Our School Captains will represent our school at the Nhill Community Remembrance Day Service on Friday. It is important that our students develop an awareness and appreciation for what people have done in the past and are still doing for our country. This week, all students have been learning about the meaning of Remembrance Day.

We look forward to a fun night on Friday! Our P&F have organised a wonderful social evening for our school families. The night will begin with a BBQ tea at 6.00pm followed by a movie and free popcorn. Everyone is encouraged to come along dressed in their PJ’s and bring something comfy to sit on in the multipurpose room. Thank you in advance to our wonderful P&F committee for organising a fun event for our school community.

Our Year 5 students will be presenting their Leadership speeches to the school community on Friday, 25th of November at 2.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Our Graduation Service will be held on Thursday 8th of December at the Nhill Lutheran Church beginning at 7pm. This service is a special event for all students and it is a chance to celebrate a wonderful year for our school community. Please note that it is compulsory for all students to attend and parents, grandparents and friends are most welcome.

Yours with Christ,
Tara Pritchard
Devotional Thought

70 WITH 21 ZEROS

A number with 21 zeros behind it is known as a ‘sextillion’. That’s nearly impossible to comprehend. Even more so when you multiply it by 70. That’s how many stars some astronomers estimate there are in the universe—70 000 000 000 000 000 000.

Psalm 147:4 tells us that God is the one who has set each of these 70 sextillion stars in place. He has also measured the depths of the sea in his hands and measured out each of the mountains (Isaiah 40:12) with the highest peak being Mt Everest at 8848 metres. God created the birds of the skies with their instinct of when to migrate (Jeremiah 8:7) and to fly in a V-formation (which reduces the drag-force for the birds following behind the leader so that they do not tire as quickly and are able to fly further. When the bird in the lead position tires, it will drop back into one of the lines of the V and another bird will take the leading position and maintain the formation).

God’s creation is truly amazing. But the most amazing thing about God is that he came into the world he created to save it. In Sunday’s Gospel reading from Luke 21, Luke says that some of Jesus’ disciples were admiring the magnificence of the Temple in Jerusalem. One of the biggest and most spectacular constructions of all time, it took 46 years to build. The towering buildings were built with massive stones, some measuring 11 x 5½ x 3½ metres. Some were white marble; others were covered with gold, reflecting the sunlight in dazzling splendour. Some of the beautiful marble columns were over 12 metres high. There were elaborate tapestries, golden and bronze doors and a golden vine at the entrance which had branches as tall as a person.

The Temple was the place God promised to be personally present, giving his grace, blessing and favour to his people. But Jesus warns them that ‘days will come’ where these beautiful stones will be pulled down and not one will be left on top of another. In doing so, Jesus is announcing a shift in the location of God’s presence from the physical Temple in Jerusalem to his own body. The temple at Jerusalem is superseded by Jesus’ birth.

Jesus was born as the Christ child at Bethlehem and perfectly fulfilled God’s will for you. He walked all the way to the Cross and laid down his life that we might live through faith in this saving work, for he himself lives. Even when we were his enemies because of sin and we deserved his rejection, Jesus came to seek and save the lost and reconcile us to God. God is not removed from his incredible creation, but always at work in it. You don’t have to go to Jerusalem to meet with your Maker and Saviour. Open up your Bible—he promises that he will meet with you there.

Pastor Tim
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 tomorrow night! 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 $475.65 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.

November/December 2016
Simon Mock, Frank Crisp, Wayne Bandel

Students of the Week
Lydia Paech: For improving her writing and for excellent participation and leadership during PMP on Tuesday. Well done Lydia!
Rachel Reichelt: For completing her explanation writing piece on why her mum and dad are the best parents to a very high standard and for always adding great detail to all her writing. Great job Rachel!
Asher Zanker: For Excellent work with making lots of different number patterns and for doing a great job with completing his Science work on push-pull and gravity.
Archie Zanker: For Excellent work with sounding out spelling words and for doing a wonderful job with working out number patterns.
Kendra Clark: For showing great initiative around the school, helping others and contributing to class discussions. Well done Kendra!
Racquel Deckert: For doing a great job with her pizza shop ledger in Maths. Quick, accurate work Racquel, well done!

Get ‘em Going
Come along to Get ‘em Going next Tuesday 15th 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.)
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.
**Child Safety**

**Building Resilience at home**

You can play an important role in supporting your child’s social and emotional learning. To help families build resilience at home, a range of information is available. This week, the coping strategy of help-seeking is explained.

**What is help-seeking?**

Help-seeking is a coping strategy that involves seeking practical, social or emotional support from other people. As children and young people grow up they may become reluctant to ask others for help. Whilst independence is an important life skill, it is also important to know when to ask for help, who to ask, and what to do if others need help. Parents, carers and teachers play an important role in helping children and young people to understand when and how to ask for help.

**Why do we need to teach help-seeking?**

Children and young people often need a trusted friend or family member to help them to access health services or to raise a problem related to bullying or mental health distress.

**Help-seeking hands**

Ask your child to draw around their hand. They write the names, one name on each finger and the thumb, of the five people that they can go and talk to when they need help (this could be someone they trust from home, a relative, a teacher or person at school, friends from school or friends from other places).

They could also draw a second ‘helping hand’ showing the names of five people they help you could complete the activity too – Who do you talk to when you need help? And who talks to you?

*These materials have been adapted from the Building Resilience SEL materials for use with parents and carers*

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**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

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**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

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