

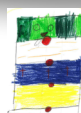


NHILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

19th November 2015

YEAR 2/3 HISTORICAL CENTRE VISIT



FOR YOUR DIARY

November

- 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
- 12 Parent Clean Up



Prayers 4 this week

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

- ◆ Asher, Chloe and Caleb Zanker and family
- ◆ Archie Zanker and family

Maintenance Roster

November/December

Simon Mock
Frank Crisp
Wayne Bandel
Colin Hoffrichter

WELCOME LUCY

We welcome Lucy Hocking from ACU Ballarat who will be with us for the next 2 weeks. Lucy is in her 3rd year of her teaching degree. We hope she enjoys her time with us.



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From the Principal



Last week I had the honour of accepting our School Award at the 2015 Playgroup Awards in Melbourne. Our School was a finalist in the Community Playgroup of the Year (Regional). It was wonderful to celebrate and recognise the contribution of outstanding community playgroups in delivering high quality platforms for parents, children and the community. Thank you to all families who have supported our Get 'em going playgroup this year and to the hard work of the Parents and Friends Association who purchased the Perceptual Motor Program equipment for us to use at school, and bless families in the community. It is a huge achievement for our Get 'em going playgroup to receive an award, and I would like to acknowledge the amazing dedication and hard work of Mrs Tanya Mock, Mrs Sarah Reichelt and our senior students and staff. Well done everyone!

Our Pre-Prep class has been a huge success again this year and it is wonderful to see our students establish routines and expectations so that they are ready for next year. Every Friday this term, our Preps for 2016 have started learning literacy and numeracy skills and participated in other areas of the curriculum. As part of our literacy program, they have started using the THRASS chart to learn all about the relationships between sounds and letters. We strive to provide an education that values each child's academic, creative, emotional, physical and spiritual needs. We understand that every student has preferred learning styles and we value the partnership between school and home. Every Pre-Prep student has also met their senior student who will be their 'buddy'. Through the buddy program, students learn the values: *caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility*. All children in the school learn these values through formal and informal activities. Our buddy program enables younger children to feel safe and cared for while older children feel valued and respected.

We teach our students the important life skill of goal setting. It gives individuals something to achieve, keeps them on track, and allows them to work towards a good outcome. Self-reflection is also important so one is able to look at what still needs improving and celebrate achievements. Digital learning portfolios provide an excellent avenue for goal setting and reflection. Throughout the year students have set goals for what they would like to achieve in their learning and they will present these as a three way conference to parents and the teacher on Thursday, 3rd of December. We believe that this form of assessment and reporting enables student ownership, connection between home and school, celebration of learning and opportunities to set further goals.

Just a reminder that our Graduation Service will be held on Thursday 11th of December at the Nhill Lutheran Church beginning at 7pm. Students will need to wear Summer uniform and all students will be participating in the service. All parents, grandparents and friends are most welcome to attend.

Tomorrow our Year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speeches to the school community beginning at 2.15pm in the multipurpose room. 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

Lance McBride 24th November
Lanie Clark 30th 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.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is all set up in the main entrance of the school. The books are now available for purchase. This term they are running a special offer of buy one, get one free!

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.

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

Carols In The Park

Students will be joining other Karen children in the community and singing some Christmas Carols on Saturday 12th December. We encourage as many people to attend as possible.

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

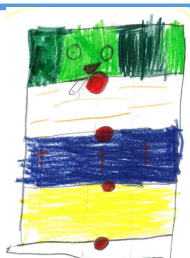
Just a reminder that digital portfolios will be presented on Thursday 3rd December. Please start booking your appointments now, so we can ensure a time that suits you. Please call Miss Keller to make an appointment.

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 Giana Pohlner Congratulations Giana! See if you can find it hidden in the newsletter.



New School Jumpers

School Council has approved the change of our school jumper which will be available at the start of next year. Parents will be able to pre-order sizes in the coming weeks. The jumper is changing to a rugby style. It is maroon, with a black stripe, and pale blue piping around the stripe. The sample is hanging in the front entrance.



Chapel Offering

We have now raised \$500.85 towards our Sponsor Child, Wakiaxong.



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:

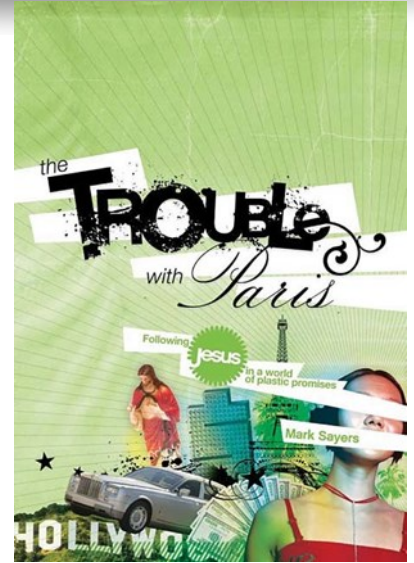
- ◆ *What Is My Dog Thinking?*
- ◆ *Thomas and Friends, My First Story Set (35 books)*
- ◆ *Block Wireless Speaker*
- ◆ *Mixed Up Fairytales Set*
- ◆ *Women's Weekly Quick Family Meals*
- ◆ *Kiss it Better Hot n Cold Packs*
- ◆ *Blinky Bill Snakes and Ladders Game*
- ◆ *Frozen Poster Collection*
- ◆ *Crystal Fairy*
- ◆ *Retro Games - 5 Games in 1 Box*

From the Pastor

THE TROUBLE WITH PARIS

One of the best educational DVD's ever made is *The trouble with Paris* (featuring Mark Sayer and Ben Catford, produced by "Room 3" in Melbourne). Being made in the 90's, the DVD is unfortunately no longer in production, but I believe it was arguably ahead of its time and just as relevant today. The DVD explores the theme of the 'hyper-real'—creating the 'perfect' life through the right consumer choices.

The title refers to Paris Hilton, presented as a Barbie doll doing Pilates with a cardboard cut-out of David Beckham—a way of portraying the fake and illusory 'plastic promises' in our world today. Society says that if we just buy certain products or look a certain way we can hope to find meaning for our lives. It tells us that we are the centre of our world and it's all here for us to pick and choose as we please to create our own meaning, identity and purpose. It promises us a version of life that is better than the real thing—the 'hyper-real'—like cherry cola that doesn't even taste like cherries, or a model's photo so photo-shopped that it doesn't even look like her. We are sold products not for the products themselves, but for the experience they promise to replicate, or the image they promise to build. This consumerism crosses over into the realm of relationships where there is no longer the idea of any commitment, but instead we turn our bodies into commodities; shop fronts to sell ourselves, and we pick and choose partners like products of the shelf.



There are plenty of idols in this Western worldview. We worship the stuff we buy and the experience it brings. We think it provides freedom and comfort, but only enslaves—we need to keep building the next image and identity, buying the latest stuff, to feel worthwhile and create meaning for our lives. The God of our Western world is the God of materialism, and we spend, spend, spend to find comfort, worth, identity, purpose, freedom. The credit card has become the provider of salvation. This last week has shown us that people will go to great lengths to find meaning, purpose and identity. There literally is trouble in Paris—tragic trouble that has torn families apart. The selfish human nature that feeds off of the throw-away-society of the West is taken to an extreme when people are so selfish they look for meaning and purpose in the most sinful and twisted ways—joining the cause of an extremist terrorist group and murder defenceless people—even in the name of God.

Yet despite such rampant evil, Jesus is our hope. True God from eternity, Jesus was born for us. He confronted sin and evil head on and took it to the cross to triumph over it. He embraced the depths of human suffering and brokenness as he cried out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22). Because Christ was God-forsaken, we are not. He is with his faithful people, to the very end of the age (Matthew 28:18-20) when he will come again to judge the living and the dead. He is our ever present refuge and strength, even when the waters roar and foam, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea (Psalm 46). When everything seems to crumble around us, Jesus will remain. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end (Revelation 1:8), and the word of the Lord will stand forever (Isaiah 40:8).

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus into our self-destructing world to give us hope that he is our 'Immanuel'—God with us, even in the midst of sinful depravity and spiritual darkness. Thank you that he embraced the depth of brokenness in his own suffering and depth to triumph over it. Be with the traumatised in Paris. Comfort them, and let all who are anxious in these days lift their eyes to the Cross where your Son gave his life for us, to pay the price for our sin and secure us a place in heaven. Amen.

Pastor Tim



Notices

Student of the Week

Awards

Class Awards

Chloe Crisp

For showing great improvement in holding her pencil correctly.

Giana Pohlner

For showing kindness to others and helping other students in a quiet and caring way. Super effort Giana!

Amelia Drendel

For showing great improvement this week with completing her homework and handing it up in the mornings.

Joshua Ebbs

For excellent work concentrating and working quietly in the classroom. Keep up the good work Josh!

Porsha Hollis

For re-doing her analogue times, making great improvements in presentation and accuracy. Well done Porsha!

Maekala John

For making great use of her rhymes and colours to remember the spelling of tricky words. Well done Maekala!



The Ed Award

Sean Pedie

For his all round fantastic approach to all learning areas and for showing kindness to others both in class and in the playground.



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.

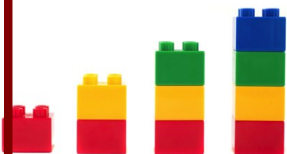
The age of innocence in which we grew up is now a distant memory. Worried? Of course you are—any parent who loves their child would be. We all need help as parents to raise our kids in today's world that is rapidly spiralling out of control with social standards changing from one day to the next. What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

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)



WARM UP FOR 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

OUR VISION: To have an everlasting impact on the face of men's health.



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