After assembly, at 2.30pm, the Year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speeches. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

We look forward to officially welcoming our new families into our school community next year at the Welcome Barbeque which is on Friday 3rd of February. Keep the date free and come along to a great evening of fellowship.

Our Year 6 students will also be graduating soon and celebrating the completion of primary school. We aim to foster the notion of servanthood at school and the Year 6 Graduation Dinner is one example of how our students can give back. The students will be preparing, cooking and serving an evening meal for parents and staff as a way of saying ‘Thank you’ for all the years of support and encouragement. We will officially farewell our Year 6 students at the Graduation Service. Please continue to pray for our senior students as they begin the next step in their education journey.

On Wednesday, 7th December, all students will be attending a Graduation Service practise at the Nhill Lutheran Church from 1pm-3pm. Students will be travelling by bus.

Our Graduation Service will be held on Thursday 8th of December at the Nhill Lutheran Church beginning at 7pm. All students will be participating in the service and are required to wear summer uniform. Parents, grandparents and friends are most welcome to attend.

The last day for students is Friday, 9th of December. Students will be singing Christmas carols to the residents at Avonlea in the morning and are encouraged to wear casual clothes with a Christmas theme.

Yours with Christ,
Tara Pritchard
Devotional Thought

Holy Ground

While Joshua was near Jericho, he suddenly saw a man standing in front of him, holding a sword. Joshua went up to him and asked, 'Are you one of our soldiers, or an enemy?' 'Neither,' the man answered. 'I am here as the commander of the LORD’s army.' Joshua threw himself on the ground in worship and said, 'I am your servant, sir. What do you want me to do?' And the commander of the LORD’s army told him, 'Take your sandals off; you are standing on holy ground.' And Joshua did as he was told. (verses 13-15)

Joshua 4:19-5:1

19 On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. 20 And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. 21 He said to the Israelites, ‘In the future when your descendants ask their parents, ‘What do these stones mean?’ 22 tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ 23 For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea[a] when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. 24 He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.”

5 Now when all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings along the coast heard how the LORD had dried up the Jordan before the Israelites until they[b] had crossed over, their hearts melted in fear and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.

I'd got used to taking off my shoes to enter Buddhist temples in Thailand. But it came as a surprise that when I went to worship in a Christian church in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, I also had to take my shoes off and leave them at the door. The church was considered holy ground, because this was where God served his people with his word and the sacraments. I had a special feeling of awe as I knelt at the altar barefoot to receive holy communion.

When Moses approached God’s presence at the burning bush, God told him to take off his sandals because he was standing on holy ground. God was calling Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt to the promised land. Now Joshua, about to lead the people into the promised land, is told by the commander of the Lord’s army to do exactly the same as Moses was told to do.

We stand on holy ground every time we come into the presence of the Lord to worship him, wherever or whenever that may be.

Lord, help me to come into your presence with reverence and awe, realising that I’m on holy ground. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Chapel this week will be held in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am. It will be run by Foundation/Year 1 class. Parents and friends are invited to join us.

Worship News

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

Nhill: 11am
Woorak: 9am
Church Office: 5391 1223

Prayer of the Week

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

♦ Caleb, Chloe and Asher Zanker and their 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.

**Help Wanted**
We are renovating some garden beds in our school grounds and need some willing hands who can assist in weeding and clearing out some garden beds in the school. Can you spare 1/2 hour or an hour to prune, dig and weed? If so, please contact Miss Keller at the front office.

**Sponsorship Child**
Our total funds raised so far is $530.95. We appreciate your help!

**Get ‘em Going**
Come along to Get ‘em Going’s final session for the year, next Tuesday 29th 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 snack and a gold coin donation.

**Students of the Week**

**Oliver Bone**: For showing a good understanding of money in this week’s maths unit, and for being so welcoming and caring towards the pre-prep students. Great work Oliver!

**Chloe Crisp**: For working really hard to learn her spelling words this week and nearly getting them all right, and for always being polite to others at school. Great work Chloe!

**Troye McBride**: For working very hard to complete his information report about South America and for doing a wonderful job with looking after the baby chicks. Keep up the great work Troye.

**Samir Mahfoud**: For excellent improvement with his reading, keep up the great practising Sam!

**Paw Blu Moo**: For doing a great job of keeping up to date with tasks in all subjects. Paw Blu has completed all work, on time and to a high standard. Great work Paw Blu!

**Tiana Schubert**: For great work with her pie graphs. Tianna realised that there was a missing percentage and that she had to add an ‘other’ category. Great work Tiana!

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

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.
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.


**Water Safety Week**

‘Play it Safe by the Water’ is the message that will be communicated to families during Water Safety Week: Monday 28 November to Sunday 4 December 2016.

The initiative aims to increase awareness of the risks associated with swimming and recreational activities at both coastal and inland waterways.

Key messages for students and parents include:

- be aware and prepared for conditions
- read safety signs to understand dangers
- swim between the red and yellow flags wherever possible
- never swim alone
- children between 5 and 14-years-of-age should always be in sight.

For more information, including campaign resources, see Aquatics & Recreation Victoria’s website and the Victorian Government’s Water Safety website.

**Tiqbiz Updates/Problems**

For anyone of your tiqbiz users who are having difficulty with tiqbiz;

Please ensure you have the latest version of tiqbiz by going to Updates in the App store and updating your apps.

Updates to the tiqbiz app have been released approximately every 3-4 weeks in the app stores in the last couple of months. This is in line with any new app/rebuild.

At this point in time, the latest tiqbiz update for Android is 6.0.9 and Apple is 6.0.12.

To check if you have the latest version of tiqbiz, go to ‘profile’ in the right top corner is 3 dots, tap on these, tap on ‘about tiqbiz’.

If you continue to have problems please contact me.

Kind regards,

Linda Lepore
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Levels:
  Babies/Infants (6 months – 3 years)
  Levels 1 – 5 (stroke development)
  Junior Swim Squad (stroke refinement and race standards)
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Email: xavieryago@hotmail.com
Facebook: private message Chelsea Watts or Nhill Swimming Lessons with Chelsea page

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@ the Nhill Swimming Pool
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Dates: Monday to Friday (week block), 2nd – 6th January 2017
Times: 2.30pm onwards each day
Levels:
  Babies/Infants (6 months – 3 years)
  Levels 1 – 5 (stroke development)
Price: $65 (includes 5 x 30 minute lessons)

To enrol contact Chelsea:
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