



Upcoming Dates

MAY	Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5
	Friday 13th	Mums Night Out
	Friday 20th	Cultural Day @ NLS * Karen Book Launch * Bendigo School
JUNE	Monday 13th	Queens Birthday NO SCHOOL
	Tuesday 14th	Nhill Dental Clinic visit
	Tuesday 14th	Winter Sports Year 3-6
	Wednesday 15th- Friday	Year 3/4 camp
	Friday 17th	Last day Term 2

From the Principal

On Wednesday, students in Years 3-6 enjoyed the opportunity to run with the other Nhill students in the Cross Country hosted by Nhill College. It was wonderful to see all students complete the course and many improved individual times from last year. Thank you to all students for trying hard, never giving up, and encouraging others.

The Karen Cultural Day is fast approaching on Friday, the 20th of May. Students will be participating in a range of activities in the morning and then at 12.30pm, there will be a Karen dance performance. Our P&F will be cooking a traditional Karen rice dish for lunch. The day will conclude at 2pm with the dual Karen/English book launch and then Afternoon Tea. All parents and friends are welcome to attend for all or part of the day. Please contact the office if you would like to come for lunch for catering purposes. There will also be a display of Paw Po products made by Karen ladies in the community, which will be available for purchase throughout the day.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015 for Years 3 and 5 students will be on next Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. These tests are one part of a wide assessment regime and look at what level students are achieving in Literacy and Numeracy against National Standards. Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very happy birthday!

- ♦ Zoe Bandel for today!
- ♦ Kendra Clark for Friday 6th May.



Students will be involved in presenting a Mother's Day Chapel tomorrow. There will be a beautiful morning tea for all to enjoy afterwards, baked by some senior students. We would like to wish all Mothers a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday. As quoted, "To the world you may be one person, but to one person, you may be the world."

Yours with Christ

Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

A Mother Hen's Love

Mummy, do you love me? is a children's story by Jeanne Willis (Walker Books, London, 2008) but adults could learn a lot from the underlying message. After pulling a rude face, getting dirty from jumping in a muddy puddle, and coming last in a race, Little Chick asks his mother: "Mummy, do you still love me?" Every time mother hen assures him of her love for him. She gives him a red rose, and Little Chick runs off to show his friends, but on the way he drops the rose and all the petals fell off. "Mummy, do you still love me, even though I ruined my rose?" "Yes" his mother answered. "Roses don't last, but my love for you will last forever." After Little Chick does the wrong thing, he runs off and hides his face under his wing, knowing that he has upset his mother. Mother Hen searches for Little Chick, and when she finds him, he sobs: "do you still love me even when I'm bad?" Mother Hen answered: "Little Chick, sometimes you make me mad, sometimes you make me sad, but no matter what you say or do, I will *always* love you."

This Sunday we thank God for, and celebrate the love of our mothers. The story I shared with you (above) really captures what the love of a mother is: patient, and self-sacrificing. It also captures what God's love is like—even when, for whatever reason, his ideal of a mother-child relationship breaks down. He still reaches out with self-sacrificial, unconditional love, the kind of love that Little Chick received from Mother Hen, through his Son, Jesus—and the kind of love that is so different to how the world understands love—that you are worthy to be loved if you measure up to certain ideals.

Jesus himself once said: "...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings (Matthew 23:37). God is the One who shows us perfect love—a truly self-sacrificial love to the point that he gave up his very life; crucified on the Cross, to pay the price for the sins of the world. God declares that whoever trusts in his Son is fully forgiven and has new life with him. In this new life that God freely offers, he will never leave or forsake his people (Joshua 1:5), just like mother hen didn't forsake little chick.

In Jesus, God will be with his people until the end of time (Matthew 28:20). There's no strings attached—you don't have to measure up to a particular standard. Jesus has met the standard for you. Just like nothing changed mother hen's love for little chick, nothing will ever change God's love for you. Like mother hen's love for her little chick, God's love for you will last forever.

I'd like to wish all the mothers in the school community a very happy and blessed Mothers' Day, and may the love of our mothers cause us to reflect on the still greater love of our Saviour God.

Pastor Tim

Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Amelia Drendel and family

Worship News

Church services for this week are as follows:

Nhill: 10am Lay Reading

Woorak: 9am Holy communion

Church Office: 5391 1223

Chapel



Tomorrow is our special Mothers Day Chapel. We invite all parents, friends and families to attend, especially Mum's! Chapel will be ran by the whole school and we invite you to stay and join us for a special morning tea.



Happy Mother's Day !

School Event News

Reading Buddies

We are still looking for parents or grandparents 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.



Winter Uniforms

In Terms 2 and 3, students are to wear Winter uniform. Students are now expected to wear full Winter uniform. Hats are not compulsory during Terms 2 and 3. If you have any questions regarding the Winter uniform or are experiencing difficulty, please contact the front office.

Rice Cookers for Cultural Day

We require Rice Cookers for the Cultural Day on Friday 20th May. We would be grateful for anyone who could please lend us one for the day. Please see Miss Keller at the front office if you can help.

Cross Country

A big congratulations to all the students who competed at the Cross Country held at the Nhill College. It was a fantastic effort by all, and we are very proud of you.



2015 School Concert DVDs

If you contacted Miss Keller 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.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Quote Michael Gross, Number 1 Parent Educator.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Lost property

Sent a drink bottle or a sandwich container to school, and it never came home? In the front office there is a turquoise Tupperware Sandwich container and a red Nike drinker bottle waiting for the owner to come and collect.



Community Events



Healthy Snack Ideas

Stuck with what to send your child with for snack time? Having trouble trying to get them to make better food choices? Here are some ways that can still enjoy foods they like without them knowing they are better for them!

-Wholemeal Raspberry and Walnut Muffins. Another way of getting fruit into your



children! For the recipe see the link below:

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/recipes/wholemeal-raspberry-and-walnut-muffins-3028>

Another option is instead of purchasing the lunch box size packets of chips and biscuits, why not buy the lunch box size packets of rice cracker biscuits. There are plenty of different flavours available!

Get 'em Going News

Get 'em Going is Tuesday 9th of May from 9.30am-11am. New and old faces are invited to attend.

Please remember to bring along

- * A bottle of water
- * Piece of fruit for snack
- * A gold coin donation
- * Your Get 'em Going Visualisation book. (If you are new to the program you will receive this on the day.)



Come along and enjoy the fun activities we have planned for this term!

Maintenance Roster



The purpose of this roster, is if there are any small maintenance issues that arise in your month, you may be called upon to help. The first name in bold will be the leader for the two months that they are rostered on for. The school will call them and if they require additional help, they may call the unbolded names.

Thank you for your help.

March/ April 2016

Kim Croot, David Reichelt, Adrian Pedie, Chris Hassall

May/June 2016

David Pipkorn, Paul Marshman, Martin Colbert, Tony Mahfoud

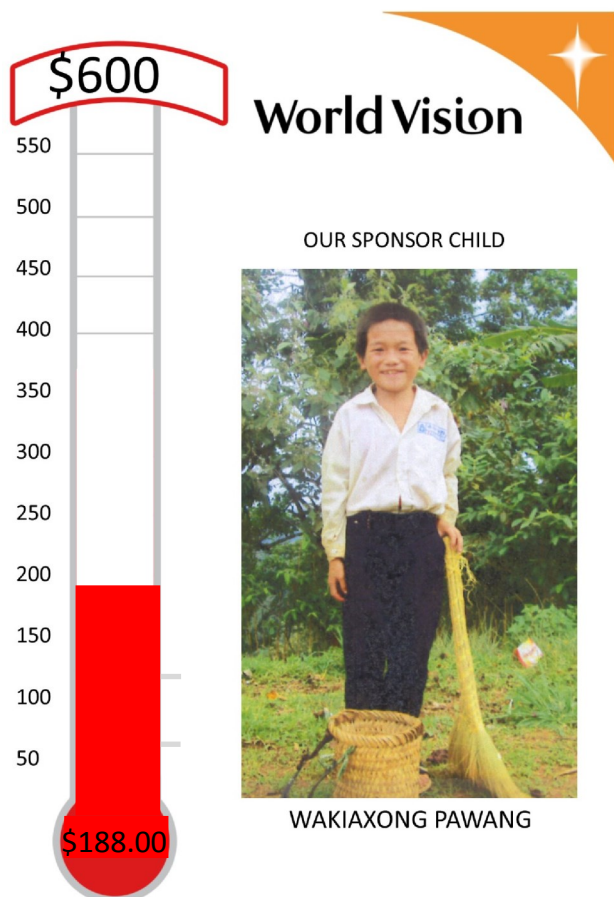
Healthy Lunch Ideas

Here are some more ideas to help you save money and provide your child with the nutrients they need to keep their brain functioning!

- ♦ Why not mix it up and send a salad. We always think salads are boring and just made up of lettuce and things kids don't like. Why not try adding some pasta? Wholemeal is better!
- ♦ Another idea could be something like a vegetable bake, or even mini quiches!

Sponsorship Child

Please help us reach our goal of \$600 to help our sponsor child. Our total funds raised so far is \$188.00. We appreciate your help!



Students of the Week

Prep/Year 1 Class Awards

Jayden Ross: For working very hard at recognising and writing the letter 'g'. What a fantastic effort Jayden!

Nathan Ebbs: For trying very hard to write neatly and for carefully answering comprehension questions in a thoughtful way. Well done Nathan!

Year 2/3 Class Awards

Asher Zanker: For excellent work with writing a narrative and for using the THRASS chart, and your 'phoneme fist' to help spell the words. Keep up the great work Asher!

Sam Mahfoud: For working very hard when learning about subtraction and for using lovely manners. Well done Sam!

Year 4/5/6 Class Awards

Racquel Deckert: For making great use of her time in Maths, completing far more work. Terrific to see Racquel!

Sam Cook: For great vocabulary use in her persuasive writing. Well done Sam!

Performing Arts Award

Mercedes Hollis: For listening well and using the instruments to demonstrate pitch.



Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Staff can provide you with information and support. On this trip, the Australian Taxation Office will be available to assist with advice and information about tax and superannuation.

Opposite Home Hardware, Western Highway

NHILL

Thursday, 26 May 2016

9 am to 4 pm

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call **132 316**.



Australian Government
Department of Human Services

humanservices.gov.au

NHILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

CULTURAL DAY KAREN BOOK LAUNCH

FEATURING A DAY
OF KAREN
ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING:

Quilt Making
and Language
classes, before
a traditional


Karen dance and lunch
@ 12.30pm

Concluding the day
@ 2pm will be the
Book Launch

Join us..
Friday 20th
May

Two communities
coming together as
one





MUM'S NIGHT OUT

Friday 13th May 2016

COFFEE, CAKES AND A MOVIE

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

MOVIE STARTS AT 7:30PM

TICKETS ARE \$15- EACH

AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

AT NHILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

*Chairs are provided, however feel free
to bring your own bean bag!!*



The Mik Maks

ROCK NHILL

10:30
SHOW

Sunday 5th
June

Tickets
\$15

Under 12 months FREE

NHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tickets will be available for sale from
Hindmarsh Shire Council Customer Service Centres
All proceeds will be going directly to assisting with the
fundraising for our new Early Years Centre.

www.themikmaks.com.au

