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From the Principal

Congratulations to those students who represented our School and competed in the WWSSA Athletics Sports on Tuesday at Warracknabeal. This year we had 23 students make it to this next level to compete and all students achieved outstanding results. We had 5 students achieve a first placing, 8 students achieve a second and 7 students achieve a third place in their event, as well as many other great efforts. Thank you so much to all parents who went along to support and encourage the students in their events. Thank you also to Mr Pritchard for organising the students and help co-ordinate events on the day. Again, it was great to see so many of our students succeed in their athletic endeavours and also display excellent behaviour. The students who will now be eligible for the next level are: Caleb Zanker, Lance McBride, Cory Koop, Racquel Deckert, Chlo Zanker, Matthew Reichelt, and Alison Miller.

Last week, Mrs Ann Rohde spoke to the students about Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of Samaritan’s Purse bringing God’s hope and joy to children in desperate situations, who have probably never received a gift before. Samaritan’s Purse then arranges for these boxes to be hand-delivered to children in remote villages, slums and towns in the developing world. Last year, 342,814 shoeboxes were filled with things that light up the world of a child in poverty and sent to children in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific. This year, each class will be filling up two shoeboxes and students are encouraged to bring something to contribute to their class box. If students do decide to pack their own shoebox, please make sure that the shoeboxes are back at school by Friday, 7th of October as they will be collected for delivery. Every student has received a pamphlet explaining how to pack a shoebox and further information can accessed at samaritanspurse.org.au

Next Thursday, the 15th of September is our School Concert beginning at 7pm, with a gold coin donation at the door. We encourage all parents, grandparents and friends in the community to attend this fantastic evening.

With Christ, Tara Pritchard

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:
Zoa Mock: Saturday 10th September
Aleera Hollis: Tuesday 13th September

Congratulations

Congratulations to Shilah Hiscock, Alison Miller, Kendra Clark, Freya Colbert, Troye McBride, Adeline Pritchard, Archie Zanker, Nathan and Joshua Ebbs who have all completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Remember to get your lists to Miss Keller by the 9th September so she can verify all your books.
Devotional Thought

Not long after we were married I was hanging some washing out when my wedding ring slipped off my finger and fell in the long grass. Not too concerned at this stage, I knelt down and started searching, assuming I would find my ring in the next few minutes. As the hours ticked by, I became increasingly anxious, because it was important to me to find my ring! Three hours later, parting the long grass with my hands, and with my nose to the ground, I found it. I can remember being thankful that we had an enclosed back yard—because I must have looked quite a sight with my backside in the air, nose to the ground, parting the grass with my hands, and mumbling “Help me God! Help me God!” When I found it I was so overjoyed!

We all know what it’s like to lose something valuable—wallet, keys, wedding ring, money, important documents—whatever it might be, we search and search and when we find it, isn’t there great joy and relief! In Sunday’s gospel from Luke 15 Jesus tells a parable about searching for something lost. He says: “Suppose a women has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?”

The ten coins represents this woman’s life savings. One of them would be incredibly significant amount of money, one which we would all turn the house upside down to find! The woman is the central figure in the parable. She searches for the coin because it belongs to her, and she searches until it is found. This character represents Jesus. He is the Messiah who comes to seek and save the lost sheep of Israel. He is to be seen as the woman, lighting the lamp, sweeping the house carefully to make the coin tinkle on the stone floor, so that it can be heard and seen and found.

Jesus’ parables use earthly realities to show us how God works in his grace. The initial audience of Jesus’ parable are the Pharisees who grumble about Jesus welcoming sinners into his presence. They think that if Jesus were really God, he would not make himself ritually unclean by associating with them. But the Pharisees have not understood. Everybody needs God’s grace! Those who recognise that they are unrighteous and helpless to help themselves and see their only hope in Jesus’ good works are right with God. They are the ones Jesus welcomes. It has to be that way, for salvation is through faith, not by achievement. Ironically it is the Pharisees who are lost for they trust in their own works to earn God’s forgiveness and favour, instead of realising that Jesus has already done that for the whole world.

The woman in the parable is a picture of how God seeks us out. God went to much greater lengths than we do when we lose something precious. He sought us out when he came down to earth in the person of Jesus, who lived perfectly for us and gave his own life on the cross. Where are you in the ‘lost and found’ department? Jesus concludes his parable with the promise: “And when [the woman finds the lost coin], she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Pastor Tim

Chapel

Chapel this week will be held in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am. It will be run by a group of senior students. Parents and friends are invited to join us.

Worship News

Please see below for this week’s church service times;
Nhll: 9am
Woorak: 11 am
Church Office: 5391 1223

Prayer of the Week

Each week we pray for someone in our School Community. This week we pray for........
♦ Isaac and Giana and their family

Sponsorship Child

Our total funds raised so far is $373.00. We appreciate your help!
CHALK & Parent Direct
Fundraising
In Term 3 each year the School receives fundraising catalogues from companies that we purchase supplies from. Catalogues are available from the front office and have also been sent home with students 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.

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.

School Photos
If any parents would like a copy of the House Captains or School Captains photos orders can now be placed at the front office. The photos will be 8x10 and are $20 each. Please place your order as soon as possible.

Bus Notices
If your child is a regular bus traveller and is not going to be going home on the bus you must notify the school by 3pm. If the school is not notified the word of the students will not be taken and they will be sent home on the bus as usual. The school also needs to be notified if your child is not returning to school after athletic days, appointments etc.

Missing
Charlotte Paech has lost a Size 8 light pink coat with gold buttons and a hood. It is a Target brand, and it went missing after Book Week Parade. If found please contact the front office.

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. Thank you for your help.

September/October 2016
Paul Drendel, Paul Schubert, Daniel Paech, Jason Deckert

NAPLAN Results
Just a reminder to parents who have students in Year 3 or 5 to please come in and receive their child’s NAPLAN results. Parents can also make a time to discuss the results with the classroom teacher. Please make an appointment at the front office.

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.

Concert
All students should have informed parents of what costume requirements are for this years concert. Letters have been sent out to parents in the Foundation/Year 1 class. If you are having trouble with costumes ideas or sourcing costumes, please contact the school so we can assist. The Year 2/3/4/5/6 should be practising their responses to their questions.
Asthma Week 2016

School Holiday Activities

WWSSA Athletics

On Tuesday the 7th of September around 20 students from Nhill Lutheran School went to Warracknabeal to compete in the Athletics. The weather was magnificent and everyone put in their best effort. We did a great job winning 5 firsts, 8 seconds and 7 thirds. Alison, Mathew, Lance, Racquel and Caleb all got a first or seconds and are now eligible to compete in Horsham. Every one did a fantastic job and should be proud of their efforts.

SRC News

The SRC are now selling flavoured SIPPAH milks during lunchtime every day. They will be available for $2 each. We ask that if students wish to purchase flavoured milk they please place the money in a separate envelope to their lunch orders.

Father’s Day Football Match

For asthma information and support call 1800 ASTHMA Helpline (1800 278 462) or visit www.asthmaaustralia.org.au

Asthma Week 1–7 September

School Holiday Activities

Holiday Bible Adventure for Primary School Students

GO FOR GOL

Gospel presentations using puppets; Games; Crafts; Songs
Monday 19th September – 9.30am - 3.30pm
Jeparit Lutheran Church Hall
Morning tea, Lunch & Afternoon tea provided

For More Information
Michelle Pipkorn ~0408018202
Jan Reichenbach ~ 0407508181
Lyall Morris (Missions and Holiday Clubs Coordinator) from OAC will be in attendance

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/116Vt6evWdVdp1SU3vXcV1AkbagmcjDR6QL_h2uF60J8/edit
Proudly presented to you by the Hindmarsh Shire Council. Event details are as follows:

**Where:** Nhill Memorial Community Centre

**When:** Wednesday 19th October @ 11am

**Cost:** Gold coin donation with a light lunch to follow

Buses will depart from the Shire Customer Service Offices at following times:

- **Rainbow:** 9.30am
- **Jeparit & Dimboola:** 10am
**JUNIOR TENNIS**

Junior tennis will begin next term with competition starting at 9am each Saturday for students aged between 9 and 17. Teams will be created and the fixture will be finalised over the holidays. Please have names in Monday 19th of September.

**FREE TENNIS COACHING**

Tennis coaching will be held on Monday afternoons in term 4. Starting on Monday 10th October and continuing for 10 weeks until Monday 12th December 2016. Beginners from 3:30pm – 4:15pm. All other juniors from 4pm – 6pm for coaching and match practice.

**SENIOR TENNIS**

New & old players welcome!!

Senior tennis will again be held on Saturday afternoons, please let Rae Kennedy or Helen Cannell know if you are interested in playing this year. Twilight will also be on offer later in the year, the day to be confirmed.

**JUNIOR HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

There will be a junior holiday program with a Melbourne coach coming to Horsham’s Central Park Tennis Club and Nhill Lawn Tennis Club. Horsham dates are 20th & 21st September and he will be in Nhill on the 22nd September. Flexible classes that cater for all ages are provided. Please see attached enrolment forms for more details. Please book early with Rae Kennedy to ensure the course goes ahead.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook to ensure you get all the upcoming events. 
[https://www.facebook.com/nhilllawntennisclub/?ref=page_internal](https://www.facebook.com/nhilllawntennisclub/?ref=page_internal)

For more information please contact Rae Kennedy 0429913212 or Helen Cannall 0419829272
The West Wimmera Cricket Association would like to invite you to our junior camp for 2016. This will be a great opportunity for you to improve and develop your skills for the upcoming season with the help of some of the best cricket coaches available. The group of Cricket Victoria coaches will help mentor and develop your cricket skills.

**When:** Wednesday the 21st of September 0930 to 1600 and 22nd of September 0930 to 1400.

**Where:** Davis Park, Davis Avenue, Nhill

**Cost:** $40.00 this will include a BBQ lunch and drinks on the Wednesday and Thursday. The payment will be taken on the day of the camp.

**RSVP:** Wednesday 14th of September to avoid disappointment.

**Skills:** This is a two-day intensive camp where players can develop their cricket skills under the supervision of Victorian coaches. This camp is directed at juniors between the ages of 10 and 16 years who would like to improve their game.

**Girls:** This year again all girls who would like to attend are welcome regardless of their skill level as there will be a female coach dedicated to the girls.

**Coaches:** Level 1 coaches and experienced coaches, it would be appreciated if you have time to attend to assist the Cricket Victoria coaches. This could be an opportunity to pick up some new skills and drills.

**Camp Mums and Dads:** We cannot run the camp without your assistance no matter how small. This will also give you the opportunity to meet other cricketing parents.

**Food:** Food and drinks will be supplied but it would be appreciated if players attending would please bring a slice/cake for the afternoon tea on the Wednesday.

**Privacy:** The personal information will be stored and used by the WWCA and may be passed onto the Regional pathway selectors. It will then be kept for administration purposes. It will not be given to any third party or used for any other purpose.

Please fill out the attached enrolment form.

#All enquiries to Trevor James on 5391 3462 or 0439594793.

Or email me at westwimmca@gmail.com

**Registration Forms are available from Miss Keller at the front office.**
NHILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL PRESENTS

AUSTRALIA THROUGH TIME

THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Multi Purpose Room
7pm Sharp
Gold Coin Donation Entry

WANTED

NED KELLY
£2000!! REWARD

Samuel B. Oakes