



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

FEB	Friday 3rd	Welcome BBQ
	Monday 13th	P&F AGM @7pm
	Monday 13- Friday 17th	Swimming @ 11am- 1.30pm
	Wednesday 22nd	Royal Flying Doctors Visit
	Monday 20th- Wednesday	Swimming @11am- 1.30pm

Birthdays

We hope the following students had a great birthday over the school holidays:

Chloe Zanker—23rd January

Clinton Crisp—24 January



From the Principal

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. On Tuesday, it was wonderful to see all the smiling faces, hear the excited chatter about the holidays and begin learning.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all new families, students and staff joining

our school this year. In particular, welcome to our Foundation students and their families. This year we welcome some new families to our school community – Steven, Neriley and Declan Carew; Peter, Susan and Imogen Hedt; Toelwee Htoo, Coreena and Savior Ner Moo; Darryn, Jackie and Trinity Rethus; and Kristina and Athina Savicin. Please help our new families and students feel welcome at our school.

Welcome also to Mrs Niki Saliba who joins our staff team this year. Niki is very excited about teaching the Foundation/Year 1 students and looking forward to meeting everyone in our school community. Please make Niki feel welcome to Nhill and our school.

We acknowledge our School Captains for 2017, Alison Miller and Caleb Zanker and the School Vice Captains; Zoa Mock and Sid Marshman. We look forward to our School Captains representing our school and leading in many areas such as school assemblies and community events. We would also like to acknowledge our other Year 6 students who have been given roles of responsibility and leadership; Clinton Crisp (Sport House Captain), Kendra Clark (Sport House Captain) Paw Blu (Sport House Captain). They will be presented with their leadership badges at assembly on Friday.

I would just like to remind all parents that the newsletter is our main form of communication and it is vital that you read the newsletter every week for upcoming dates, information and details specific to certain classes. The newsletter is available via the Tiqbiz app and like last year, will be emailed every week to families and friends.

We look forward to meeting school families this Friday, 3rd of February at the Welcome BBQ hosted by the Parents and Friend's Association. You have all received an invitation to attend and please return slips to the front office for catering purposes. It will be a great opportunity to catch up and meet new families.

Yours in Christ,
Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

How low can you go? - John 1:19-28

The messengers, who had been sent by the Pharisees, then asked John, 'If you are not the Messiah nor Elijah nor the Prophet, why do you baptise?' John answered, 'I baptise with water, but among you stands the one you do not know. He is coming after me, but I am not good enough even to undo his sandals.' (verses 24-27)

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders^[a] in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"^[b] ²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ "I baptize with^[c] water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know." ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

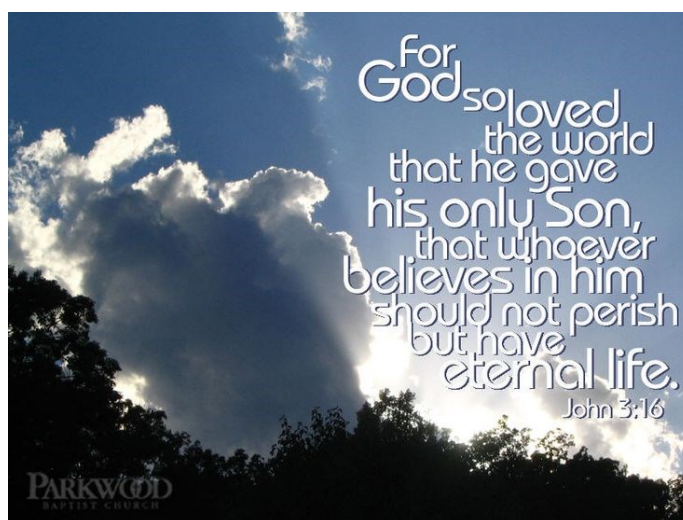
In Jesus' time, the servant who removed the sandals of guests was the lowest of the low. Guests walked through streets with open drains and effluent running in the gutters. The pollution that 'vehicles' produced wasn't in the air; it hit the ground and stayed there. So, when guests arrived at someone's place, their sandals were removed and their feet were washed. Then, refreshed, they came into the host's home.

John the Baptist, considered by many to be a prophet and therefore a leading spokesperson for God, presents himself as being even lower than the lowest of the low—real bottom-rung material. Why would he do this? Simply to highlight who Jesus is.

Jesus is not just another teacher, prophet or spiritual guide. He is the Son of God, the Word

made flesh. In him there is the power of God and the will of God to redeem all creation. Jesus is worthy of your faith, your honour, your obedience and your praise.

Lord Jesus, don't let me ever forget that you are the Son of God. You are my Lord and Saviour, and this day I offer you my faith, honour, obedience and praise. Amen.



Chapel



Chapel this week will be held in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am. It will be ran by Mrs.Pritchard. Student in Foundation and Year 3 will also be presented their bibles. Parents and friends are invited to join us for our first chapel of the new school year.

Worship News

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

Nhill: 9am

Woorak: 11am

Jeparit: 9am

Church Office: 5391 1223



Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Ayesha Ahmed and her family

School Event News

Reading Buddies

Program

We are currently seeking some parent helpers to assist with our reading buddies program. Reading buddies involves parent volunteers coming into classrooms and listening to students reading aloud. Volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check and complete the training that is explained below.



Volunteering at NLS

For all parents wishing to volunteer at school to help in the classroom, on camps or with other student activities this year, parents must bring the following to the front office: 1) a current Working with Children Check and; 2) a certificate of completion of one-hour Valuing Safe Community training session on-line within the past three years. As a school of the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA), staff and volunteers are obliged to meet the requirements of the LCA Safe Place Policy. Valuing Safe Communities (VSC) is a program to comply with this expectation. This training is valid for three years.

VSC Online Training Instructions

Go to <http://ilearn.alc.edu.au/course/view.php?id=170>. Follow the instructions. Use the Enrolment Key: VSC3_Volunt33r to gain access to the training. On-line training takes about 30-40 minutes. Certificates of completion will be generated at the end of the session. If you need any assistance, or would like to use a school computer to complete the training, please see Brittany at the front office.

CSEF

The CSEF provides \$125 - per student to any family, who holds a current Health Care Card or Pension Card on the first day of Term 1. This money is to assist with costs associated with camps, sports or excursions. Application forms have been sent home. Please note that if families have made successful CSEF applications in the past, you still need to make a new application for this year. Please return to the office if applicable to your circumstances.

Hats

Please remember that hats are compulsory for Term 1. No hat means no play.

2016 Yearbooks

On Tuesday each family should have received a copy of the 2016 Yearbook. If you would like another copy of the book, they can be purchased for \$20 from the front office. Please see Miss Keller for further details. We apologise for the delay in families receiving these.

Parent Handbooks

Each family should now have received a copy of the new Parent Handbook. This book contains important information for all parents and we strongly recommend that all parents, new or old read through it. Foundation parents/new families please note that this has been updated since you received your initial pack. If you have any questions please see Miss Keller.

Meet and Greet with Teachers

Next Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th of February all staff will be available for one on one meet and greet sessions. The appointments will be approximately 10-15 minutes. If you would like to see your child/ren classroom teacher(s) please contact the front office to make an appointment.

Cleaning Levy

At the middle and end of each school year, the school is cleaned by school families. The school families are split into 2 groups, one cleans in the middle of the year and 2nd group cleans at the end of the year. Rosters regarding each families scheduled cleaning time have been sent home already. If you wish not to participate in the school clean, you can opt to pay a \$100 cleaning levy. If you wish to pay the cleaning levy, instead of cleaning or have any further questions please contact Miss Keller at the front office.

Assembly

Tomorrow at 2.15pm we will be having a school assembly, which will be ran by Alison and Caleb. During this assembly badges will be presented to our other school leaders. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Chapel Morning Tea

There will be a special morning tea prepared by the Parents and Friends Association following Chapel. We hope to see many faces!

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.



January/February

Rodney Pohlner, Matthew Zanker, Steve Zanker, Andrew McBride

Congratulations

Congratulations to Steven and Neriley Carew on the safe arrival of Tegan Lucy Carew. Tegan was born on the 23rd December, and is a sister to our Foundation student Declan.



Congratulations also to Simon and Laura Herrmann on the safe arrival of Jarrah James. Simon is a past teacher from our school and

Laura is the daughter of Geoff and Merrill Harding.



Swimming Sports News

In the coming weeks students will be attending swimming lessons. They will begin on Monday 13th February, and will be ran daily between 11am-1.30pm. Students will get changed at school and then walk down to the swimming pool. Students are encouraged to bring along sandals or other appropriate footwear to walk to the pool in. Please make sure that all clothing is named.



The Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 24th February and we are seeking a few volunteers to assist us on the day. If you are able to assist please contact Miss Keller at the front office.

Karen New Year



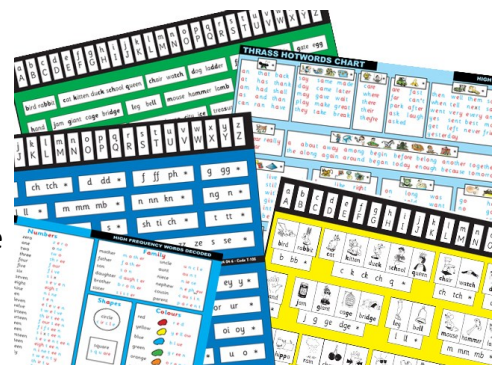
Well done to Chloe Zanker, Starla, Alison, Paw Blu, Matthew, Cory and previous students Freya and Adeline on their fantastic singing performance at the Karen New Year Celebrations held in January. Thank you so much for all your efforts.

P&F News

On Monday 13th February the Parents and Friends Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 7pm . We encourage all new and old members to attend. Drinks and nibbles will be supplied.

THRASS Information night

An information session about THRASS – an acronym for ‘Teaching Handwriting, Reading and Spelling Spelling Skills’. THRASS is the comprehensive phonetics process that we use for the teaching of speaking, reading, spelling and writing skills in English. If you would like to know more about this program that we use at school or would like some strategies to help develop these skills at home, come along next Tuesday, the 7th February from 7.00-8.00pm in the staff meeting room.



Child Safety

Students across all year levels will be revising Cyber Safety and how to protect themselves online. Key messages that you can also reinforce at home include; Informing students that nothing ever disappears from cyberspace; online behaviour and comments become a digital imprint visible to potential friends, employers etc....At Nhill Lutheran School, we strongly encourage parents to develop appropriate on-line boundaries for their children. If you would like more information and advice, please visit the government Cyber Safety website at www.cybersafetyhelp.gov.au.



Tiqbiz 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 Events



HORSHAM
REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Art Club Juniors—Wednesdays with Kate Wade

8 February – 29 March 2017

Wednesdays 4 – 5.30pm

Eight week after school art program for 7 – 12 year olds interested in art. Learn new skills and experiment with different mediums and materials. This structured program will see participants work toward a display presented within the Horsham Town Hall Foyer.

Cost: \$95.00 per term, includes all materials

Bookings: 5382 9575 hrag@hrcc.vic.gov.au for an enrolment form. Payment must be made two weeks prior to classes beginning to secure your booking.

Found

Have you lost a pair of black prescription Dolce and Gabbana reading glasses? Please see Miss Keller at the front office to collect them.

Get 'em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be beginning on Tuesday 7th February and will be managed by Mrs Alana Zanker. Sessions will run the same as 2016; 9.30 - 11am. Each week children will be given the opportunity to participate in physical, social and mental stimulating activities to assist in preparing them for their learning journey ahead.

Please bring along the following:

- A water bottle
- Fruit snack
- Gold coin donation



If you have any questions or would like more information on the program please see Miss Keller at the front office.

NHILL BASKETBALL LEVEL 0 REFEREE COURSE

**SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2017
11AM - 2:30PM**

Lunch
Included

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE
TESTED FOR LEVEL 0 REFEREE ACCREDITATION
AND RECEIVE A RULE BOOK

FREE 4 NIRBA
PLAYERS &
PARENTS

REGISTER AND SECURE YOUR PLACE BY FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

EMAIL YOUR NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER TO NHILLBASKETBALL@GMAIL.COM

Welcome back to dance classes for 2017! Classes will commence back on the 8th of February at Nhill Lutheran Primary School 2 Mackay Street.

Wednesday Timetable

Class (Multipurpose Room)	Age	Day & Time	Fees
Junior Class (Ballet & Contemporary)	5 to 9 years old	Wednesday 3:45pm – 4:30pm	\$90 per term
Intermediate Class (Ballet & Contemporary)	10 to 15 years old	Wednesday 4:30pm – 5:30pm	\$100 per term
Hip Hop Troupe	5 years old and above	Wednesday 5:30pm- 6:30pm	\$95 per term



If you have any questions or would like enrolment information please contact me on [0450 880 707](tel:0450880707).

Thank you,

Jordan Wright