

YEAR 4/5/6 BOATING EXTRAVAGANZA

Today the Year 4/5/6 students tested their motorised boats at the Nhill lake. It was very impressive to see all the boats pass the float test and many performed amazing manoeuvres across the water. Students designed and made the boats after researching about boat structures and doing a unit in electrical circuits.



FOR YOUR DIARY

December

- 7-11 Year 6 Orientation week at College
- 8 Year 6 Transition Day Holy Trinity
- 10 Graduation Service
- 11 End of Term 4, 3.15pm
- 12 Parent Clean Up, 8.30am

Prayers 4 this week

- Each week we pray for someone in our School Community. This week we pray for...
- ◆Tara Pritchard
- ◆Brittany Keller

Maintenance Roster

November/December Simon Mock

Frank Crisp Wayne Bandel Colin Hoffrichter



From the Principal

We are at the end of another school year! Some are like me and saying, "Where has it gone?" It didn't seem that long ago and the year was just beginning! So much has been achieved this year and great learning has taken place. A reminder that the end of school Graduation Service takes place tonight at the Nhill Lutheran Church beginning at 7pm. Please have your child/ren at the Church by 6.45pm. They will meet their teacher out the front of the church and sit together for the service. Students need to wear their summer uniform.

Tonight we celebrate the 2015 school year and farewell our Year Six students. They will be sadly missed, but we pray that God will continue to richly bless them as they take the next step in their formal education. I would like to thank all parents for their ongoing support and partnership in their child's education and our School. Thank you also to all congregational members, community members and friends of the school who have contributed in some way to our school this year. We value partnerships and appreciate all the support we receive and blessings.

We will also be acknowledging the service of staff that are leaving and say farewell to Plaw and Mrs McKeown. Plaw has returned to Melbourne and Mrs McKeown has accepted a teaching position in Cairns to be with family. We wish Plaw and Fiona every blessing and thank them for their commitment and contributions to our school.

Our swimming program is an important part of our curriculum in teaching our students water safety and skill development. Next year our swimming program will start on Friday, 5th of February and continue in weeks 3 and 4 of Term One. We believe that the start of the year would be better for our students as the water will be warmer, we can spread it out over two weeks and we can organise a swimming carnival for Friday, 19th of February. This also allows for selection of students, who can meet the times to go to the regional swimming carnivals.

I would like to wish all students, parents, grandparents and friends a blessed Christmas and a safe New Year.

With Christ,

Tara Pritchard

New School Jumpers

Sample sizes have arrived and will be available to try and pre -order. Please see Miss Keller at the front office to organise a time to try them on.

End of Year Graduation Service

The End of Year Graduation Service will be held **tonight** at 7pm at the Nhill Lutheran Church. It is an expectation that **all** students will attend this service.

Contract Position - 2016 (0.2 FTE) 1 day per week

Performing Arts/Music Teacher

Applications close: 16-12-2015 Position commences: 18-01-2016

Nhill Lutheran School is seeking applications for a Performing Arts/Music Teacher.

The successful applicant will be an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher who is willing to support the Christian ethos of the school and work in a team environment.

The position is for one day per week.

The period of appointment is 27.1.2016 – 9.12.2016

For information about this position and for application details, please contact the Principal, Mrs Tara Pritchard on (03)5391 2144 or alternatively email principal@nhills.vic.edu.au

Applications close Wednesday16th of December 2015.

Notices

Carols In The Park

Students will be joining other Karen children in the community and singing some Christmas Carols on Saturday 12th December at 6.30pm. 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 Fees

We would appreciate any outstanding school fees to be finalised by the end of the year. If any families are experiencing financial hardship and require a payment plan please see Mrs. Pritchard.

Birthdays over the holidays



Hayden Pedie - 27th December Starla Colbert - 31st December

Last day of Term

Students are allowed to wear casual clothes for the last day of term tomorrow.

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.

School Library

The library is now closed. Could all library books please be returned if they have not already been returned. Overdue notices will continually be sent home if books are not returned.

Mrs Ebbs.

Chapel Offering

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

2015 School Concert

Copies of the 2015 School Concert are now available on a DVD disk. Please contact Miss Keller if you would like a copy.

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Physical Education Teacher

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Student of the Week

Awards

Class Awards

Jordan Pipkorn

For being a great leader and including everyone in the scavenger hunt. Well done!

Kendra Clark

For consistently working hard during class activities.

Charlotte Paech

For trying very hard to concentrate on writing neatly and with describing words. Well done!

Aleera Hollis

For settling in well to her new school and for attempting to THRASS out words by herself. Well done!

Rourkey Croot

For being a friendly class member and helping out with jobs.

Matthew Reichelt

For showing great sportsmanship during the 'Get me out of here' activity. Keep up the great work!

Performing Arts Award

Starla Colbert

Creating a great musical challenge for the class with Hangman Charades. allowing your imagination to go on a journey to Robe and home. Well done on all of your positive efforts with learning.







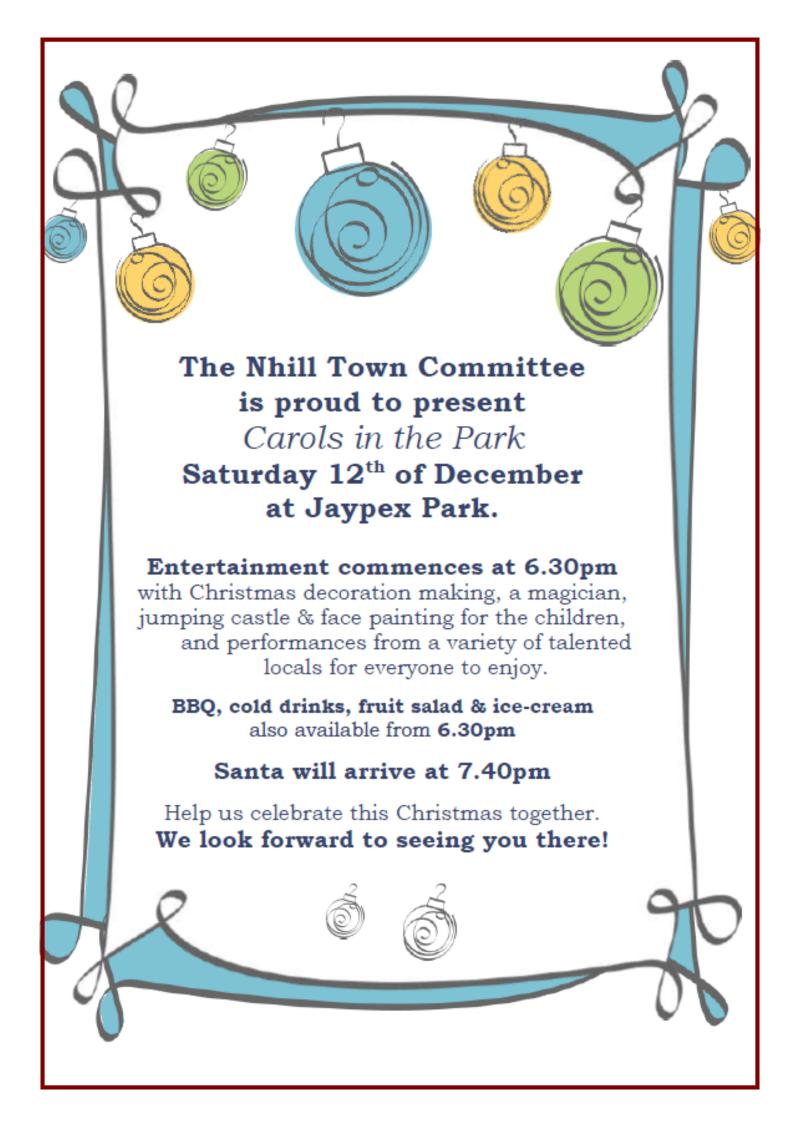












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Empowering kids today to make informed choices for tomorrow

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.





building for tomorrow begins today

Jesus said, "...you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)