



PRE-PREPS ENJOYING SCHOOL!



FOR YOUR DIARY

November

- 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
- 12 - Parent Clean Up

Prayers 4 this week

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

- ♦ Matthew & Rachel Reichelt and family
- ♦ Ella & Ethan Reichelt and family



Farewell Plaw

Friday we will be farewelling Plaw as she ventures back to Melbourne with her family. We would like to thank Plaw for all her hard work, and for teaching the students. She will be sorely missed. We welcome to the school Jeffrey, who will take over from Plaw. We wish Plaw and her family all the best.



Maintenance Roster

November/December

Simon Mock

Frank Crisp,

Wayne Bandel

Colin Hoffrichter



From the Principal

This week we say a sad farewell to Plaw who is moving back to Melbourne. We will greatly miss Plaw who has taught all students the Karen language this year. We pray that God will continue to be with Plaw and wish her every blessing for the future. Our Karen language will continue in the curriculum and last week we welcomed Jeffrey who will share his knowledge and skills in teaching Karen.

At present, staff are assessing students ready for report writing. If there are any major concerns about learning achievements, teachers will contact parents prior to students presenting their digital portfolios. If you have not yet made an appointment for your child's three way conference, please contact the office.

Tomorrow our Year 4/ 5/6 students have the opportunity to attend the Try a Trade expo in Horsham. The initiative developed by WORKCO Limited and Horsham Primary School aims to give the students the opportunity to try their hand at a variety of trades and learn more about trade-based careers. Nhill Lutheran School has a number of scholarships, bursaries and offers of fee assistance to help support our families in educating their children. They are also designed to encourage academic excellence and promote a high standard of achievement.

Scholarships

The Nhill Lutheran Parents and Friends Association will be offering two scholarships in 2016 that will be determined by the staff. Students do not have to register their interest in the Academic Scholarships as all students will be eligible for consideration. The scholarships will apply to students who demonstrate excellence in academics, display excellent attitude and behaviour, and consistently strive for a high standard of work. Both of these scholarships are to the value of \$300 each and recipients will be announced at the end of year Graduation Service.

Bursaries

Fee assistance is available to current Nhill Lutheran families who may be experiencing financial hardship. Families requiring assistance are asked to contact the office for a fee assistance form which outlines the procedures to follow in order to request assistance. All requests are treated as confidential and will be left to the discretion of the Principal.

In 2016, there are 3 Bursaries provided by the Nhill Guild to the value of \$200 each, and 2 Bursaries provided by Christine Cramer to the value of \$100 each. Families will be notified at the start of the year if they have been successful in securing a Bursary. We realise that financial situations do change and fluctuate and therefore, bursaries are reviewed and offered on an annual basis.

Fee assistance

Students who are enrolled in Prep (Foundation) level are automatically exempt from the first term tuition fee.

Maureen Reichelt Memorial Trophy

The Maureen Reichelt memorial trophy is a prestigious award presented to one girl and one boy from any year level within the school. The awards will be presented at the end of year Graduation Service. The citizenship qualities that will be considered in making the selection include;

1. Students who are well mannered, courteous, co-operative.
2. Show respect for both teachers and other students and is highly respected within the school.
3. Readily accepts responsibility and leadership within the School.
4. Applies him/herself diligently to study.
5. Readily participates in School activities.
6. Is an ambassador for the School in the community.
7. Volunteer and extracurricular activities are also taken into account.



From the Principal

School captains

At Nhill Lutheran School we value opportunities to develop leadership qualities and provide a variety of ways to foster and encourage students to serve others. Our current Year 5 students are writing and preparing their Leadership speeches which will be presented to the school community on Friday, 20th of November at 2.15pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

We are very impressed with the calibre and excellent qualities of our upcoming senior students for 2016. From the current Year 5 cohort, there will be a Girl School Captain, Girl vice Captain, Boy School Captain and Boy vice Captain selected. It is important that all students and parents are aware of the selection process for School Captains and Leadership positions. The selection process for School Captain and Vice Captain positions in 2016 will have two parts which are as follows:

1. All students in Year 5 will present a speech to the school community outlining their attributes and how they will contribute if elected as School Captain. All students will vote for their preferred leader after hearing the leadership speeches.
2. Every Year 5 student will then have an interview with staff as a whole to talk about how they envisage the role and outline their ideas and thoughts about being a leader. They will also answer any questions staff may have.

The staff and Principal will make the final decision based on the outcome of the speeches and interviews. The leadership positions will be announced at the end of year Graduation Service.

With Christ,

Tara Pritchard

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, Wakiaxong.

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!

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 Deegan Clark.
Congratulations Deegan!
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*

TESTING TIMES

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, there was a very wicked king, called Ahab. He was one of the most powerful kings ever. He didn't rule over Israel as God had commanded him to. He built an altar to the god Baal, a cult which at times demanded child sacrifice. Ahab's wife had a neighbour falsely accused and sentenced to death so that he could obtain his vineyard. He was an all-round nasty pasty. He had forgotten to trust in God and only trusted in himself. So God sent the prophet Elijah to warn Ahab of God's coming judgment and to teach King Ahab who was really in control by bringing him God's message: "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."



Just as God had promised, the rain stopped. God told Elijah to go where there was a small stream for water, and he sent ravens that brought him meat every morning and evening. God promised to provide for Elijah and he did. But after a while the stream dried up because there hadn't been any rain. Now what was Elijah going to do?

God told him to go to Zarephath where a widow would supply him with food. Elijah went and asked the widow for some bread and water. But she replies: "As surely as the LORD your God lives, I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

Elijah said to the widow: "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.'"

Can you imagine the dilemma this woman was in, and the despair she must have been faced with! What was God thinking—giving the last of what she has to a stranger!?! If she doesn't listen to God she will die. If she does and God doesn't do as he promises, the food will be gone and she will die. What should she do? But she did as Elijah had told her and there was food every day for all of them and the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, just as the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah had said (1 Kings 17).

Elijah and the widow couldn't see where the flour and oil was going to come from. They just had to trust that each day somehow there would be enough.

What do you need God to provide at the moment, in another season that didn't yield what was hoped for? To seemingly rub salt into the wound, God sends rain *now*! Why not earlier? Was he unable to, or just plain mean? Or...does he withhold things from us for a time too, to test us and teach us to put him in the centre of our life, instead of the edges? For when he is at the centre, we have all we need—a gracious God who promises to provide and care for his people in this life and the next.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for loving and caring for each one of us even when we don't ask you to. Remind us that even when bad things happen that we may not understand, you are still watching over us and you want to meet all of our needs, which is why you sent Jesus for us. Help us to learn that trusting you by listening to your word is our greatest need and true life and joy. Amen.



Notices

Student of the Week Awards

Class Awards

Ayesha Ahmed

For trying very hard to learn to spell the 'Hot words' correctly and for making huge improvements with reading and writing letters on lined paper correctly. Well done Ayesha!

Paige Hoffrichter

Being kind, polite and helpful towards teachers and students and for always attempting every task to the very best of her ability. Well done!

Isaac Pohlner

For doing a great job with completing the Maths Art based on flips, turns and slides!

Mercedes Hollis

For working hard to improve the neatness of her work. Keep up the great effort Mercedes!

Lance McBride

For a positive attitude towards learning. Working hard to bring your best results in all activities. Encouraging others to do their best also.

Zoa Mock

For doing a great job in challenging herself in Rock Climbing. Well done Spidegirl!

Caleb Zanker

For doing a great job in challenging himself in Rock Climbing. Well done Spiderman!

Performing Arts Award

Sean Pedie

For staying focused on each task, focusing on high and low sounds in music. Helping others in class so they could learn better also. Well done!



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**.



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)