



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

APR	Friday 21st	ALWS Visit
	Friday 28th	F-2 Athletics Fun Day @ Nhill College
MAY	Wednesday 3rd	Foundation/Year 1 Farm Excursion
	Tuesday 9th	NAPLAN
	Tuesday 9th	Asthma Information Day 2:00pm—Student Session 5:00pm—Parent Session
	Wednesday 10th	NAPLAN
	Thursday 11th	NAPLAN
	Monday 29th	AFL Football Player Clinic—Year 4/5/6
	Wednesday 31st	School photos

From the Principal

Welcome back to school for Term 2! I pray that all families had a blessed Easter and got to enjoy some time together over the holidays. We welcome two new families to our school community; Don and Jayne Oliver with daughters Kit in Year 5 and Maci in Year 3; and Michael and Amanda Hall with daughter Natalie in Year 5. Please introduce yourself to our new families and be a blessing to them.

This week we are focusing on the Australian Lutheran World Service theme for this year which is *Walk My Way*. This theme aims to teach and encourage students to be part of service and development work in our world. Our Chapel on Friday will reflect on this theme. Each class will also spend time with Mrs Vicki Gollasch (ALWS rep.) on Friday to learn about people living in developing countries who have a very different life to ours.

Students are encouraged to take part in the ANZAC Day march in Nhill on Tuesday 25th of April. Students will be able to represent our school whilst remembering those who have served in the armed forces. We will meet at the Information Centre at 10:30am for the wreath laying and then march to the cenotaph for the wreath laying and then to the Community Centre. Students will then be dismissed at the entrance of the Community Centre to re-join their parents for the service starting at 11:00am. Students can wear either their summer or winter school uniform depending on the weather.

In Terms 2 & 3, students are to wear winter uniform. To allow for a variance in weather, summer uniforms can be worn for the first two weeks of Term 2. Starting Monday 1st of May, students are expected to wear full winter uniform. Hats are not compulsory during Terms 2 & 3.

We are now accepting enrolments for 2018 and preparing for our Pre-Foundation class which will be offered in Term 4 for all enrolled students in Foundation 2018. This is part of our Kinder transition program that provides opportunities for students to familiarise themselves with our school and establish classroom routines. This orientation program will take place on Fridays with transition sessions that will prove to be invaluable in ensuring that our new students have a smooth start to their first year at school. For more information, or to register your child, please contact the office.

Yours with Christ, Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

Just your size

Since the children, as he calls them, are people of flesh and blood, Jesus himself became like them and shared their human nature. He did this so that through his death he might destroy the Devil, who has the power over death, and in this way set free those who were slaves all their lives because of their fear of death.

(verses 14,15)

¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." ¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

My daughter and I were walking to her kindergarten one morning when she started talking about Jesus. Among the seemingly endless stream of thoughts and comments that poured from her were these words: 'Jesus is just my size'.

How very true. Jesus is just your size. He became a human being and experienced life just as you do—all the feelings, thoughts, temptations, fears, even death. It just shows how much God loves you. For in Jesus God

enters your world to live with you, in you and through you always. In Jesus there is acceptance, love, forgiveness and eternal life.

God did not come as some powerful super-being or divine deliverer wrapped in glory. Instead, he came as a little child. He grew into a man who then showed that there was nothing to fear because he died and rose to life again. He did all this while he was just your size.

*Thank you, Jesus,
for being just my
size and sharing
life with me. Amen.*

FAITH
is like Wi-Fi,
it's invisible but
it has the power
to connect you to
what you need.

Chapel Offering

Currently, the chapel offerings are donated to support a sponsor child, Waxiangong, and his community in Laos. So far we have raised \$173.15.

Chapel



Chapel will be held on Friday at 9am in the Multi Purpose Room. Mrs. Pritchard will be running Chapel this week.

Worship News

Please see below for this week's church services times.

Nhill: 11am

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.....

- ◆ Rourke Croot and his family

School Event News

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.

Asthma Friendly School

On Tuesday 9th May, Casey Kosch will be hosting a parent session regarding Asthma information. This session is free of charge and will begin at 5pm. We ask that as many parents as possible please attend **regardless of if your child has asthma or not**. This is requirement of Nhill Lutheran School becoming an Asthma Friendly School.



MAINTENANCE NOTICE

Please note that due to maintenance upgrades the south entrance of the school is blocked off. Please use the side ramp doors.



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.



March/April

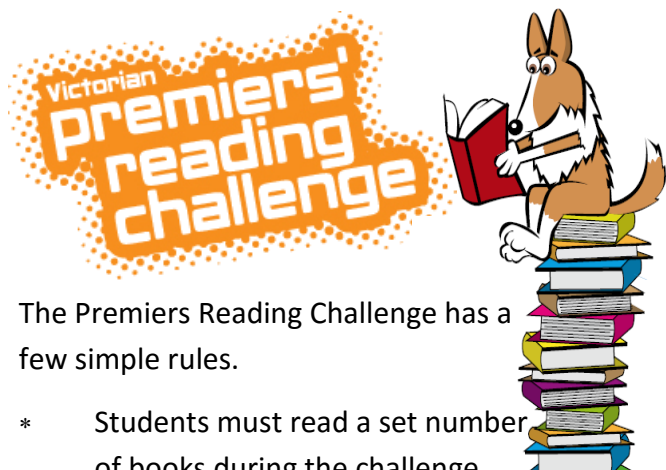
Kim Croot, David Reichelt, Adrian Pedie, Steven Carew, Roy Dickinson

P&F News

The next P&F Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th April at 7.30pm. Please note that it's a prompt 7.30 starting time. Could all agenda items please be given to Jackie by Monday 24th April. Hope to see you all there!

Spotlight Year 4/5/6





The Premiers Reading Challenge has a few simple rules.

- * Students must read a set number of books during the challenge dates.
- * You must keep a record of your reading. (Sheets will be sent home with students that register)
- * If children are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 they can read books by themselves or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. This is for support if they are just learning to read.
- * Once a student has read books Miss Keller will verify them at school.
- * Students in Prep to Year 2 may also use audio recording of books to read along with and develop understanding of text.
- * The Reading Challenge dates are from now until 8th September 2017.

If you are in:	You must read:	Number from the Challenge Book list:
Prep - Year 2	30 books	20 or more
Year 3-6	15 books	10 or more

Nhill Golf Club

4 Week MYGolf Junior Program

Starting Friday 28th April, 5th, 12th and 19th May

Time: 4:00pm-5:00pm

Cost: \$7.00 (\$26.07 including participating pack)

To book head to MYGOLF.ORG.AU



Auskick News

Auskick 2017 starts Sunday at the Nhill & District Sporting Club at 10am. Auskick is open to all kindergarten and primary school aged children (4-12 years old), both male and female. It provides a great opportunity to learn and consolidate Australian Rules skills, while staying active and developing team based skills. It would be great to see as many children involved as possible.

Register and pay online at: www.auskick.com.au

Initial inquiries can be made to Carol Case-Hassall on 0438 817 260.

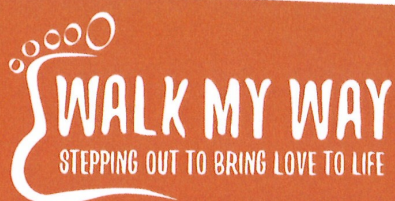
NET SET GO and MODIFIED NETBALL

Begins this Thursday at 3.30pm, followed by a short parent information session at 4pm. Net Set Go and Modified Netball is for girls and boys between 5 and 13. To register or for more information contact Emma Dickinson on 0408 911 664.

Get 'em Going

Get 'em Going will begin again on Tuesday 2nd May at 9.30am. This is due to the Anzac Day holiday next Tuesday. We are looking forward to seeing lots of old and new faces for yet another exciting term.





AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE

REACHING OUT IN LOVE ... FOR JUSTICE

AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE (ALWS) IS:

- > the overseas aid and resettlement agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia guided and motivated in its work by the example and commands of Jesus Christ that are expressed in the Gospel message
- > committed to utilising the generous donations given by Lutheran communities in Australia and New Zealand to help the very poor and disadvantaged in overseas countries, to support refugees in Australia, and to raise awareness about global human poverty and injustice
- > a partner organisation to the Lutheran World Federation's World Service, [LWF World Service] which implements emergency relief, and refugee and development programs in thirty-six countries around the world
- > 68 years old in 2017!

AMONG OTHERS, ALWS AIMS TO:

- > address the root causes of human poverty and injustice
- > provide an integrated approach to development assistance that incorporates multiple aspects of community life so that the holistic needs of people are addressed
- > react to the specific needs and human rights of vulnerable groups (e.g. Women, girl children, all children, disabled, landless, unemployed, those affected by climate change etc.)
- > assist in leadership building to enhance the capacity of communities to better manage their essential services and peacefully claim their rights
- > provide for refugees and internally displaced peoples
- > respond to the urgent needs of people affected by disasters, either human-made or natural.

HOW ALWS OPERATES

- > ALWS employs a small number of staff in four states of Australia so that overheads are kept to a minimum. The ALWS head office is in Albury in NSW.
- > ALWS is funded by generous donations from Australian and New Zealand Lutherans (and others) and also receives funding from the Australian Government and the Lutheran Laypeople's League.
- > ALWS works through a network of Lutheran Churches, church agencies, and in cooperation with other churches—last year helping over half a million people.



A LARGE COMPONENT OF ALWS WORK IS LONG-TERM, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, WHICH OFTEN START FROM AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE (LIKE IN INDONESIA) OR REFUGEE SITUATION (LIKE IN SOUTH SUDAN AND BURUNDI). ALL PROGRAMS ARE SYSTEMATICALLY PLANNED, REGULARLY MONITORED AND THOROUGHLY EVALUATED.

THE WORK IS ABOUT EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN LIVES - TEACHING, ENCOURAGING, SUPPORTING AND ENABLING THEM TO HELP THEMSELVES.

This involves teaching people that they have a voice, that they can speak out for their communities and themselves. As well as making sure they are aware of, and have access to, the services and resources to which they are entitled.

ALWS supports development programs in:

- > Papua New Guinea
- > Cambodia
- > Kenya
- > Indonesia
- > Nepal
- > South Sudan
- > Burundi

AND supports the restoration of communities after natural or human-made disasters (including war and conflict) around the world. For example Mosul and refugee camps in Kenya, Jordan and Djibouti.

THANK YOU!

