



Upcoming Dates

MAR	Thursday 24th	Last day Term 1 Walkathon
APR	Monday 11th	First day Term 2
	Wednesday 13th	Open Day 9am-5.30pm
	Friday 15th	Prep-2 Sports @ Nhill College
	Tuesday 19th	P & F Meeting 2pm
MAY	Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5
	Friday 13th	Mums Night In

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very happy birthday:

Joshua Ebbs: 28th March

Cory Koop: 3rd April

Matthew Reichelt: 10th April

Archie Zanker: 12th April



From the Principal

We had a wonderful day last Friday for Grandparent's Day. Approximately 100 guests joined us for a very special time of learning and touring our School. It was wonderful to see and hear the conversations shared between the children and visitors.

The morning started with a Chapel service lead by the School Captains and Vice Captains which concluded with the Year 2-6 choir singing a song titled, 'You're my Hero'. Visitors then got to spend time in the classrooms completing a range of activities. The senior class baked and served a delicious morning tea for our visitors which included homemade savouries, slices and cakes. The day was a wonderful way for our students to spend some time with their Grandparents and special people in their lives. Many Grandparents and visitors travelled from great distances including Adelaide, Melbourne, Hamilton, Ballarat, Mildura and Canada! Thank you so much to all who made the effort to come along and spend quality time with our students. Special thanks also to Mr Pritchard and the senior class for baking and serving a scrumptious morning tea!

In the next few weeks we will be gathering data about our school from students, staff and parents through the Quality Schools survey. The data gathered will benefit everyone within the school by providing valuable information in such areas as the teaching and learning program, our values, our ties with community, so that success can be celebrated and educational services improved.

Students in Years 5 and 6, staff and all parents, will be invited to participate in the survey which will be conducted through email. We are using an independent company, PCRADII, to assist us in conducting this important survey. This means that I can guarantee that your responses to the survey will remain confidential. If you do not wish to participate in this survey could you use the link provided in the email. While participation in the survey is voluntary, you are encouraged to do so as it is a significant opportunity to voice your opinion about your child's school confidentially.

This year, students are again encouraged to participate in the annual Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge. For over a decade, the Challenge has helped inspire children to read more widely, more frequently and develop a love of reading. Since the Challenge began in 2005, over two million students have read an incredible 38 million books. It is not a competition; it's a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books over six months. For children from Foundation to Year 2, the challenge is to read 30 books. For those in Years 3 to 6, the challenge is to read 15 books. Children who meet the challenge will be rewarded with a certificate of achievement signed by the Premier and will have the opportunity to participate in a special celebration luncheon at school.

Some important dates for the first week back include an Open Day on Wednesday 13th of April. This is an opportunity for members in the community to come and have a look around our school and see students at work. It is also an opportunity for prospective parents to have a tour and ask questions. Students in Years F-2 will be participating in a fun afternoon of Sports at the Nhill College with other F-2 students from St. Patricks and the College on Friday 15th of April.

On Thursday, school finishes at 2.15pm and I pray that all students and families have a blessed Easter holiday. Thank you to all parents who have supported and encouraged your child/ren in their learning this term. Your efforts at home and school to develop a life-long partnership of learning is appreciated.

With Christ,
Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

This Easter, come home.

One of the highlights for many during Easter week is to go away. But Easter is meant to be about coming home.

Once there was a son who demanded his share of the inheritance from his father. He really was saying to his father "I wish you were dead!" He went away to a far country and blew his father's hard earned money in reckless living until he had nothing left. He became so poor he worked for a pig farmer and even longed for the food that the pigs were eating. Coming to his senses, he realised that in turning his back on his father and on God, he had ruined his life. He thought that his only hope for him to be restored to his father was for his father to hire him as a worker. So the son set off for home.

Back home, his father was always looking into the distance, longing to see his son return. One day he saw him! The father ran to his son and hugged him and kissed him. The son began to say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you". But before he could finish his confession, the father ordered the best robe be put on his son, a ring on his finger, and sandals on his feet—a public statement that he had welcomed his son back home and given him a place of high honour.

Jesus told this story in Luke 15 as a picture of God's free and never-ending love and forgiveness for all people. Whatever your past or present situation, Easter is all about Jesus who died for you and rose from death, so that whoever trusts in him is welcomed home by the Father in heaven as his holy and precious child who will forever have a place of belonging and high honour in his family.

This Easter, won't you come home.



Worship News



Church services for the Easter period are as follows:

Maundy Thursday - 24th March: Woorak 7.30pm

Good Friday - 25th March: Nhill 10am

Saturday Vigil - 26th March: Nhill 7.30pm

Sunday 27th March: Nhill 9am

Sunday 27th March: Woorak 6.30am

Church Office: 5391 1223

Prayer of the Week

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

- ◆ Clinton and Chloe Crisp and family

School Event News

PMP Parent Helpers

We are currently looking for parent helpers to assist with PMP for our Prep/Year 1 students on Tuesdays. PMP runs from 11.15am-12.15pm. Please contact the school on 5391 2144 if you are interested in helping.

Reading Buddies

Along with PMP, we are still looking for parents to assist with our Reading Buddies program. Reading aloud is a vital part of a student's learning. Times are negotiable with classes so please contact the front office if you are interested. To help with the programs, a Working with Children check is required.



Premiers Active April

This year we have signed up to be a part of the Premiers Active April. The Premiers Active April is designed to encourage people to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity for the month of April. Both adults and children can register to be a part of the Nhill Lutheran School team. We encourage as many people to register as possible, as not only does the school get a chance to win lots of prizes including vouchers, elite athletes attending the school and running sports clinics etc. but you also get lots of individual benefits. Forms were sent out with students yesterday, but please contact Miss Keller if you have any more questions.

Old Uniforms

Looking for something to do with old school uniforms other than throw them out? We are asking for any old uniforms that are still clean and in good condition to be sent into the school. The uniforms will then be sent over to the orphanage school in Myanmar.

Premiers Reading Challenge

This year students will again be participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge. Every student will receive a consent form which will need to be returned to school. We will then register every student at school. Please see further information on the following page, regarding the rules of the Challenge.

SRC News

The SRC is currently selling eggs. The eggs are available for \$3 a dozen. Please see the front office if you would like to buy some.

Walk - A - Thon Lunch

Just a reminder to please bring along the money to pay for your lunch order for tomorrow.

Sausages \$1.50 each, party pies \$1.00 each and ice-cream in a cone \$0.50 cents each.



2015 School Concert DVDs

If you contacted Miss Keller last year or early this year, and requested a copy of 2015 School Concert, the DVDs are now ready for collection from the front office. Rachel Clark has kindly put them together for us, and we thank her for her time. We only have a limited amount available, so those that requested them will receive them first.

Netball News

Modified Netball (Prep - Year 2 Students)

The Nhill Tigers modified netball program will commence training in Term 2, on Thursday 14th of April from 3.30pm-4pm. This will be held at the Nhill College netball courts.



Modified Netball (Year 3 - 6 Students)

The Nhill Tigers modified netball program will also commence in Term 2, on Thursday 14th April from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This will also be held at the Nhill College netball courts.

Please also note that registration nights will be held at the Nhill Tigers Clubrooms on Thursday 17th & 24th March.

Come along and join in the fun! For further enquiries please contact Linda Drendel on 0427 918 321.



The Premiers Reading Challenge has a few simple rules.

- * Students must read a set number of books during the challenge dates.
- * You must keep a record of your reading. (Sheets will be sent home with students that register)
- * If children are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 they can read books by themselves or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. This is for support if they are just learning to read.
- * Once a student has read books Miss Keller will verify them at school.
- * Students in Prep to Year 2 may also use audio recording of books to read along with and develop understanding of text.
- * The Reading Challenge dates are from now until 9th September 2016.

If you are in:	You must read:	Number from the Challenge Book list:
Prep - Year 2	30 books	20 or more
Year 3-6	15 books	10 or more

Unknown Payments

Could you please let the front office know if you deposited money into the building and library funds accounts on the 9th March 2016. We have an unknown payment and need to know who it has come from.

Harmony Day

On Monday our Year 6 leaders joined the Nhill Butterfly Playgroup for some fun activities at J-Pex Park to celebrate Harmony Day. The students sang a song in Karen, read a picture storybook to the children and played some games. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The central message for Harmony Day is that 'everyone belongs', reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.



Sponsorship Child

Please help us reach our goal of \$600 to help our sponsor child. Our total funds raised so far is \$139.00. We appreciate your help!

\$600

World Vision

OUR SPONSOR CHILD



WAKIAXONG PAWANG

\$139

AFL in Nhill

Auskick 2016 commences on Sunday the 17th April at 10am at Nhill & District Sporting Club.

Please register online at <http://www.aflauskick.com.au> as soon as possible.

Session day and times will depend on Coaches and Assistant availability. This will be confirmed at the first Session.

If you are able to assist, or have any queries, please contact Auskick Coordinator,

Carol Case-Hassall on 0438 817 260.



School Holiday Fun



Regional Art Gallery

Working with Clay: Tuesday 5th April

10.30am-12pm

2pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 6th April: 10.30am-12pm

Sun Sensitive Prints: Wednesday 6th April

2pm-3.30pm

Friday 8th April: 10.30am-12pm

Monoprinting: Thursday 7th April

10.30am-12pm

2pm-3.30pm

For children 6-12 years old. Cost is just \$8 per session. Booking are essential and payment must be made prior to attending.

For further information visit:

www.horshamtownhall.com.au



BOUT and SHOUT!

Saturday 2nd April at the Warracknabeal Leisure Centre from 3.30pm-8pm. Come down and see what Roller Derby is all about! It is a family fun event including a market and jumping castle.

GRANDPARENTS DAY



This is me reading to my Nan and Pop, and Gran and Pa on Grandparent's Day. I enjoyed introducing my Grandparents to Jeffrey. They enjoyed coming to school for the day and completing activities with me.

Cory



This is my Pa. He lives on a farm. My Pa and I are making a fruit snack. We like to eat fruit together but we also like icy poles.

Thomas



This is me teaching my Mum, my Grandma, my Pa and one of my friends about Karen on Grandparents Day. They weren't very good at learning it, but they tried really well.

Alison



This is my dad, nanny, pa, Rossy and Kelsey on Grandparent's Day. We are making bracelets. I liked making bracelets with my Nan, Pa, Dad and sister. Sometimes I make necklaces with my Nan and Pa. We had lots of fun on Grandparent's Day.

Stella



This is my Nan, Giana and I looking at the Karen books. On Grandparent's Day I also showed my Nan some of my work, and we did the weekly quiz. She knew lots of answers.

Isaac

walk-a-thon



Please join us to raise funds for
our School Garden, and our Orphanage
School.

When: Thursday 24th
March

Where: Nhill Lutheran
School

Time: 11am



Prizes
for TOP
Fundraisers!

Fun for
the Entire
Family!

come and
join the
fun!



OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL

9AM-5.30PM

2 MACKAY STREET, NHILL

Phone: 5391 2144

email: admin@nhillls.vic.edu.au

At our school we aim to provide and encourage

- A family atmosphere
- A warm, caring and safe learning environment
- Christian based education
- Excellent Curriculum including Karen Language, Choir and Music
- Parental involvement in learning
- One to one iPads
- Student engagement and quality teaching
- Modern and spacious facilities
- Support for all learning abilities



A school for the community