



# TOGETHER WE GROW

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## Upcoming Dates

FEB	Thursday 25th	Reading Buddies Program session - 2.15pm
MAR	Wednesday 2nd	National Young Leaders Melbourne
	Wednesday 2nd	NO PREPS
	Wednesday 9th	NO PREPS
	Monday 14th	Labour Day - NO SCHOOL
	Friday 18th	Grandparents Day
	Thursday 24th	Last day Term 1 Walkathon

## Birthdays

We wish Sam Mahfoud a very happy birthday for this Saturday, 27th February!



## From the Principal

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parents and Friends Association Annual General Meeting on Tuesday night. It was exciting to see some new faces and hear lots of positive discussion. Congratulations to the new office bearers: Deanne Bandel (President), Adelle Bone (Vice President), Brittany Keller (Secretary), Kathy Koop (Treasurer) and Sharon Croot, Tanya Mock, Bron Zanker, Carol Case-Hassall and Linda Drendel (Members).

All parents are welcome to attend P&F meetings as it is a great opportunity to contribute to the learning needs of our students and support families in our community. I would also like to thank last year's P&F committee for all their hard work and dedication. In particular, thank you to Tanya Mock for all her time in supporting the school as President and Secretary in 2015. There will be P&F updates in the newsletter throughout the year and already, there are some exciting functions planned!

This year there will be many opportunities for students to serve others and make a positive difference in the school and community. The Student Representative Council was elected this week and already have brainstormed some great suggestions of how we can serve others throughout the year. The SRC President, Grant Pedie (Year 6 leader) is looking forward to the SRC being good role models and displaying great leadership.

Students also have the opportunity to make a difference and support Wakiaxong who is our World Vision sponsor child from Laos. All the money from Chapel donations goes towards Wakiaxong and enables him to attend a local school and provide his family with food. We encourage students to reach the target of \$600 which is needed to support him this year.

Our students are kept up to date with the latest technology skills and tools. Our school has been invited to be part of an Action Research Project around coding in the primary years. Students have been using award winning programmable floor robots called the Bee-Bot. It is a robot that teaches children control, directional language and programming.

With Christ,  
Tara Pritchard

## Devotional Thought

### HURRY! LIMITED TIME ONLY

The saying: “There’s no such thing as a free lunch” goes back to the 1800s when hotels in America and Britain provided meals to attract drinking patrons. These started out as basic cold meals but later became elaborate dishes and customers then realised they were paying for the food in the price of their drinks. Marketers today similarly think of all kinds of strategies and gimmicks to get us to spend money. We still pay for a regular value meal even though it’s upsized to a large for ‘free’. We are offered a ‘free’ lunch in ‘buy one, get one’ deals, but the cost of the ‘free’ meal is absorbed in the one we pay for.

In Sunday’s reading from Isaiah 55, God makes us an offer. He says:

*Come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without cost.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
and your labour on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,  
and your soul will delight in the richest of  
fare.  
Give ear and come to me;  
hear me, that your soul may live.*

That sounds unusual—to buy something without money and without cost. In other words, it is free to us but it will cost the seller something—and that’s virtually unheard of in today’s business world.

But God does not work like a business. His offer is not a cheap and nasty marketing ploy to trick us into something we don’t really need, but his offer is actually the very thing necessary. It is the cost he paid to bring us into relationship with him. There is no cost to us—a gift—but the ransom price God paid to make you his very own was the holy and precious blood of Jesus. This salvation is received personally through faith alone—trusting in Jesus’ perfect obedience for us and his saving work on the cross. Hurry—this offer is for a limited time—before Jesus comes again to judge the living and the dead. So listen to him, that your soul may live. The next upgrade is around the corner. The next fashion and fad pressures us to spend so that we can keep up with the Jones’.

We work so hard to keep paying off the credit card, a bad debt to have. In all of this, often what we need and what we want becomes confused. God makes the appeal—why do we spend so much on the things that do not satisfy? Go to him for what does satisfy. Ultimately that is fullness of life—peace, security, purpose, identity and salvation.

Pastor Tim

### Get ‘Em Going News

Our Get ‘em Going Playgroup commenced on Tuesday and it was wonderful to see familiar faces and welcome some new children. Thank you to Mrs. Tanya Mock and Mrs. Adelle Bone for the excellent learning activities provided.

### Worship News



Chapel will be held at 9.00am tomorrow morning. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Church services this week are as follows:

Office: 5391 1223

Sunday 21st February: Nhill 9am

Faithblocks will run during this service.

Sunday 21st February: Woorak 11am

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Salmon, Aysha and Fatima Tarar on the safe arrival of a new son and brother, Imran Husain Tarar.



### Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Zoe Bandel and family
- ♦ Oliver Bone and family

## School Event News

### Drought Assistance

As part of the Victorian Government's drought assistance package, all students are eligible for a drought assistance payment through CSEF. **This includes parents that do not hold a concession card.** A 'one off' amount of \$375 per student will be paid towards the school to be used towards educational expenses for your child. Forms have been sent out with students. This money may be used for school fees. Please note that the forms must be back by **Monday 21st March**. For further information please contact the front office.

### Sign In Policy

If you are visiting the school it is compulsory that you sign in at the front office. You must name why you are visiting the school, and where you will be located. This information is vital in case of an emergency occurring. Visitors will also be asked to wear a visitors lanyard so students can identify that you are a visitor to the school. These lanyards will also provide details on what to do in case of an emergency.

If your child is late or is leaving school early you must also sign them in or out depending on the circumstance. If the student is returning they **must** be signed back in on arrival.

### Assembly

This Friday at 2.15pm the student leaders will be presented with their leadership badges. The Year 6 students will also be presented with their Year 6 polo shirts. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

### Evacuation and Lockdown Drills

We regularly practise evacuation and lockdown drills at Nhill Lutheran School. Our first drill was an off site evacuation 2 weeks ago. Students performed the evacuation well. Regular drills help everyone understand what is required in case of an emergency.

### Music Concert

Tomorrow all students have been invited to a Music Concert at Nhill College. We will be walking to the College at approximately 11.40am and returning to school at 1pm.

### Spare Clothes/Gumboots

During recess and lunchtime students play in the playground, and there is a wide variety of things they can do. At the moment, students have access to a dam, which allows them to use water and get muddy. We ask that you please send gumboots and a spare change of clothes to school with your child if they are playing in the dam and around the mud. During class, students are also encouraged to wear slippers. Please send along a pair of slippers for your child/children to wear during class.



### Forms

Just a reminder to please return forms that have been sent out. If you haven't returned the forms because you have misplaced the original copy, please contact Miss Keller at the front office. A number of students haven't returned the Cyber Policy Form, which was sent out prior to school beginning with the welcome letter, and the Excursions and Incursions forms sent out last week.

### Music News



Guitar lessons with Merrill will start this Friday 26th February. Just this week it will be a Friday, and next week it will go back to the original day, Thursday.

### Sports News

Students enjoyed a Hockey clinic on Monday and learnt some valuable skills. Thank you to Ged (from Hockey Victoria), Erin and Louise for organising and providing this opportunity for our students.





## Sponsorship Child

Please help us reach our goal of \$600 to help our sponsor child. We appreciate your help!



## Uniform Update

Our new rugby jumpers are due to arrive soon! Other good news though, is that our new blue polo tops have arrived as well as our hats. If you are a new Prep parent then your uniform is now available for a straight swap over. If you have purchased new school uniforms within the last few weeks of Term 4, or since the beginning of the year, you may also do a straight swap over. Miss Keller has a list at the front office with everyone who is entitled to the swap over. Please see Miss Keller at the front office to arrange this, or visit Deb in the Uniform Shop Wednesday afternoons. New sport polo tops are also available for purchase.

### Hats

Please remember hats are compulsory this Term.

## Car Parking

Just a reminder that the bus that drops off and picks up the students is quite a large bus. Due to this, we have a few rules regarding car parking. The two, 5 minute parking spots and the first two car parking spots can't be used when the bus is due to come in. These times are 8.45am-9am, and 3.10pm-3.20pm. Please see Miss Keller at the front office if you have any questions.



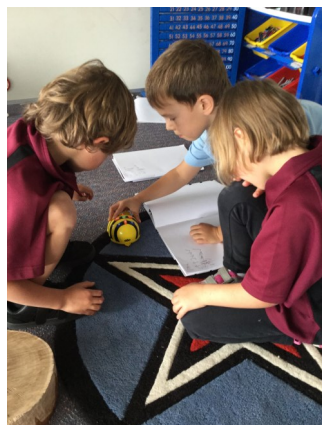
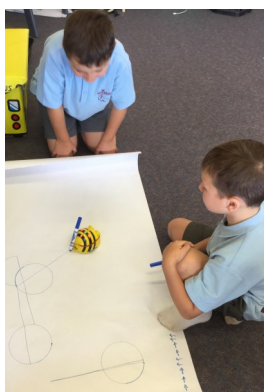
## Swimming Carnival Review

Students had a fantastic time at our Swimming Carnival last Friday. It was wonderful to see the students participate and have a go. Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who came along and supported the students. A big thank you to Mr. Pritchard for organising the Swimming Carnival and to all the parents who assisted on the day.

## BeeBots

Students have had the opportunity to use the BeeBots in class this week. The BeeBots allow the students to investigate problem solving and programming. Photos of the BeeBots in action are on the following page.





## SRC News

This week we held our first SRC meeting. The meeting ran well, and it was good to see everyone speaking up and voicing some really good ideas. Being in the SRC is also giving members the opportunity to step up and become role models. We have so many ideas for this year already, so hopefully it will be an exciting year. Working with me in the leadership department is Jordan (Secretary), Caleb & Alison (Treasurers) and Zoa (Vice President). On the last day of Term 1, we have decided to run a lunch for the Walk-a-thon! We look forward to your support and will provide you with more details in next week's newsletter.

Grant - President



## Community News

The Nhill & District Sporting Club is looking for one or more people interested in taking on the role of Auskick Coordinator for 2016. Damien and Tammy Crouch have left plenty of resources at the club to help any prospective coordinators for 2016, and we would also like to thank them for their time in the job. Any people interested in this role should contact Junior Football Manager Michael Alexander on 0419 518 320.



## School Captains News

We were really impressed with all the students efforts in the Swimming Carnival held last Friday. A huge thank you must go to Mr. Pritchard for organising the event. All the students looked like they enjoyed the day! In other news we have been extremely impressed with the way everyone has been joining in the morning activities. It is good to see everyone having a go, and using great teamwork. The Prep/1 students had PMP this week, and they had a great time. We look forward to seeing them improve throughout the year.

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