# MANUL LUTERAN SCHOOL

3rd December 2015

## Pre-Prep Graduation

Last Friday the 6 Pre Prep students: Thomas, Liam, Shilah, Lydia, Jayden and Stella all graduated from the 7 week Pre-Prep Program. We welcome all the new students and families and wish them all well for 2016.

















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#### FOR YOUR DIARY December

- 3 Digital Portfolios
- 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

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| <br>  <br>  <br> | Each week we pray for<br>someone in our School<br>Community. This week we |  |
|                  | Community. This week we   |  |
|                  | pray for  |  |
|                  | ♦Kirsty Koop  |  |
|                  | ♦ Ouentin Pritchard   |  |

Maintenance Roster November/December Simon Mock Frank Crisp Wayne Bandel Colin Hoffrichter

## From the Principal

Today the students presented their digital portfolios and were able to show their progress throughout the year, and celebrate achievements. I have been very impressed with the standard of work produced and the high reflection skills of our students. Thank you parents for showing your support and encouraging your child/ren to value learning, and strive to achieve their best throughout the year.

Jasper, Maekala and Levi are very excited about their Year 6 Graduation Dinner tomorrow night. They have been very busy setting tables, polishing glasses and planning the menu. It certainly looks spectacular! I have been impressed with their organisation skills and co-operation in planning such a wonderful evening for their parents. We will certainly miss our Year 6 students and wish them every blessing for the future.

Next Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, all students will be attending a Graduation Service practise at the Nhill Lutheran Church from 1pm-3pm. Students will be travelling by bus.

Our Graduation Service will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of December at the Nhill Lutheran Church beginning at 7pm. All students will be participating in the service and are required to wear summer uniform. Parents, grandparents and friends are most welcome to attend.

The last day for students is Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> of December 3.15pm. Hindmarsh Shire are providing fresh fruit for recess free of charge to celebrate the fantastic achievements for the Walk to School program. Students are encouraged to walk to school and are allowed to wear casual clothes with a Christmas theme.

#### <u>Looking ahead – 2016</u>

As we approach the end of the 2015 school year, preparations are being made for the 2016 school year and there are many exciting things already planned. Our teachers are learners too, and next year, our staff have been invited to join an online professional learning program between Project Zero (PZ) Harvard Graduate School of Education and Independent Schools Victoria. We feel very privileged to have this opportunity to enhance teaching practice through engagement with PZ frameworks and ideas.

Some important dates to mark on the calendar for next year include:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Students start Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February – P&F Welcome BBQ Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February – Swimming (no swimming on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of February) Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Swimming carnival Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Grandparent's Day

Also remember that there will be a 3 week holiday midyear – 17<sup>th</sup> June to 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Classroom staffing will remain the same as this year with Mrs Jessica Ebbs - P/1, Mrs Kirsty Koop – 2/3 and Mr Quentin Pritchard – 4/5/6.

With Christ,

Tara Pritchard

#### Farewell Lucy!

Tomorrow is our Student Teacher Lucy Hocking's last day at the school. Lucy has been magnificent with the students and we wish her all the best for her final year of study.







Congratulations to Jackie and Darryn Rethus on the birth of their newest daughter 'Lexie'. She is a little to sister to Trinity and Zara.





#### 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.



### Contract Position - 2016 (0.2 FTE) <u>1 day per week</u>

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@nhillls.vic.edu.au

Applications close Wednesday16<sup>th</sup> of December 2015.

#### <u>Chapel</u>

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

#### School Tea Towels

The school tea towels have now arrived. If you would like a tea towel but didn't place an order please see Miss Keller at the office. Some extras were ordered.

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

Physical Education Teacher

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#### End of Year Graduation

#### <u>Service</u>

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 <u>all</u> students will attend this service.

Adeline Pritchard

For her excellent leadership skills in organising the dance club, helping with the Pre Prep's and playgroup. Well done!

## <u>Notices</u>

### 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 this week



Freya Colbert - 3rd December Racquel Deckert - 7 December

### 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 Rachel Reichelt Congratulations Rachel! See if you can find it hidden in the newsletter.



### 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.



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:

- Words for Every Occasion Little Blossom Gift Pack
- Help Your Kids With Homework Set 3
- Meals Made Easy
- Submersible LED Lights Set of 6
- Pop Up Covers Set 3
- Weekly Planner/ Daily Organiser Shop List Set
- The Great Big Story Book Collection x12
- Copy and Learn Writing
- Australia's Best Camping

## From the Pastor

The last days of school for 2015 are upon us! How quickly the year has raced by. It only seems like yesterday that we were beginning Term 1 for the year!

Throughout 2015 it has been an absolute joy and privilege to have shared in the life of the school, to have come to know the students and families a little more and to have been involved in key celebrations of the school like this year's graduation service which is on our doorstep. I thank God for our principal, Tara, and for the staff, for our School Council and for the many volunteers through whom God makes the school the wonderful learning environment that it is. I thank God for you, the students and parents and for your support throughout the year. Through you, God has been hard at work to strengthen our school so that, together with him, we truly grow. "LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us" (Isaiah 26:12).

If you have joined our school community for the first time this year, welcome to you again! It is a real joy to have you with us. I wish God's blessings to you all over the Christmas season. For those of us experiencing suffering, sickness, trouble, or hardship, may Christmas give you renewed courage and true hope, knowing that God is not distant and removed from us, but that he came to the world as a baby—God himself with us in the person of Christ. He became human in every way, just like us, except without sin, that he could redeem us and bring us into the very presence of God and share fullness of life with him forever. You are all warmly invited to attend our church services over Christmas to again hear this message of hope and forgiveness for you in the presence of our loving and forgiving God.

God be with you, especially if you are travelling over the break. God give you safe travel and rest and refreshment.

#### Pastor Tim

"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests."" (Luke 2:11-14)

## <u>Notices</u>

## Student of the Week Awards



Class Awards

#### Charles Hassall

For great dance moves during our daggy dance activity. Well done Charles!

#### <u>Alison Miller</u>

For working hard during writing time and helping other students when your work was finished. Well done Alison!

#### Cory Koop

For being a great role model for the younger students and for trying his best to write a well structured exposition.

#### Chloe Zanker

For great work with completing all class activities to a great standard.

#### Chloe Crisp

For showing great improvement in holding a pencil correctly.

## Performing Arts Award

#### Zoa Mock

For speaking with sincerity and kindness with the residents and carer's at Avonlea. You also sung beautifully and did the sign language well for Away In A Manager. Well done!











The Nhill Town Committee is proud to present Carols in the Park Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of December at Jaypex Park.

Entertainment commences at 6.30pm with Christmas decoration making, a magician, jumping castle & face painting for the children, and performances from a variety of talented locals for everyone to enjoy.

BBQ, cold drinks, fruit salad & ice-cream also available from 6.30pm

Santa will arrive at 7.40pm

Help us celebrate this Christmas together. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Fun. Freedom. ithblocks.

#### Empowering kids today to make informed choices for tomorro

#### 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.



Please contact the Nhill Lutheran Parish office (5391 1223) or <u>nhillpar2@bigpond.com</u> 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)