



Upcoming Dates

FEB	Friday 24th	Swimming Carnival
MAR	Wednesday 1st	NO PREPS
	Wednesday 7th	NO PREPS
	Monday 27th	Year 6 Young Leader's Day (Melbourne)
	Friday 31st	Grandparents Day
	Friday 31st	Last day of Term 1

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Alison Miller: Saturday 25th February

Samir Mahfoud: Monday 27th February



From the Principal

On Wednesday, students enjoyed an amazing incursion from the Royal Flying Doctors. Tom the presenter, brought along a life size replica of a flying doctor plane that even had a cockpit with 2 flight simulators! The plane had stretches, communications, oxygen and all the equipment used by the doctors and nurses. The visit incorporated the curriculum with links to History, Geography as well as covering topics such as Community, Australia, Communication, Heroes and Australian Icons.

The students are excited the Swimming Carnival which will be held tomorrow from 11.00-2.00pm. The swimming carnival is an opportunity for students to showcase their water skills that they have developed over the past two weeks from swimming lessons. Parents are most welcome to come along and support their child/ren. Thank you in advance to all parents who have offered to assist in varying roles to ensure the swimming carnival runs smoothly. Thank you also to Alaine McFarlane for organising such a fantastic swimming program for our students over the past two weeks. Every student has progressed in their water skills and we are grateful to Alaine for her expertise and professional manner with the students.

Yours with Christ,

Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

Am I too old? Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.^[a]

³⁴ Give me understanding, so that I may keep
your law

and obey it with all my heart.

³⁵ Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

³⁶ Turn my heart toward your statutes
and not toward selfish gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.^[b]

³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.

³⁹ Take away the disgrace I dread,
for your laws are good.

⁴⁰ How I long for your precepts!
In your righteousness preserve my life.

When I was a child, teenagers looked so old and mature. When I was a teenager, thirty seemed ancient. At thirty something, fifty was over the hill. I have come to the conclusion that old is about fifteen years older than your present age!

Aging is an exciting journey to be embraced. Age doesn't mean that people become useless. You might be surprised by the wit and humour of older people, and their ability to bring calmness and wisdom to tough situations.

God's promises last for a lifetime. God doesn't stop being God when we get old. Our worth to God is not tied up in what we can do, or how well we can see or hear, or how strong we are. God values us no matter how old or young we are - and he's promised to stick by us, through the whole of our lives.

Even though life can get more difficult as we get older, it's a privilege allowed by God, and a gift to those around us. It's an opportunity to be useful and productive a little longer.

Heavenly Father, thank you for your wisdom and love. Teach me your way and use me to help others. Amen.



Chapel Offering

We encourage students to serve other people and be mindful of people less fortunate than themselves. Bringing a small offering to Chapel on Fridays is a wonderful way to display this. Currently, the chapel offerings are donated to support a sponsor child, Waxigong, and his community in Laos. So far we have raised \$65.40.

Chapel



Chapel this week will be held in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am. It will be ran by the Foundation/ Year 1 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.....

- ◆ Chelsea and Oliver Bone and their 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.

Fees

Any families who would like to pay their fees upfront for the year get a 2.5% discount. Please contact our Business Manager—Mr Garry Wallace at Holy Trinity Lutheran School on 5382 2529 for more details.

Found

During the end of school clean last year a number of **unnamed clothing items** were found. A Size 10 rugby jumper, currently in the front office. If you think this belongs 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.

Also found is a black pair of prescription Dolce and Gabbana reading glasses. Please see Miss Keller at the front office to collect them.

P&F News

Please note the next P&F meeting will be Tuesday 28th February not the 23rd.

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

Get 'em Going

Get 'Em Going
Playgroup will be
running again next
Tuesday 28th February.

The program runs from
9.30am-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 note that this year the program is being
held in a different room, and we advise all
parents to please sign in at the front office.

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.

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

Savior Ner Moo: For great handwriting and for
working hard and listening in class.

Stella Schnaars: For great handwriting and for
working hard and listening in class.

Sean Pedie: For excellent work with learning
space themed words in Karen and for coming up
with lots of great ways to put school rules in a
positive way.

Lanie Clark: For being a wonderful helper,
working well in class and for doing a great job
with sitting and listening on the floor.

Sidney Marshman: For great contributions to
class discussions. It is terrific to see you sharing
your ideas Sid!

Caleb Zanker: For doing a great job of our 'Escape
from Dimboola' mapping task. Top work Caleb!



P&F Care Program

One important role of our P&F is to provide
support to families. There are times when
some in our school community require some
special care and support. Support may include
prayers, provision of meals and/or a small gift
following surgery, illness, a death in the family,
a newborn baby. If you know anyone in our
community who may need some extra support,
please inform Mrs Pritchard and she will
confidentially ask the P&F to assist. In
addition, in the front office foyer, there is a
'giving box' where families can leave non-
perishable food items to make into food
hampers.

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!

Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser

The SRC are participating in a Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser. All the money that is raised will be going towards a new rabbit hutch for Peter Rabbit. Forms have been sent home tonight, and are due back at school on **Thursday 23rd March**, with delivery being on **Monday 28th March**. This is the final week of Term 1. So pass the message on to family and friends, and get some orders placed! If you would like more copies of the order forms, please contact Miss Keller at the front office. Payment is accepted via cash, or cheque to Nhill Lutheran School.

Community Notices



Just a reminder that training for Nhill Tigers Under 14s starts on Thursday 9th March at 4.30pm at the Nhill oval. For inquiries please call Under 14s coach, Simon Mock on 0429 802 493.

Royal Flying Doctors Visit

Yesterday Tom came to our school and taught us all about the RFDS. He told us the history about it and then some stories of how the service has helped others. We got to use virtual reality goggles that showed us 3D videos of people who have been saved. We also learnt that they have flying dentists who help people. After the presentation we went and had a look at the model aeroplane that had all the equipment, beds, oxygen and a cockpit with two flight simulators. We really liked how it is a service that helps communities around Australia and liked hearing the stories of how people help the Royal Flying Doctors. For example, one time, there were no lights on the airstrip so the community got together and shone their car lights on the landing strip. We had a great time and hope that Tom can come again.

By Alison & Caleb

Child Safety—Asthma



Back to School Asthma Spike

ASK ABOUT ASTHMA. Every year there is a sharp rise in the number of asthma attacks for children when they return to school after the summer break. This results in increased Emergency Department visits and hospitalisations. Use our checklist to help your child stay well and get their school year off to a healthy start.

- See a GP to complete an Asthma Plan, giving a copy to the school
- Provide the school with a spare asthma reliever (usually blue) puffer and spacer
- Talk to your child's class teacher

Get more information and download your back to school asthma checklist from the Asthma Australia website.

For **primary** aged students:

Asthma Kids

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it's like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Check it out at asthmakids.org.au.

For **Victorian** schools:

Thunderstorm Asthma community information sessions

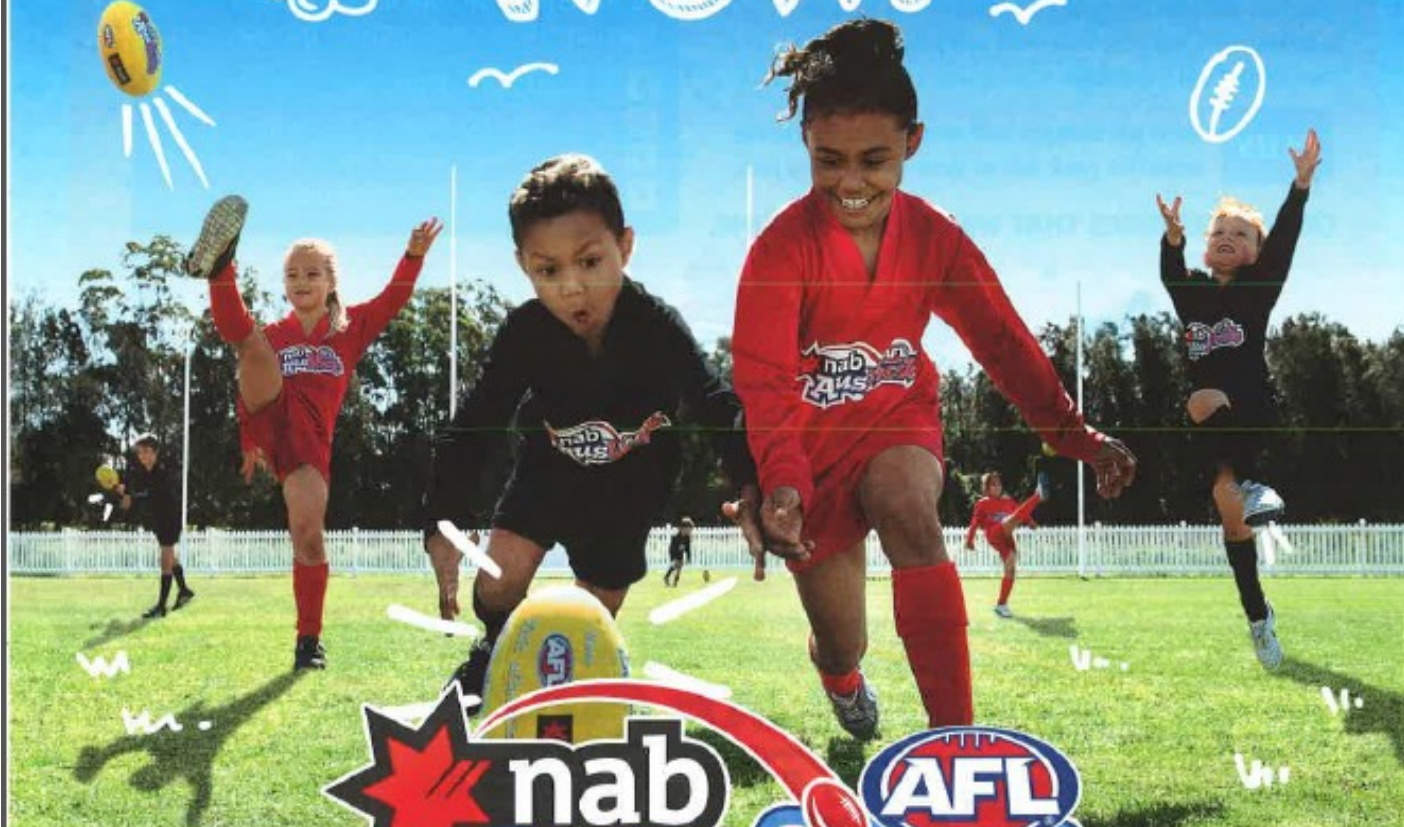
The Department of Health & Human Services has organised a series of thunderstorm asthma information sessions for anyone impacted by the event in late November 2016 and those interested in knowing more about this phenomenon.

During the sessions you'll hear from health experts about what thunderstorm asthma is and how you and your family can prepare for the next pollen season. For session dates and locations visit <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/emergencies/thunderstorm-asthma-event/community-information-sessions>

School Snaps



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.

TO REGISTER FOR NAB AFL AUSKICK, FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS ONLINE:

- 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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