



NHILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

12th November 2015

Remembrance Day Service



FOR YOUR DIARY

November

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- 27 - Pre-Prep Program

December

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- 7-11 - Year 6 Orientation week at college
- 10 - Graduation Service
- 11 - End of Term 4, 3.15pm
- 12 - Parent Clean Up

Prayers 4 this week

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

- ◆ Tiana Schubert and family
- ◆ Fatima Tarar and family

Maintenance Roster

November/December

Simon Mock
Frank Crisp
Wayne Bandel
Colin Hoffrichter

It's a Girl!



Congratulations to Daniel and Michaela Koop on the arrival of Isabella Renee, on Saturday 7th November.



From the Principal

It is always exciting to see students take initiative and show leadership qualities. For the last month, I have been meeting with students from Prep to Year 6 who have been keen to establish a club at lunchtimes. They have had to outline their thoughts and ideas about planning and preparation, time, resources and location. We currently have a Math's, Dance, Christmas, Left and Right, Drawing, Writing, Snail and Singing club. These are all organised and presented by the students with the support of staff.

This week we welcome some new additions to our Mini Farm learning landscape. Thank you to the Croot family for donating Peter Rabbit and to the Colbert family for donating the hutch. Mr Pritchard's silver laced Wyandotte hens have hatched 6 chickens!

We welcome Lucy Hocking who is a third year student teacher from the Australian Catholic University. Miss Hocking will be spending most of her time in the Year 4/5/6 classroom over the next three weeks.

Students are busy preparing their digital learning portfolios which they will present as a three way conference on Thursday 3rd of December. We still have a month of important learning to achieve in each classroom and look forward to sharing and celebrating achievements.

Our Graduation Service will be held on Thursday 10th of December at the Nhill Lutheran Church beginning at 7pm. This service is a special event for all students and it is a chance to celebrate a wonderful year for our school community. Please note that it is compulsory for all students to attend and parents, grandparents and friends are most welcome.

Last Friday afternoon our Year 4, 5 and 6 students had a fantastic learning experience at the 'Try a Trade' expo in Horsham. Students had the opportunity to experience and try different activities that linked directly to a trade. By the end of the day we had many budding engineers, electricians, agronomists, food technicians and hairdressers!

Our School Captains represented our school at the Nhill Community Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday. It is important that our students develop an awareness and appreciation for what people have done in the past and are still doing for our country. Lest we forget.

Our Year 5 students will be presenting their Leadership speeches to the school community on Friday, 20th of November at 2.15pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

With Christ,

Tara Pritchard



Notices

We Need A Home

Our school chooks need a home or some people who would be willing to go on a roster system to keep them fed and watered over the summer holidays. If you are willing to be put on a roster, could you please notify the office with day/s that would suit.

Get Em Going

Our last Get em Going session will be held on Tuesday 24th November. The program will be continuing in 2016, with the recommencement date Tuesday 23rd February. We hope to see you all next year, and encourage new participants to attend.

Birthdays this week



Maekala John 17th November
Sidney Marshman 17th November

Chapel

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

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 \$500.85 towards our Sponsor Child, Wakiangong.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will again be running from Monday 23rd November - Friday 27th November. This term they are running a special offer of buy one, get one free!

School Tea Towels

The school tea towels have now been ordered and are expected to arrive in 2 weeks time. We have ordered some extra tea towels, so if you would like more when they arrive please see Miss Keller at the front office. Pictured is a black and white image of what our drawing will look like.



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

Sheep Manure

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

Notices

Spare Uniform Reminder

Could students that have borrowed spare uniforms 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.

Swimming Lessons with Alaine

Alaine McFarlane is currently taking bookings for swimming lessons held at the Kaniva Swimming Pool. The lessons will take place on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday and begin on the 9th November. 9 lessons plus practise carnival for just \$125, including pool entry. Phone Alaine on 0447084241 to book.

School Library

The library will be closing on the 30th November. Could all library books please be returned by this date. If books are not returned by this date, overdue notes will be sent home on a regular basis.

Mrs Ebbs.

Digital Portfolios

Just a reminder that digital portfolios will be presented on Thursday 3rd December. Please start booking your appointments now, so we can ensure a time that suits you. Please call Miss Keller to make an appointment.

End of Year School Clean Up

A reminder to parents that on Saturday 12th December is the whole school clean. Please check the roster on the notice board to check which area you have been appointed to. Please contact the office if you have any questions or would like a copy of the roster.

Mascot of the Week

This weeks winner is Archie Zanker. Congratulations Archie! See if you can find it hidden in the newsletter.



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.

Appointment of 2016 Leaders

On Friday 20th November at 2.15pm, the Year 5 students will be presenting their School Captain speeches in the Multi Purpose Room during a special assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

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*

From the Pastor

Precious Stones



A few years ago a 59.6 carat pink diamond the size of a plum sold for a record \$89 million in Geneva. The successful bidder, Isaac Wolf, competed against three others for the gem known as “The Pink Star” in an intense five minutes of bidding. Until recently, such gems were almost exclusively held by royalty. What a sight it would be to behold!



A different kind of precious stone is mentioned in Sunday's reading from the Gospel of Mark. The disciples marvel at the amazing Temple complex at Jerusalem. As Jesus was going out, one of his disciples said: “Teacher, Look! What great stones and what great buildings!” Some of those stones were white marble, others overlaid with gold, and some measured 11 x 5.5 x 3.5 metres. The Temple was one of the most impressive man-made structures of the ancient world. The gold reflected the sunlight and made it an object of dazzling splendour.

Israel had made this extravagant complex as a confession of faith: this was where God promised to personally meet his people and bless them. But many had forgotten the living God and focused only on the building. Jesus intends to shift the disciples' focus—there was a temple even closer to the awestruck disciple in our text than the glittering temple at Jerusalem; the temple Jesus. In chapter 12, Mark says of Jesus: “The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner”. As magnificent as the Temple stones are, they will be brought down as part of God's judgment on Israel because of their unfaithfulness, but also because God no longer dwells in a man-made Temple but the person of Jesus. Wherever Jesus is, there is the fullness of God's presence.

Jesus is far more valuable than a precious pink diamond, or magnificent temple stones, for his holy and precious blood was the ransom price he paid to redeem the entire world—even those who hate him and reject him. By shedding his blood on the Cross he has once for all paid the price for the forgiveness of sins of all people—and that means you too. God paid more than \$89 million dollars for you. He outbid sin, death and the devil so that you would not belong to the Kingdom of Darkness, but to him alone. He is the Temple that could not be destroyed, even by death itself. “Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up” Jesus says of himself (John 2:19). And he meant it. When that Temple was crucified and buried, it was not destroyed. He rose on the third day and still stands.

Don't be dazzled by that which dazzles the world. Be dazzled by Christ who ascended to heaven in glorious splendour. For who else can bring life out of death for you? Who else has ascended into heaven for you? Who else says you are worth so much? Who has done everything necessary for you to become a child of God and belong to his Kingdom of royal priests? Jesus. He is God's priceless gift for you. The cornerstone on which our faith stands or falls—a precious stone indeed. Amen.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, help me to see that everything I need and search for is found in Christ the Cornerstone. Help me to treasure him as priceless beyond all other things I have and aspire to have in my life. Help me to worship him, and not the things of this world, for they will all pass away, but your Son and his word will stand forever. Amen.



Student of the Week

Awards

Class Awards

Asher Zanker

For creating a well thought out and very neat poster about fractions. Well done Asher!

Deegan Clark

For completing THRASS work neatly and for challenging himself by trying to sound out 'Hot Words' independently.

Sam Mahfoud

For excellent work with his spelling test this week. Well done!

Starla Colbert

For trying very hard with her challenging spelling words this week and for writing a well detailed exposition.

Grant Pedie

For making great use of his time this week finishing all tasks quickly and to a high standard. Great work Grant!

Alison Miller

For doing a great job of lengthening her writing while improving her spelling and maintaining beautiful handwriting. Keep up the great work Alison!

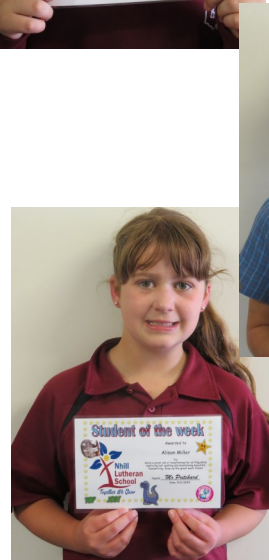
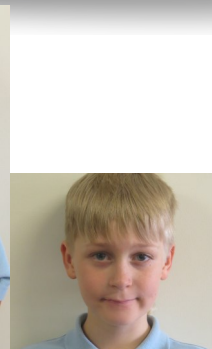
Sports Awards

Oliver Bone

For showing great initiative in cleaning up the sport's equipment. Great work Oliver!

Chloe Crisp

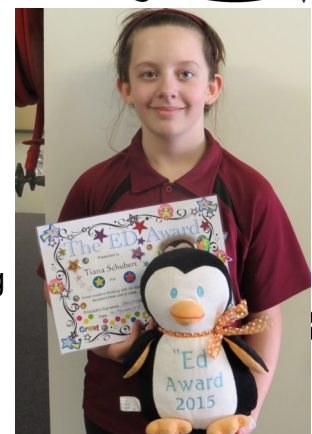
For showing great zig-zagging and co-ordination skills during our 'Nhill Cup' obstacle race. Well done Chloe!



The Ed Award

Tiana Schubert

Great creative thinking
with her boat and
excellent time use in
class..



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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.

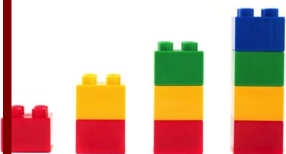
The age of innocence in which we grew up is now a distant memory. Worried? Of course you are—any parent who loves their child would be. We all need help as parents to raise our kids in today's world that is rapidly spiralling out of control with social standards changing from one day to the next. What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

Sunday 29th November 2015
@ Dimboola Rowing Club
Dimboola MOVember Fun Run/Walk
& "MO" Judging day!

(2km or 5km course Nine Creeks Walking Track/Dimboola Football Oval)



MOVember 2015

Registrations 10.30am

Run/Walk starts @ 11.00am (with a quick warm up first)

Cost: \$10 Adult & \$5 Child

* Memorabilia Auction * Raffle * BBQ * MO Judging
LIVE MUSIC (Belly & Jimmy)
Guest Speaker - Phil Butsch

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