



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

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| DEC | Monday 5th | Reports sent home |
| | Thursday 8th | Graduation Service |
| | Friday 9th | Last Day Term 4 |

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very happy birthday:

Freya Colbert: Saturday 3rd December

Racquel Deckert: Wednesday 7th December

We wish Hayden Pedie and Starla Colbert a very happy birthday for the 27th and 31st December.



From the Principal

Our Year Six students are very excited about their Graduation Dinner tonight. They have been very busy setting tables, polishing glasses, planning the menu and cooking. It certainly looks spectacular! I have been impressed with their organisation skills and co-operation in planning such a wonderful evening for their parents. We will certainly miss our Year 6 students and wish them every blessing for the future.

Next 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. Please have your child/ren at the Church by 6.50pm. Students need to wear full summer uniform. We will celebrate the 2016 school year and farewell our Year Six students and staff who are leaving. I would like to thank all parents for their ongoing support and partnership in their child's education and our School. Thank you also to all congregational members, community members and friends of the school who have contributed in some way to our school this year. We value partnerships and appreciate all the support we receive.

The last day for students is Friday, 9th of December 3.15pm. As this is the last day for the year, students are allowed to wear neat casual clothes with a Christmas theme. All students will be travelling by bus to Avonlea at 11.00am to perform Christmas carols and songs to the residents.

Looking ahead – 2017

Where has this year gone? I am glad it's not just me who thinks this year has passed us by so quickly! As we approach the end of the school year, preparations are being made for 2017. Some important dates to mark on the calendar for next year include:

Tuesday 31st January – Students start

Friday 3rd February – P&F Welcome BBQ

Monday 13th February to 23rd February – Swimming

Friday 24th February – Swimming carnival

Also remember that there will be a 3 week holiday midyear – 26th June to 14th July.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to wish all students, parents, grandparents and friends a blessed Christmas and a safe New Year.

With Christ, Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

A GREAT LIGHT

One of the spectacular things at Christmas time is the display of Christmas lights in various places. A few years back, the Richards' family from Canberra went to the extreme, having used 48 kilometres of wires to install over half a million lights around their house and garden. It was officially a world record for the number of Christmas lights put up on a home, verified by an official representative from Guinness World Records who was present.

In the season of Advent we prepare for another Christmas light. In Isaiah chapter 9, the prophet says:

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Unlike Mr Richards' electricity bill of \$2,500 a month, this light costs nothing to run. This light does not make a special appearance in December, but is available 365 days of the year. The purpose of this light was not to break a record, but to break the power of sin, death and the devil with His perfect life, death and resurrection.

This light is Jesus, who the Old Testament prophets spoke of hundreds of years before His coming.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

That is why God says through Isaiah: "...there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress." Take heart. Jesus was born for you and lived perfectly for you, died and rose again for you to bring a new identity and direction as God's people for all those who hope in him, to walk with him in light of God, for "...there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress."

This light is the Saviour of the world, Jesus, who came to bring light to your life and bring an end to the hold of darkness over it. Amen.

Pre-Prep Graduation

Last Friday our nine Pre-Preps received a certificate of graduation for successfully completing Pre-Prep. We look forward to seeing them in Prep next year!



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: 10am Holy Communion

6pm Sunday Nite Live

Woorak: 9am



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.

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.



Congratulations

Congratulations to former Karen teacher Plaw on the arrival of K'tru Po Kaei.



Karen New Year

Saturday 7th January is the Karen New Year. Students in Years 2-6 will be performing at the Karen New year celebration on this day. Please see the separate note being sent home for further information.

Sponsorship Child

Our total funds raised so far is \$537.75. 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

Sean Pedie: For working hard to practise saying the bible reading for this week's chapel service, and for his excellent procedural writing tasks. Great work Sean!

Eric Taw Tu: For working hard to learn his spelling words each week, and for getting all of them right this week. Great work Eric!

Giana Pohlner: For excellent work in Maths with her poster on arrays and for being a wonderful class helper. Well done Giana!

Deegan Clark: For outstanding work in class with focusing and completing his work quickly. Keep up the wonderful work Deegan!

Matthew Reichelt: For regularly offering ideas about the meaning of new words. Well done Matthew!

Hayden Pedie: For doing a great job of our 'Chook Empire' mapping Maths. Well done Hayden!



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.

Child Safety

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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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



Nhill Learning Centre

Learning together

Woodworks for Kids

Wood works encourages creativity as kids strengthen problem solving and motor skills whilst having great fun!!

Introduce kids to wood working with real tools and take home a unique hand crafted wooden toy.

Location: Nhill Men's Shed

Date: Wednesday 18th January 2017

Time: 10am – 12 noon

Cost: \$10.00 per child
(Kids 9+ years)

Accompanying adult essential
Maximum of 6 participants.

