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Birthdays

We hope Mrs. Pritchard had a lovely birthday on Monday!

We wish Grant Pedie a very happy birthday for the 16th February!

From the Principal

The school year has started very well with the welcome BBQ being a great highlight last Friday night! Thank you to all parents, staff and friends who attended. We had a wonderful night of fellowship and food and it was a great opportunity to welcome everyone to the new school year. Many thanks to the P&F for organising the catering and cooking of the BBQ.

This week our students continue to enjoy their swimming lessons and learn important water skills. We are very grateful to Alaine McFarlane for her expertise in teaching our students again this year. Alaine is a qualified swimming instructor and has an excellent repertoire with the students. We are pleased to offer every student swimming lessons with a professional instructor. The pool entry fee and swimming lessons are all included as part of the school fees. We look forward to our Swimming Carnival which will be next Friday the 19th of February from 11.00 – 2.00pm. All students are encouraged to participate and thank you to those who have returned their swimming forms for the day. To conclude the swimming carnival, there will be the grand final race where the students challenge parents in a relay race! Students would like to remind parents to bring along their goggles and swimmers and get ready for some fun! After the swimming carnival, students are welcome to leave with parents. Otherwise, students will walk back to school to catch the bus home or be picked up at school as normal.

Yours in Christ,
Tara Pritchard
Deviational Thought

I love this sign: “When temptation knocks, send Jesus to the door.”

After his baptism, filled with the Holy Spirit, the first thing in Jesus’ ministry was to be led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. Jesus did not eat for forty days. The Devil came to Jesus and tempted him when Jesus was at his weakest moment: “If (since) you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread”. Jesus answers: “Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4). It’s just the same when the devil tempts us...he comes to us at our weakest moment and tempts us to live independently of God’s word with what we think, say and do.

This is what happened right back in the beginning when the devil tempted Adam and Eve too. The temptation was not just to eat the forbidden fruit, but more importantly, to distrust what God had said, and be their own authority. But Jesus is like a second Adam. Where Adam failed to live according to God’s Word, Jesus doesn’t. He answers: “It is written”.

Like Jesus, we too find ourselves in the wilderness at times. The ‘wilderness’ can be symbolic for any time we may feel like we are abandoned, all alone, that there is no hope for the situation that we are in, or that we are overwhelmed by sin and guilt. It might be a wilderness of suffering and anxiety or fear about what the future may bring. It can be any of our hard times in life when, like Jesus in the wilderness, we are hungry too. Sometimes we feel starved of love, acceptance, forgiveness, peace, a place to belong, a purpose and identity. All of this is found in Christ. The devil will continue to tempt you to doubt that this is really true for you. He will tempt you to doubt the wisdom of God’s word that takes you on the path to life eternal. He will tempt you to do what you think is right instead of what God says is right. It is hard walking in the wilderness!

But God knows this. That is why he sent Jesus to triumph over the devil for you. You have Jesus and his word. The devil will tempt you and bring accusations against you and all believers of how we repeatedly fail.

Worship News

There will be no chapel tomorrow due to Chapel being held on Wednesday. Chapel will be held as per normal next Friday. Parents and friends are welcome to attend and join us for morning tea afterwards.

Church services this week are as follows:
St Paul’s Lutheran Parish, 39 Macpherson Street, Nhill.
Office: 5391 1223
Sunday 14th February: Nhill 9am
Faithblocks will also be ran during this service.
Sunday 14th February: Woorak 9am
School Event News

Reading Buddies Program
We are currently seeking some parent helpers to assist with our reading buddies program. Reading buddies involves parent volunteers coming into classrooms and listening to students reading aloud. On Thursday 25th February 2:15pm-3:15pm a training session will be provided to parents who require strategies to assist developing children’s reading skills. The session will be free of charge and will be presented by Lorraine Merton from Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN. Please contact Miss Keller at the front office for further information.

Assembly
Tomorrow at 2.15pm we will be having a school assembly, which will be run by Freya and Lance. During this assembly badges will be presented to our other school leaders. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Last Day of Term 1
Thursday 24th March is the last day for Term 1. Please be aware that students will finish school at 2.15pm, and the buses will be running earlier on this day.

CSEF
The CSEF provides $125 - per student to any family, who holds a current Health Care Card or Pension Card on the first day of Term 1. This money is to assist with costs associated with camps, sports or excursions. Application forms have been sent home. Please return to the office if applicable to your circumstances.

Music News
We are fortunate enough to have Mrs. Merrill Harding once again offering private music tuition.

Merrill will be teaching guitar on Thursday’s beginning on Thursday 25th February.
Please contact Merrill on 0438 920 262 for any further enquires or questions.

Get ‘Em Going News
Get ‘Em Going Playgroup will be beginning on Tuesday 23rd February and will be managed by Mrs Tanya Mock. Sessions will run the same as 2015; 9.30 - 11am. Each week children will be given the opportunity to participate in physical, social and mental stimulating activities to assist in preparing them for their learning journey ahead. Each term we will have a different theme, with the theme for Term 1 being Musical Instruments.

Please bring along the following:

- A water bottle
- Fruit snack
- Gold coin donation

If you have any questions or would like more information on the program please see Miss Keller at the front office.

Uniform Update
We are pleased to inform you that our new uniforms are not too far away. The new rugby jumpers however, won’t be here until the end of February due to the manufacturer being extremely busy. The plain blue polo tops with the new logo are expected here this week. This will include hats with the new logo on them as well. All sizes in the Sports Polo are now available for purchase. There will be a 12 month changeover period with all the uniform changes.

The Year 6 Polo Shirts have been ordered. They are currently in the process of being finished off, and students may have them by the end of the week. Parents and Friends pay for one polo. An order form to order extras was sent out on Monday.

Hats
Please remember that hats are compulsory for Term 1. No hat means no play.
Community News

Play School is coming to the Horsham Town Hall on Thursday 18th February. The show is called Humpty’s Showtime and will begin at 10am.

Ticket price: $19.80

To book go to this website:
www.kidspromotions.com.au

Robot Building

This Friday at Nhill’s Fiesta by the lake, there will be a Robot Building feature for the kids. The robot is to be made from recycled materials, all of which will be supplied. The program is aimed at children from ages 11+, and even better, it is free of charge! Beginning at 7pm and running until dark it is the perfect chance to come down and let your imagination run wild. Located right inside the front gate it is easy to find. For any further queries about the program contact Helen Ross on 0419 536 126.

Kitchen Action

On Shrove Tuesday, students made pancakes. All students enjoyed making and eating the pancakes.