Next week we celebrate Book Week and the theme is ‘Australia – Story Country’. There will be many exciting activities happening particularly on Wednesday, the 24th of August. We are very grateful to the National Australia Bank for sponsoring and organising a free breakfast on Wednesday for all students and families. There will be a Book Fair in the library and the Book Week Parade will be in the multipurpose room at 9.30am. The Kinder children will also be participating in our parade and we look forward to all students dressing up as a book character.

The students are all working hard preparing for our School Concert on Thursday, 15th of September beginning at 7pm. This year, the concert will be held at our school and everyone is invited to attend. The theme for this year is ‘Australia through time’ and it will certainly be an evening not to be missed. Come along and meet Albert Jacka, Phar Lap, some convicts, a bushranger or two and many other Australians who have contributed to our amazing history.

In May, our Year 3 and 5 students completed the NAPLAN tests (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy). The school has now received these results and parents are able to collect their child’s report from the classroom teacher. We encourage parents to discuss their child’s results with the classroom teacher so that successes are celebrated and areas that need improvement are addressed. We remind parents that NAPLAN is one part of our assessment schedule at school and results should be consistent with other data collected.

Tomorrow, staff will be travelling to Portland for a Lutheran Western Hub Conference. There will be no school for the students.

With Christ,

Tara Pritchard
NOTE OF PERMISSION

“…you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven” (Hebrews 12:22-23).

You might remember from your own school days your teacher telling you: “If you are unable to come to school you need a note from your Mum or Dad giving you permission to stay home”.

A simple piece of paper with a few words scrawled on it, signed by you, the parent, carries authority. The written words are as if you yourself are present, requesting that a certain action be done—therefore your words make what you request actually happen. It’s the same in other areas of our lives. If you move, you write a letter and sign it to inform that your mail now needs to be redirected to your new address. If you wish to organise legal affairs, you fill out a form and sign it. Your words and signature carry your authority to make things happen.

The Bible, God’s written Word to us, has authority because it is inspired by him and because it points to and proclaims Jesus as the Saviour of the world. The central and foundational belief of the Lutheran Church is that the Bible is God’s inerrant and authoritative word for all matters of doctrine and practice. Jesus himself repeatedly appealed to the authority of Scripture when human reason and feelings would have seemed to make perfect sense. For example, when he was tempted by the devil in the wilderness, he answered: “It is written…” (Matthew 4:4-10).

One of the readings in the church for Sunday, the letter to the Hebrews, also speaks about this. It addresses all those who trust in Jesus as the Saviour of the world: “You have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

The certainty of life with God does not depend on how you feel, or how good a life you’ve lived. It depends on God’s authority. What he says. And he promises in his word that whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. It is not God’s hope, or a vain wish that will change like social opinions or fads. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, and their names are written in heaven.

With God there’s no dodgy fine print or conditional contracts. Christ has made the payment for all of our sins. His written Word is the authority that tells us so. For all those who trust in his shed blood for forgiveness and righteousness, he has written their names in heaven, like a receipt proving that you belong to him.

Pastor Tim

Chapel

There will be no Chapel this week, due to the Pupil Free Day.

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........

♦ Lydia and Charlotte Paech and their family

Sponsorship Child

Our total funds raised so far is $339.40. We appreciate your help! Due to Waixakong’s birthday approaching the children have all signed a beautiful card for him, and sent him a letter.
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](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!

Book Week Activities
Next week is Book Week, and on Wednesday we will be celebrating with many activities. We will begin the day with a whole school breakfast between 8-9am for all students, parents and family. We invite you all to come along have some breakfast, and then have a wander through the Book Fair. At 9.30am the Kinder students will be visiting and we will be having our Book Week Parade. All students are invited to dress up according to our theme of ‘Australia—Story Country’. Parents and family are welcome to attend the parade which will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room.
Get ‘em Going

Get ‘em Going is on again next Tuesday 23rd 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.)

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.

Student of the Week

**Caleb Zanker:** For doing a great job of interpreting and explaining our famous people parent responses data. Top job Caleb!

**Isaac Pohner:** For doing a great job of his Weary ballad and researching answers for his concert questions. Keep up the great work Isaac!

**Lanie Clark:** For always being a happy and helpful member of class, and for working really hard on her ‘classrooms then and now’ items for concert. Great work Lanie!

**Oliver Bone:** For doing a great job on this weeks spelling test, and for making good learning choices in class this week. Keep up the great work Oliver!

**Chloe Zanker:** For excellent commitment to her learning and for producing her work to an excellent standard. Also for being a helpful and friendly member of our class.

**Charlotte Paech:** For working very hard to listen to instructions and for completing her on time and taking care with her presentation.

Sheep Manure

Earlier this term, the Year 4/5/6 class went out and bagged sheep manure. The students now have sheep manure for sale at $3 per bag, with all the money raised going towards our Orphanage School in Myanmar. If you wish to purchase a bag, please see the front office or Quentin Pritchard.
**Classroom Teaching Position**

Nhill Lutheran School

Nhill Lutheran School is one of a network of 86 primary and secondary schools operated by the Lutheran Church in Australia. Lutheran schools are recognised in Australia for their provision of quality education. Nhill Lutheran School prides itself on its school culture that reflects strong Christian values and high academic student achievement. The school currently has an enrolment of 52 students ranging from Prep to Year 6. The curriculum taught follows the same guidelines as Government schools. The staff in 2016 includes a principal, school pastor, four classroom teachers and a front office secretary.

**Classroom Teacher**

Nhill Lutheran School is seeking an applicant for a passionate, innovative and experienced teacher keen to work in its Junior School class. The successful applicant will demonstrate enthusiasm and creativity in their daily work as a classroom teacher, fostering an environment where students are fully engaged in their learning. A desire to work as part of a Professional Learning Community will be highly valued. The successful applicant should be willing to support the Christian ethos of the School and be part of a team of professionals committed to excellence in education.

If you would like a copy of the Job Description, please phone (03) 5391 2144 or email admin@nhills.vic.edu.au with the subject line of ‘Classroom Teacher Position.’

**Applications close: 29/08/2016**

**Position Commences: 23/01/2017**

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**Kinder Visits**

On Tuesday, the Kindergarten children, staff and parents visited our school as part of the transition program. Children had a tour of the school, planted vegetable seedlings, met the animals in the mini farm and participated in PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) activities. It was wonderful to see the children use such beautiful manners and we saw lots of smiling faces. If any parents would like to know more about our Curriculum, programs and facilities, we are offering the opportunity to make a personal appointment to come and meet with Tara, the Principal, who will answer any queries or questions. Please contact the front office to make a booking. This year our Pre-Foundation program begins next term on Friday 21st of October for any students enrolled in our Foundation Class for 2017. There will be an Information session on Wednesday, November 16th for parents to learn more about the Foundation year at our school.

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**‘The Super Student Award’**

**Zoa Mock**

For helping around the school, assisting other students and working well in class.
Free Family Fun Day
Sun 28 Aug 12 - 4pm Sawyer Park

Food
Crafts
Animals
Rides
Prizes
7 x Instax Packs

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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.

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