



Upcoming Dates

FEB	Monday 13th	P&F AGM @7pm
	Monday 13- Friday 17th	Swimming @ 11am- 1.30pm
	Tuesday 14th	Swimming @ 9am— 10.30am
	Wednesday 15th	NO PREPS
	Wednesday 22nd	Royal Flying Doctors Visit
	Wednesday 22nd	NO PREPS
	Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd	Swimming @11am- 1.30pm
	Thursday 23rd	Swimming @ 9am-11am
	Friday 24th	Swimming Carnival
MA R	Wednesday 1st	NO PREPS
	Wednesday 7th	NO PREPS

From the Principal

It was wonderful to see so many families and friends of the school enjoy a great social evening last Friday at the Welcome BBQ. Thank you so much to the P&F for organising the evening, cooking the BBQ and those who helped pack up afterwards. It was terrific to see everyone make an effort in welcoming our new families and students.

Our swimming program for the year begins next week; please see the separate note in the newsletter regarding this.

Part of our Learning Landscapes in the playground is our mini farm and vegetable garden. Our school is now a part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation which means that we now have a curriculum to use throughout the school which encourages pleasurable food education in order to form positive eating habits for life. The program offers infinite possibilities to reinforce literacy, numeracy, science, cultural studies and all aspects of environmental sustainability. It also encourages critical thinking, teamwork, an understanding of cause and effect, and increased levels of observation. We look forward to sharing with you all our kitchen and garden activities!

Yours with Christ,

Tara Pritchard



Devotional Thought

A Heart of Love

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ^[b]

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

No doubt about it! Mary is Jesus' mother. Even after Jesus responds to her statement about the wine with what appears to be an outright refusal to act, Mary has faith in her son and instructs the servants to be ready for Jesus to act. How well she knows his heart.

But then, the heart of Jesus is there for everyone to see. He says openly that he has come to seek and save the lost, heal the sick, lift up those who have fallen,

show the way to those who are lost, give sight to the blind and life to the dying. The heart of Jesus is a heart of love.

This heart of love is there for you also. Jesus' love extends to all aspects of your life. If Jesus was willing to provide wine for people gathered to celebrate a wedding, how much more is he willing to provide you with all that you need for life and living. Remember this today and always: the heart of Jesus is filled with love for you.

*Thank you, Jesus, for your heart of love for me.
Amen.*

LOVE WITH ACTIONS.

My children, let us
love not with words
or with our lips, but
in truth and in deed.
-1 John 3:18



Chapel



Chapel this week will be held in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am. It will be ran by the Year 4/5/6 class. Parents and friends are invited to join us and stay for morning tea and coffee.

Worship News

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

Nhill: 11am

Woorak: 9am

Jeparit: 11am

Church Office: 5391 1223



Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Thomas Albrecht and his 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

Every family has now 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.

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.

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 the 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.

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.

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 in advance for your help.



January/February

Rodney Pohlner, Matthew Zanker, Steve Zanker, Andrew McBride

Swimming News

Next week students will begin swimming lessons, starting on Monday 13th February. The lessons 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 sessions for each group will be as follows:

11.00am—11.45am: Year 4/5/6

11.45am—12.30pm: Foundation/Year 1

12.30pm—1.15pm: Year 2/3

On **Wednesday 15th February** all students will be required to bring long sleeve tops and long pants to swim in the pool in. This is a requirement to help teach kids of how to survive if they accidentally fall in the water.

Also on the **Wednesday 15th February** could students who have boogie boards please bring them along to school. If possible we would like the boards to be left at school for swimming the following Monday also.

On **Tuesday 21st February** all students in **Year 4/5/6** need to bring an item from home that they can use to help rescue someone. E.g. a ball etc.

We are also looking for a parent volunteer to assist with our swimming program during Week 2, from Monday 20th February to Thursday 23rd February.

If would like a copy of the swimming program and what students will be doing please see Miss Keller at the front office.

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.

Students of the Week

Liam Dickinson: For being kind by helping his classmates.

Shilah Hiscock: For being kind by assisting classmates with their class work.

Oliver Bone: For excellent work with having a go at writing. Keep up the great work!

Deegan Clark: For being a wonderful helper and for excellent work with concentrating and completing all of your work. Keep up the amazing work!

Zoa Mock: For doing a great job of helping smaller children with games and working on computers. Well done Zoa!

Rourkey Croot: For great work answering and asking questions, playing a big part in leading our class discussions this week. Terrific to see Rourkey, well done!



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,

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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 running again next Tuesday 14th February. 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.



P&F WELCOME BBQ AND CHAPEL MORNING TEA



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.

Thank you,
Jordan Wright