**Upcoming Dates**

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**From the Principal**

This week our Year 3 and 5 students have completed The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) designed to assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report.

We look forward to the P&F ‘Mum’s Night Out’ this Friday beginning at 7pm. Those who attend will definitely feel very blessed and spoilt with the range of delicious cakes that will be available. Thank you in advance to our wonderful P&F committee for organising such a wonderful evening for Mums and women of all ages.

Karen Cultural Day – Friday, 20th of May
- Visit of Karen students from Bendigo Lightening Reef Primary School
- Multi-age activities throughout the morning including soccer, art, quilt making and language
- Karen dance performance 12.30pm
- Traditional Karen lunch 12.45pm
- Book launch officially opened by Mayor Debra Nelson 2.00pm
- Books available for sale - $25 per set of 8 books
- Paw Po products display
- 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.

With Christ,
Tara Pritchard
PENTECOST—GOD SHARING HIS BLESSING WITH YOU

Last Thursday we celebrated Ascension when Jesus went up into heaven after he had risen from the dead. But our living Lord did not go up to heaven to remove himself from the needs of the world, but to be fully present in all places, and to be present in a special way for his people through his word, and in Baptism and Holy Communion.

After Jesus had ascended, he sent the Holy Spirit for his people as he had promised he would. The Holy Spirit is not some vague power, but a real person—God himself; God the Holy Spirit and God is truly present among his people through Jesus and his Spirit. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would “…teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you” (John 14:26). So the Son and the Spirit are present and active through God’s word, at work in the world, wherever the message of forgiveness of sins in Christ’s name is preached and whenever a person is joined to Christ in baptism to share in Jesus’ death and resurrection to eternal life. There you can be sure that God’s purifying, comforting and guiding Spirit lives in you:

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you...those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory” (Romans 8:11-17).

How is all this possible? Through a loving and gracious God who does not remove himself from you and your needs, but offers to come to you and meet all your needs in the fullest possible way—by freely giving forgiveness of sin and sharing his life with you.
**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.

**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.

**Food for the Fridge**

If you are sending food that is required to go in the fridge e.g. yoghurt, cheese or leftover lunch, students are more than welcome to use the school fridge. Please ask students to simply drop the food required for the fridge to Miss Keller in the morning.

**School Captains Report**

We were very pleased with the efforts of everyone competing in Cross Country. We are glad that some of our students have made it and be given the opportunity to go onto the level of competition at Kaniva. We wish them all the best. The Year 3 and 5 students have been doing NAPLAN since Tuesday, and we hope they are enjoying it and trying their best. We are also glad to see people playing nicely in the playground and including others. Please remember to keep our school grounds clean and have a great weekend!

By Jordan (in Lance’s absence) and Freya.

**Walk to School Safely Day**

Friday the 20th of May is Walk to School Safely Day. We encourage all students who can participate to do so, in a safe manner.

**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.
Get ‘em Going is Tuesday 17th 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

Community Events

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! Remember the school microwave can be used!

- Frittatas are a great way lunch ideas for kids. The best part is you can make them using leftover vegetables. You can also make so many different varieties, quick and easy!
- The Uncle Benny’s rice varieties are also a good option for the kids. Two minutes in the microwave and it’s ready. Plenty of different flavours available too!

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!

- Pretzels are a better option to send with kids than chips. Snack size packets are available from the supermarket.
- Vege chips are also a lighter option to enjoy something similar to chips.
- If your kids are wanting something sweet, the Kellogflgs Golden Joy LCM bars, are reasonably low in sugar but still taste great!
Sponsorship Child

Please help us reach our goal of $600 to help our sponsor child. Our total funds raised so far is $250.10. We appreciate your help!

$600

Students of the Week

**Prep/Year 1 Class Awards**

**Eric Tu:** For writing a great story called ‘Who sank the submarine?’ for including interesting characters and thoughtful describing words.

**Chloe Crisp:** For filling up the ‘buckets’ of students in class by showing care, kindness and forgiveness towards others.

**Year 2/3 Class Awards**

**Troye McBride:** For excellent work with persuasives and for helping other students when he sees they need help. Keep up the great work Troye!

**Charlotte Paech:** For working quietly and producing neat work and for being a friendly class member. Well done Charlotte!

**Year 4/5/6 Class Awards**

**Rourkey Croot:** For showing great responsibility in reminding smaller children about out of bounds areas in the playground. Well done Rourkey!

**Charles Hassall:** For doing a great job of managing his time with our Mother’s Day tasks, completing everything. Great to see Charles!

Mother’s Day Chapel
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.
Nhill Lutheran Parish warmly invites all school families to come and celebrate with us God’s love and grace to us in his precious gift of baptism. Please come and join us for:

استعراض
- A special service of thanksgiving, celebration, and blessing
- The Worship Blocks ‘grand reveal’
- Catered celebration lunch
- Baptismal memento display & photo wall (Bring any photos of your baptism you may have, framed or otherwise, and any other mementos of your baptism you may have)
- A special gift to families with children baptised in the past 24 months and resources to support and equip all families in celebrating baptism and teaching its meaning at home in an easy, practical and FUN way!

Please RSVP by May 20 to advise numbers attending and any dietary requirements by completing the form below. Lunch is $13/head and $3/child (please bring payment on the day).

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Faith for life building for tomorrow begins today
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

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