Photos of any size accepted
- * All photos to be mounted on card for ease of hanging
- * Entries to Wilma before show or Bron on show morning.
- * More info phone Bron 53919214 ☺



Paper Plane Competition



Saturday 10th October, 2015

Nhill AirShow

Bellman Hangar

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Paper & designs provided

4 age groups including Adults



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

Get your entries in
now, before its
too late!

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The 2nd Weekend in October

*Proudly run by the
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Cars on Show from 10.30 - 2.30 pm



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Many types of Cars, Motorcycles, Trucks,

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For more information

Email: dimboolaswapmeet@bigpond.com
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Booking Form

Send to - Dimboola Swap Meet
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Name:

Address:

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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