



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

NOV	Friday 4th	Pre-Prep Program
	Wednesday 9th	Kinder Visit 9am-3.15pm
	Friday 11th	P&F Family Movie Night @6pm
	Friday 11th	Pre-Prep Program
	Wednesday 16th	Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair
	Friday 18th	Pre-Prep Program
	Friday 25th	Pre-Prep Program
DEC	Friday 9th	Last Day Term 4

Birthdays

We wish Liam Dickinson a very Happy Birthday for Wednesday 9th November.



From the Principal

Next year's Foundation students have been attending transition days and the Pre-Foundation program. We are so impressed with the way they are settling into school routines and participating in a range of curriculum activities. Last week they worked with their school buddy and got to feed two baby goats in the mini farm.

At present, staff are assessing students ready for report writing. If there are any major concerns about learning achievements, teachers will contact parents. Many parents appreciate the opportunity to view work via the Seesaw app and do not require a three way conference. If you would still prefer a three way conference, please make an appointment via the front office for Tuesday, 6th of December.

Nhill Lutheran School has a number of scholarships, bursaries and offers of fee assistance to help support our families in educating their children. They are also designed to encourage academic excellence and promote a high standard of achievement. Please take time to read this information located in the newsletter.

We value opportunities to develop leadership qualities and provide a variety of ways to foster and encourage students to serve others. Our current Year 5 students are writing and preparing their Leadership speeches which will be presented to the school community on Friday, 25th of November at 2.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

We are very impressed with the calibre and excellent qualities of our upcoming senior students for 2017. From the current Year 5 cohort, there will be a Girl School Captain, Girl Vice Captain, Boy School Captain and Boy Vice Captain selected. It is important that all students and parents are aware of the selection process for School Captains and Leadership positions. The selection process for School Captain and Vice Captain positions in 2017 will have two parts which are as follows:

1. All students in Year 5 will present a speech to the school community outlining their attributes and how they will contribute if elected as School Captain. All students will vote for their preferred leader after hearing the leadership speeches.
2. Every Year 5 student will then have an interview with staff as a whole to talk about how they envisage the role and outline their ideas and thoughts about being a leader. They will also answer any questions staff may have. The staff and Principal will make the final decision based on the outcome of the speeches and interviews. The leadership positions will be announced at the end of year Graduation Service.

Yours with Christ, Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

FLYING THE COOP OR COMING HOME?

About ten years ago we had a budgie called Bluey. We kept him in a cage in our dining room and during the day we'd put him outside on a stool to get some fresh air. One morning we opened the curtains to the back door to find bluey's cage in pieces on the door mat. I immediately realised that I forgot to bring him in the night before. The wind, or a cat must have knocked the cage off of the stool, and it broke open. There was seed and feathers everywhere. And there was bluey. Outside of the cage. Having an alfresco breakfast on the terrace! I knew that the minute I'd open the door, Bluey would fly off. And he did. Straight into a huge tree in the car park. Short of a cherry picker, there was no way we could reach him. Bluey was seemingly free. But we knew that a budgie domesticated over many years would not survive long in the big wide world by himself, particularly with a host of stray cats about. We ran out to the car park calling him: "Bluey...Bluey." He chirped and chortled a proud affirmation of his independence. Bluey wasn't coming home any time soon. He was staying in that tree. We brought seed heaped up on saucers; some of those special Trill bell shaped budgie treats, but still he wouldn't come. We had the food he needed. We had his home where he would be safe. We loved him. We called him. But he didn't come.

What Bluey saw as freedom wasn't really freedom at all. It's like that for us too. The Western world sees rules and boundaries as restrictive. We cherish independence rather than inter-dependence. We distrust institutions and trust our hearts and minds instead as if we really do know all things. We live in a world that says each person should be the final judge of truth—even about who God is. But this only traps us to the idea that we are, somehow, the centre of our world.

In 1517 the Augustinian monk, Martin Luther, struggled with questions like these. How can I know a loving God? Where can *real* comfort for a guilty conscience be found?

How can I begin to live a Christian life, and when I fail to do so, is it possible to begin again? Then he discovered the Gospel—that true freedom is found in Christ and his life, death and resurrection, because that is exactly how God has *already* made us right with him and it's received personally through faith. Seeing that even the church itself was obscuring and even letting go of Jesus' words, and holding to a whole host of new teachings of their own making which taught that salvation and forgiveness could be earned by doing certain things, or bought with money, Luther and others set about reforming the church, because the people so desperately looking for hope found only despair. Last week we commemorated the anniversary of that monumental event.

Jesus said: *"If you hold to my teaching you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free"* (John 8:31-32). Like we called Bluey, God calls us through Jesus' words. We can listen to God, or fly off on our own course. But when we hear in our hearts God's law which demands perfect obedience in thought word and deed, may we understand how much we need to hear the sweet and comforting sound of the gospel which urges us to no longer look to ourselves and what lies within us, but to open our ears and to hear Jesus only, and to continue in his word which alone can make us free.

Pastor Tim

Chapel



Chapel this week will be held in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am. It will be ran by Pastor Tim. Parents and friends are invited to join us.

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.....

- ◆ Stella Schnaars and her family

School Event News

Bursaries

If you wish to apply for a bursary for 2017, forms are available from the front office. Please see Miss Keller for a form. They are due back by Friday 2nd December. Please see the back page for further information.

Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for some volunteers to assist with the Library Stocktake at the end of the term. It involves all library books being scanned into our system and being accounted for. The school also purchased some new books, which we require to be covered. If you are interested in helping or require more information please contact the front office.

Library Books

Due to the end of year stocktake fast approaching we require all library books to be returned by Friday 25th November.



Child Safe

At Nhill Lutheran School we are a child safe school. We make sure that every child can feel safe.

Mosquito Repellent

Due to the large number of mosquitoes around this year, the school has purchased repellent for the students to apply at recess and lunch times.

P & F News

The Parents and Friends Association are running a PJ Family Movie Night on Friday 11th November. BBQ tea and drinks will be available for purchase from 6pm, with the movie to commence at 7pm. For only a gold coin donation you will receive free popcorn upon entry.



Sponsorship Child

Our total funds raised so far is \$468.65 We appreciate your help!



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

Simon Mock, Frank Crisp, Wayne Bandel

Non Perishable Goods Needed

We are now collecting non perishable items to donate to people in need in our community. The box is located at the front office and we would appreciate any kind of donation.

Sheep Manure

The 4/5/6 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.

Get 'em Going

Get 'em Going has begun again! Come along next Tuesday 8th November 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.)

2017 Bursaries, Scholarships and Fees Information

Scholarships

The Nhill Lutheran Parents and Friends Association will be offering two scholarships in 2017 that will be determined by the staff. Students do not have to register their interest in the Academic Scholarships as all students will be eligible for consideration. The scholarships will apply to students who demonstrate excellence in academics, display excellent attitude and behaviour, and consistently strive for a high standard of work. Both of these scholarships are to the value of \$300 each and recipients will be announced at the end of year Graduation Service.



Bursaries

Fee assistance is available to current families who may be experiencing financial hardship. Families requiring assistance are asked to contact the office for a fee assistance form which outlines the procedures to follow in order to request assistance. All requests are treated as confidential and will be left to the discretion of the Principal.

Families will be notified at the start of the year if they have been successful in securing a bursary. We realise that financial situations do change and fluctuate and therefore, bursaries are reviewed and offered on an annual basis.

Fee assistance

Students who are enrolled in Prep (Foundation) level automatically receive a remission in the first term tuition fee. Please note however the once off composite fee will still be charged.

Maureen Reichelt Memorial Trophy

The Maureen Reichelt memorial trophy is a prestigious award presented to one girl and one boy from any year level within the school. The awards will be presented at the end of year graduation service. The citizenship qualities that will be considered in making the selection include;

1. Students who are well mannered, courteous, co-operative.
2. Show respect for both teachers and other students and is highly respected within the school.
3. Readily accepts responsibility and leadership within the School.
4. Applies him/herself diligently to study.
5. Readily participates in School activities.
6. Is an ambassador for the School in the community.
7. Volunteer and extracurricular activities are also taken into account.

In the Spirit of Lions Award

The Lions Club of Nhill will be recognising one student with an award this year who best embodies the Lions motto of "Where there is a need, there is a Lion". The award will be chosen by the staff and although it is similar to a Citizenship award, it recognizes a student who shows humanity and servant hood. The award will be presented at the end of year graduation service.

If you have any questions or require further assistance with applications please contact the front office, and we will endeavour to assist.

Year 7 Info Night Reminder

Nhill College Year 7 Parent/Guardian Information Evening 8th of November 2016

The information session will start in the Staff Common Room (7.00 to 8.00 pm) where the School Handbook, Year Seven Material, and enrolment forms will be made available. Families will then be given information about the organisation of the Secondary School so they too may become familiar with the procedures of the College. The School Uniform will be on display for the Information evening. Parents intending to purchase a school uniform for 2017 are invited to contact Mrs Zimmermann during school hours at the office. A tour of the College grounds will occur after the information session for interested parents.

Students of the Week

Liam Dickinson: For working well during reading groups and for his effort in the subtraction tasks during Maths. Great effort Liam!

Ayesha Ahmed: For her excellent explanation of the life cycle of a frog and for being a positive class member. Well done Ayesha!

Sam Mahfoud: For working hard in Maths when learning about division and for excellent participation during guided reading. Keep up the great work Sam!

Deegan Clark: For Being focused in class and completing his work neatly and quickly. Awesome work Deegan!

Clinton Crisp: For a fantastic effort with adding and subtracting fractions. Terrific work Clinton!

Charles Hassall: For attention to detail and careful checking of his Pat Comprehension test, allowing him to correct mistakes and achieve a great result. Well done Charles!

Community Notices

Aquatics Unlimited

Swim Safe &
Confident



At Kaniva Swimming
Pool

Learn to Swim or Race Technique and Fitness

Includes End of Season Carnival

Ages 3 & above

9 lessons between term 4, 2016
and term 1, 2017 Monday or Tuesday

\$125 (includes pool entry)

Mobile: 0447 084 241

E-mail: alainemcfarlane@gmail.com

Book Now Places Limited



Holiday Swim Program

Prep & above

Option 1: Private Classes. 5 x 20 minutes focused purely on the current needs of your child. \$150 (includes pool entry)

Option 2: Group classes 4 to 6 students per class. 5 x 30 minutes. \$70 (includes pool entry)

2nd to 6th Jan or 9th to 13th Jan
Between 2 & 5pm

Mobile: 0447 084 241

E-mail: alainemcfarlane@gmail.com

Book Now Places Limited