



Upcoming Dates

FEB	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
MAR	Wednesday 1st	NO PREPS
	Wednesday 7th	NO PREPS

From the Principal

This week we welcome to the mini farm the adorable miniature goats called Storm Trooper and Liquorice! The students will be learning how to care for the goats, feeding them and giving them plenty of cuddles!

Our students continue to enjoy their swimming lessons and learn important water skills. We are very grateful to Alaine McFarlane for her expertise in teaching our students again this year. Alaine is a highly qualified swimming instructor and has an excellent repertoire with the students. Staff have noticed huge improvements in swimming skills since starting our program with Alaine. Please note that the pool entry fee and swimming lessons are all included as part of the school fees. To conclude our swimming program, we look forward to our Swimming Carnival which will be next Friday the 24th of February from 11.00 – 2.00pm. All students are encouraged to wear their house colours and participate in as many events as possible. Thank you to those who have already returned their swimming forms for the day. As with previous years, the day will conclude with the grand finale where students will challenge parents and staff in a relay race! We would love to see many parents compete this year, so please bring along your swimmers, floatation devices and goggles if you would like to participate. After the swimming carnival, students are welcome to leave with parents. Otherwise, students will walk back to school to catch the bus home or be picked up at school as normal.

With Christ,

Tara Pritchard



Devotional Thought

Your life of witness

At that moment Jesus' disciples returned, and they were very surprised to find him talking with a woman. But none of them said to her, 'What do you want?' or asked him, 'Why are you talking with her?' Then the woman left her water jar, went back to the town, and said to the people there, 'Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could he be the Messiah?' So they left the town and went to Jesus. (verses 27-30)

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something."

³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about."

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"

³⁴ "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

The disciples aren't comfortable about what confronts them here. Jesus, a rabbi, is talking with a woman—and one of questionable character and morals. Meanwhile, by ignoring the prejudices, religious laws and social expectations of his day, Jesus has touched this woman with the Word of God in such a way that she forgets everything in order to run and tell other people in the village to come and see and hear this man. She even dares to raise the possibility in their minds that he could be the Messiah. What a radical statement for this Samaritan woman to make.

As you meet people and talk with them at work, out shopping or in leisure activities, see them with the eyes of Jesus as people who need to be loved with the grace of God and who are simply trying to live life to the best of their ability and knowledge. Then let this grace spice your words, your attitudes and your actions. You never know when God will open a person to your life of witness.

Lord Jesus, help me to see others through your eyes and with your grace. By your Spirit help me to be Christ for them today. Amen.

Chapel



Chapel this week will be held in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am. It will be ran by the Year 2/3 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: 9am

Woorak: 9am

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.....

- ♦ Zoe Bandel 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

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.

Royal Flying Doctors Visit

Any Foundation students wishing to attend the Royal Flying Doctors session next Wednesday are welcome to attend the event with their parents. The session will run between 10-11am.



Found

During the end of school clean last year a number of **unnamed clothing items** were found. A Size 12 rugby jumper, and Size 10 rugby jumper at currently in the front office. If you think these belong to your child please contact Miss Keller. We strongly recommend that you name all items of clothing, as we understand the cost involved when buying uniform.

Music Lessons

We are fortunate enough to have Mrs. Merrill Harding once again offering private music tuition.

Merrill will be teaching guitar on Thursday's beginning on Thursday 2nd March.

Please contact Merrill on 0438 920 262 for any further enquires or questions.



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

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 **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.

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.



IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success .

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem . Quote Michael Gross, Number 1 Parent Educator.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Students of the Week

Chelsea Bone: For listening to instructions during class time.

Bethel Tu: For trying her best in all her tasks.

Asher Zanker: For working hard to complete his work.

Giana Pohlner: For taking care with her presentation and for neat handwriting.

Hayden Pedie: For great work in achieving his writing goal this week, along with terrific class participation. An excellent start to the year!

Paw Blu Moo: For fantastic work with her brain research and really neat note taking. Great work Paw Blu!

P&F News

The Parents and Friends Association met on Monday 13th of February for their AGM. The meeting was well attended. Congratulations to the ladies who accepted positions on the executive.

President – Deanne Bandel

Vice President – Adelle Bone

Secretary – Jackie Rethus

Treasurer – Alana Zanker

Assistant Treasurer – Kathy Koop

General Committee – Sharon Croot, Casey Hiscock, Neriley Carew, Bron Zanker and Carol Case Hassall

Minutes from this meeting are available at the front office.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 23rd of February at 7.30pm. I would encourage as many people as possible to attend, you do not have to be on the executive to attend. The P&F is vital to our school community, without them there would be no fundraising or social functions.

Mini Farm Update

The mini goats have arrived! The students are thrilled to have Liquorice and Storm Trooper joining the mini farm this year. A huge thank you to Steve and Bron Zanker for bringing in the animals for the students to enjoy.



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
Customer Liaison, Tiqbiz

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Community Events



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 21st 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.



Nhill Early Years Centre
how to

PLEDGE a PAVER

1. pick up a form @
...www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au (What's New),
...the Hindmarsh Shire Council Office in Nhill,
...the Nhill Kindergarten/ Childcare
2. choose between name/ hand drawn image
3. fill out form/draw image
4. take form and payment to the Council Office in Nhill by 10 March 2017

any questions? call us on 5391 4444

THANK YOU!

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

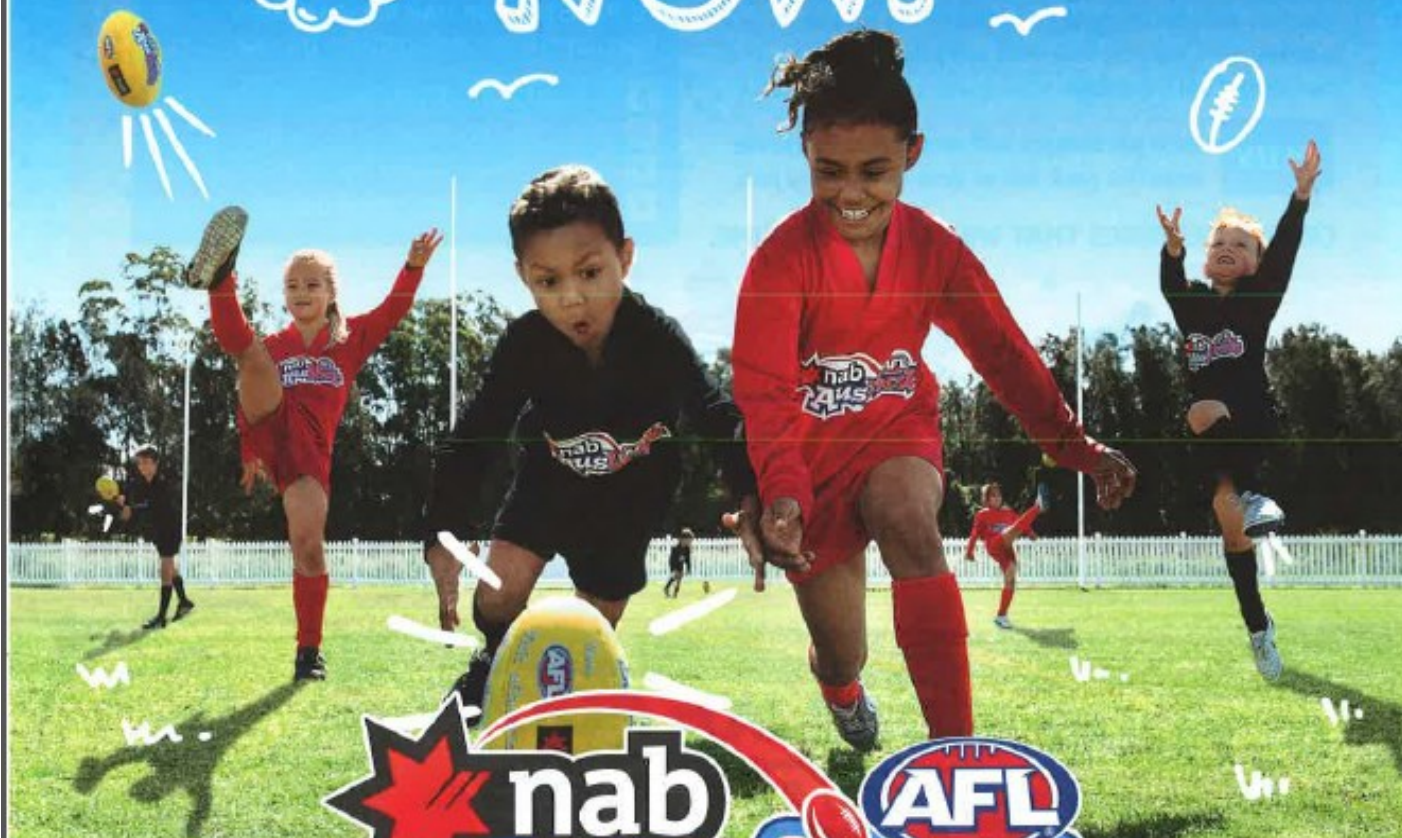
Class (Multipurpose Room)	Age	Day & Time	Fees
Junior Class (Ballet & Contemporary)	5 to 9 years old	Wednesday 3:45pm – 4:30pm	\$90 per term
Intermediate Class (Ballet & Contemporary)	10 to 15 years old	Wednesday 4:30pm – 5:30pm	\$100 per term
Hip Hop Troupe	5 years old and above	Wednesday 5:30pm-6:30pm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

REGISTER NOW!



PARENTS

NAB AFL Auskick is a great way for kids to have fun, make friends and learn skills of Australian Football.

Through weekly coaching sessions with our passionate coaches and coordinators, your child will be part of a great team, learning new skills and playing non-contact AFL games.

PLUS Each participant will receive an awesome benefits pack full of gear when they join.

CREATE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

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- 1 Visit aflauskick.com.au
- 2 Enter your postcode in the centre locator
- 3 Select the centre you would like to attend
- 4 Complete the registration process

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