



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

AUG	Tuesday 16th	Kinder Visit 10.45am - 11.45pm
	Friday 19th	Pupil Free Day
	Monday 22nd - Friday 26th	Book Week/Book Fair
SEP	Friday 2nd	Father's Day Football Match - Footy Colours Day
	Thursday 15th	School concert @ 7pm
	Friday 16th	Last Day of Term 3

From the Principal

Last Friday, our students participated in our annual Athletic Sport's Day. I was so impressed with how every student had a go, encouraged others and showed determination. It was also wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and friends come along and cheer the students in their races. In particular, I would like to thank Mr Pritchard for all his hard work in organising the sports and getting the students skilled in athletic events during sport lessons. Thank you also to all parents who helped with the line marking, preparations for the day, running events and packing up at the end of the day. Thank you also to the Nhill Tennis Club for the lend of the line marking machine and to the P&F who provided a delicious fruit recess for all the students. It certainly is a team effort getting

special days like the Athletics organised, and we sincerely thank everyone who helped make the day such a success! Congratulations to Mallee team who won the shield and to Cory Koop and Chloe Zanker for winning the overall boy and girl championship trophies.

Our mini farm is one area of our learning landscapes in the playground. Lately, we have been very blessed to have a beautiful fence donated which completes our mini farm enclosure. We also welcome 'Jerry' as a new addition. Jerry is a miniature goat and he is getting plenty of attention and cuddles. Thank you so much to Steve and Bron Zanker for their ongoing support with our mini farm.

Congratulations to our Hockey 7s team who had an outstanding day of competition last Thursday at Dimboola. Thank you so much to Mr Pritchard for organising this fantastic opportunity for our students and to Mr Croot for umpiring on the day.

This week our senior students continue with delivering Meals on Wheels in the Nhill community. We value opportunities where we can serve others. Currently, the senior students are finding examples of servant hood and random acts of kindness in the community. It is interesting that newspapers do have examples but they are well hidden and often do not appear on the front page!

We still have some very exciting events coming up this term. Next Tuesday we welcome the Kindergarten students and their parents for a visit and tour of the school. On Friday, 19th of August, students are not required at school for the day as staff are attending a Lutheran Conference. All students are invited to attend a session with Fiona Skene about resilience at the Nhill College on Monday, 22nd August, and on Wednesday 24th of August, we have our Book Week Parade beginning at 9.30am.

With Christ, Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

PUSH TO THE FINISH

After seeing a disabled child watching a marathon from the sidelines in his wheelchair, Andrew McMahon wanted to help children with disabilities experience the thrill of being able to participate in races. So a few years ago he founded the 'Push to the finish' organisation in America. Experienced marathon runners like Charles Stoddard volunteer to be the children's legs as they push them in jogging strollers at various events. The children are the registered participants, wear the bib numbers and take home the medals, while the runners race anonymously. 'Push to the Finish' has helped more than 75 children cross the finish line at 42 races. Many of the children are unable to speak, but most grin excitedly as they take off and a few shout: "Faster! Go faster!" Charles explains: "When we pass each other, we cheer on the child, not each other."

Sunday's reading from Hebrews 11:29-12:2 calls us to "run with perseverance the race marked out for us"—a metaphor for encouraging us to persevere in the Christian faith. The writer gives a list of real life men and women who God used in the past to bring about his plan of salvation—those who God rescued from slavery in Egypt by parting the Red Sea, those who marched around Jericho and on the seventh day gave a loud shout and the walls fell, thereby entering the land God had promised to them and other key people instrumental throughout the Old Testament including Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets. They are pictured as a crowd of spectators cheering us on: "...since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses" the writer to the Hebrews says, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."

The people mentioned in this list were ordinary everyday people with the same struggles that we have. The Israelites who were rescued through the Red Sea grumbled against Moses and Aaron, put the LORD to the test,

and when they did enter the Promised Land they broke the commandments before Moses had even come down Mount Sinai. Rahab, a prostitute, seems an unlikely candidate for a gallery of saints. King David slept with Bathsheba, then had her husband murdered. Gideon repeatedly doubted, focusing on what he couldn't see instead of God's promise.

It was God who rescued his people and stuck with them time and time again when they failed. It was God who gave strength, who was mighty in battle, who routed the enemy, who brought life from death. That's good news for us, for it is when we are weak, even unable to compete, that Jesus is like Charles Stoddard; he pushes us when we are able to compete ourselves. It is Jesus who is the author of our faith and the one who will perfect it and bring us to the end goal of our faith—life with God in heaven forever. He has already crossed the finish line for us, by living perfectly for us, completely trusting his Father's will for us, dying in our place and rising again, now seated at the right hand of God.

Pastor Tim

Chapel



Chapel will be held at 9am this week in the Multi-Purpose Room. Chapel will be run by a group of senior students. Parents and friends are welcome to stay and join us for morning tea.

Worship News

Please see below for this week's church service times;

Nhill: 9am

Woorak: 11am

Church Office: 5391 1223



Prayer of the Week

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

- ◆ Paw Blu Moo and her family

School Event News

Reading Challenge

A reminder to students who registered to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge to continue making a list of the books they have read, and strive to achieve the challenge. A list of the challenge books can be found at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx>.

CHALK & Parent Direct Fundraising

In Term 3 each year the School receives fundraising catalogues from companies that we purchase supplies from. The catalogues have been sent home this week and contain various different learning and fun toys that are a great idea for Christmas or Birthday presents. Parents have the opportunity to purchase the products by filling out the order form and returning it to the School. If you have any questions or require extra catalogues for family or friends, please see Miss Keller. Twenty cents of every dollar you spend will be donated back to our School to spend on educational resources.



Book Fair

This year the School will again be holding the Book Fair. The Book Fair will run from Monday 22nd August - Friday 26th August and will be open daily from 8.30am-4pm. We will also be holding a Book Fair Parade on Wednesday 24th at 9.30am, where the Kinder children will also be joining us.

Magazine Sponsors

This year we are seeking sponsors for our School Magazine which will be published and given out to families at the end of the year. We are trying to reduce the cost of the magazines, and if you or a business would be interested in sponsoring the magazine please let us know. The magazine will include a sponsors page which can be used to promote your business. For further information and examples of layouts please contact the front office on 5391 2144 or email admin@nhills.vic.edu.au. This opportunity is open for all businesses.

Uniform

There is a Size 4 new school jumper in the front office that has been picked up, and is unnamed. We ask that everyone please names their uniform.

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.

July/August 2016

Michael Koop, Tim Ebbs, Peter Bone, Adam Clark



For Sale

The SRC is currently selling eggs. The eggs are \$4 per dozen, and can be purchased at the front office. Currently we have 6 dozen for sale, so be quick to order!



Walk To School

The Walk to School month is coming up and will again be held in October this year. Our school will be participating, and there will be a few changes to the program this year, which we will be announcing as the month gets closer. It would be wonderful to see as many students as possible participate and try and walk to school as often as possible. Remember walking to the bus stop also counts as walking to school!



Get 'em Going

Get 'em Going is on again next Tuesday 16th August 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.)



Sports News

A huge thank you to all the parents that helped at the Athletics on Friday. The day couldn't have been a success without your help. Well done to all the students for participating and giving everything a go. Congratulations to Cory Koop and Chloe Zanker who were the School Champions in a very close competition. Notes have been sent out to those students who have qualified to compete at Warracknabeal on Tuesday 6th September.



Writing Competition



The Wimmera Regional Library Corporation is running a Writing Competitions for Adults, Secondary Students and Primary Students. The aim is to encourage people of all ages to write and develop their skills in the art of writing. This year there will be no theme so let your imagination run wild! The Library allows multiple entries which may be in more than one category. The writer's identity is withheld from the judges meaning, one writer may receive more than one award.

Prizes are as follows:

Adults:

1st: \$300 **2nd:** \$200 **3rd:** \$100

Secondary Students

1st: \$200 **2nd:** \$150 **3rd:** \$100

Primary Students (4-6)

1st: \$40 **2nd:** \$30 **3rd:** \$20

Primary Students (P-3)

1st: \$30 **2nd:** \$20 **3rd:** \$10

Entries must be submitted by Friday 9th September to any WRLC branch libraries. For further information and entry forms please contact the front office.

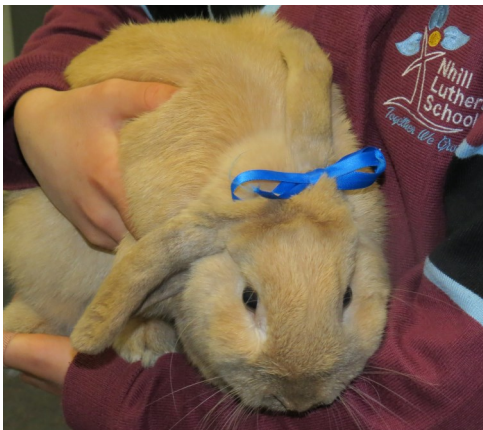
Sponsorship Child

Our total funds raised so far is \$339.40. We appreciate your help! Wakiamong Pawang will be turning 12 in the next couple of weeks. We wish him a safe and Happy Birthday!



Mini Farm Update

A very big welcome to 'Jerry' our new school pet. Jerry is a miniature goat, and we are very lucky to have him at the school. Jerry has received so much love and care from the students, which has helped him settle in nicely. Thank you to Steve and Bron Zanker for bringing him in for our mini farm!



Peter rabbit has also been receiving some love, with the students placing a bow on his head!



Hockey 7s Report

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sharnee Ross and Anthony Speakman on the safe arrival of Zara on Wednesday 10th August. Zara is a sister to Jayden in Prep.



Last Thursday 11, of our students went to compete at Hockey 7s at Dimboola. This was where schools from across the Little Desert Division and Greater Western Region areas came to play against each other. Our first game against Kaniva ended up with a win of 2-0 at full time, our second game was against Gorokey, at the end of the game we had a score of 3-0 putting us in the finals. We had 2 hours until our last game against the school that won last year, so we had a chance to look at their defences and attack. Our game was against Balmoral, at halftime we had a score of 0-2 making us having to get 3 more goals to win. At full time the score was still 0-2 making having us have one loss. All the students who participated played very well. They were Lance, Charles, Caleb, Sidney, Kendra, Alison, Cory, Matthew and Hayden and we gave a big thanks to Mr. Pritchard for driving the bus and Mr. Croot for umpiring.



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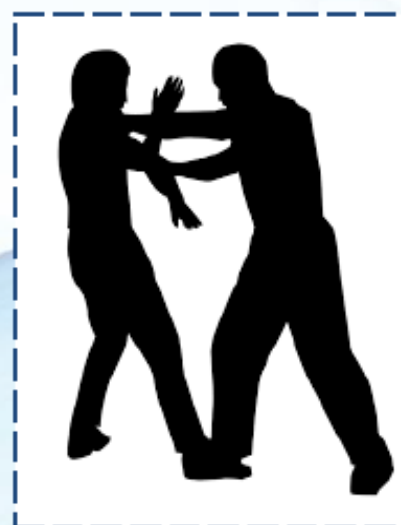
Nhill Learning Centre

Learning together

WISE Self Defence Class

- ✓ Safe and friendly class
- ✓ Empowering techniques
- ✓ Skilled instructor
- ✓ Excellent for men
- ✓ Perfect for women
- ✓ Open to people of all abilities

Date: Monday 22nd August
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: St. Pats Hall, Leahy St
Cost: \$10.00 per person



Limited places available
Bookings by phoning 53912196



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WHEN: Sunday 21st August, 2016

TIME: 2PM

COST: Entry by Donation

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DEVONSHIRE TEA - \$5.00

proceeds also being donated.

Simone is now well on the road to recovery and is ready to share her story and to raise awareness as an advocate for the White Ribbon Foundation. We are lucky enough to have her come to share it with us.

#WhiteRibbon #Standup #Speakout #Staystrong



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Simone Brien
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