



Upcoming Dates

MAR	Wednesday 7th	NO PREPS
	Wednesday 7th	Year 1-6 Wimmera Field Days Excursion
	Monday 27th	Year 6 Young Leader's Day (Melbourne)
	Friday 31st	Grandparents Day
	Friday 31st	Last day of Term 1

Welcome

A special welcome to Mrs. Jessica Mason who is our Integration Aide. Jessica will be working in the Foundation/ Year 1. Please make her feel welcome to our school community.



From the Principal

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Swimming Carnival last Friday. I had to attend a Principal meeting in Horsham, but from all accounts, it was a very successful day. Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who came along to support and cheer on the students.

Special mention must be made of Alison, Zoa and Kendra, who on the day showed initiative and asked if they could have a 50m Butterfly race. The three students completed the event confidently and capably and it is a credit to them to set such a challenge and succeed! The Swimming Carnival showcased the swimming skills of the students and it was great to hear so many participated and encouraged others throughout the day. Many thanks to Mr Pritchard for all his hard work in organising the day, finalising events and coordinating the program for the day.

We had two students qualify for the next level of swimming. Congratulations to Sid and Alison who competed in Horsham on Tuesday. They represented our school confidently and achieved excellent personal best results.

In preparation for Easter, all students made pancakes on Tuesday. The students were very excited as they worked in groups to make pancakes from a recipe. There was a lovely smell permeating from the kitchen and a tray of fresh, delicious pancakes was even delivered to my office door! Students learnt that historically Shrove Tuesday was when households would use up all food that wasn't eaten during Lent, which was a period of fasting. On Wednesday, we had an Ash Wednesday Chapel to mark the beginning of the season of Lent. Students had the opportunity to receive a sign of the cross after the service as a personal reminder of what Jesus did for us by going to the cross, so that we are forgiven of our sins.

Next Wednesday the whole school is having an excursion to the Wimmera Field Days in Horsham. This allows the students to participate in many activities and performances and experience an agricultural and agribusiness event. A separate note has been sent home with details.

Yours with Christ, Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

Having God's Approval

'Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal. Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and robbers cannot break in and steal.' (verses 19,20)

6 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

² "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Prayer

⁵ "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Your whole life is of special significance to God. The things you think and say and do, and especially the way you use your possessions, are of eternal significance to your Father in heaven. So much of what you do may go unnoticed by the people in your life, but everything you do, even what you do in secret, is seen by your Father in heaven.

This doesn't mean that God is always spying on you, keeping a close eye on you to catch you out if you trip up. It means that you can

have confidence that when you do good things, such as helping people in need, your Father in heaven sees you and approves of you. You don't need to be burdened with letting other people know how good you are. God already loves you and cares for you. When you have his approval, what other people may think doesn't really matter.

Father, thank you for blessing me with so much, especially the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. Please give me the opportunity to store up for myself riches in heaven. 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 \$97.40.

Chapel



There will be no Chapel this Friday due to the service being held on Ash Wednesday.

Worship News

Please see below for this week's church service time.

Please note that this week is the Parish AGM.

Nhill: 9am

Church Office: 5391 1223



Prayer of the Week

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

- ◆ Declan Carew 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.

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 Wednesday 28th April. Keep this date free!

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.



March/April

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

Get 'em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be running again next Tuesday 7th March. 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.

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 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.

Just a reminder that netball training for the following grades begins tonight; Nhill Tigers Under 13s, Under 15s beginning at 4pm, and Under 17s beginning at 5pm. Training is at the Sporting Club netball courts. All players intending on training **must be registered** before taking the court. Registration is simple and can be done online.



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.

Child Safety News

The welfare and best interests of every child are paramount. If you have any concerns that a child may be experiencing any form of abuse, whether or not you have formed belief on reasonable grounds that the abuse has occurred, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Child Protection Officers.

Our Child Protection Officers are:

Mrs. Tara Pritchard

principal@nhills.vic.edu.au

Ph: 03 5391 2144

Mrs. Kirsty Koop

kirsty@nhills.vic.edu.au

Ph: 03 5391 2144

Whenever there are concerns that a child is in immediate danger, the Police should be called on 000.

House Captains Report

On Friday 24th of February the Nhill Lutheran School had their Swimming Carnival. There was about 25 different races for the whole day. The events were backstroke, freestyle, kickboard, butterfly, breaststroke, cork scramble, duck dive, noodle race, any which way and house relays with parents and teachers. The sports captains helped with the younger students in their events. We thank all the parents for entering the house relay and encouraging the students. Thank you to Mr Pritchard for all his hard work in preparing the day. Also a massive thank you to Miss Keller for announcing all the events for the day, Fiona, Kelsie and Mrs. Alexander for handing out ribbons for the first, second and third placings, Casey and Anna Reichenbach for starting the races with the horn and finally to Rachel Clark for taking most of the photos. We had lots of people entering lots events, participating and displaying sportsmanship throughout the day. All students did an excellent job for competing in races. We hope that everybody had a great time at the magnificent swimming carnival.

School Snaps



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!

NHILL BASKETBALL GRAND FINAL

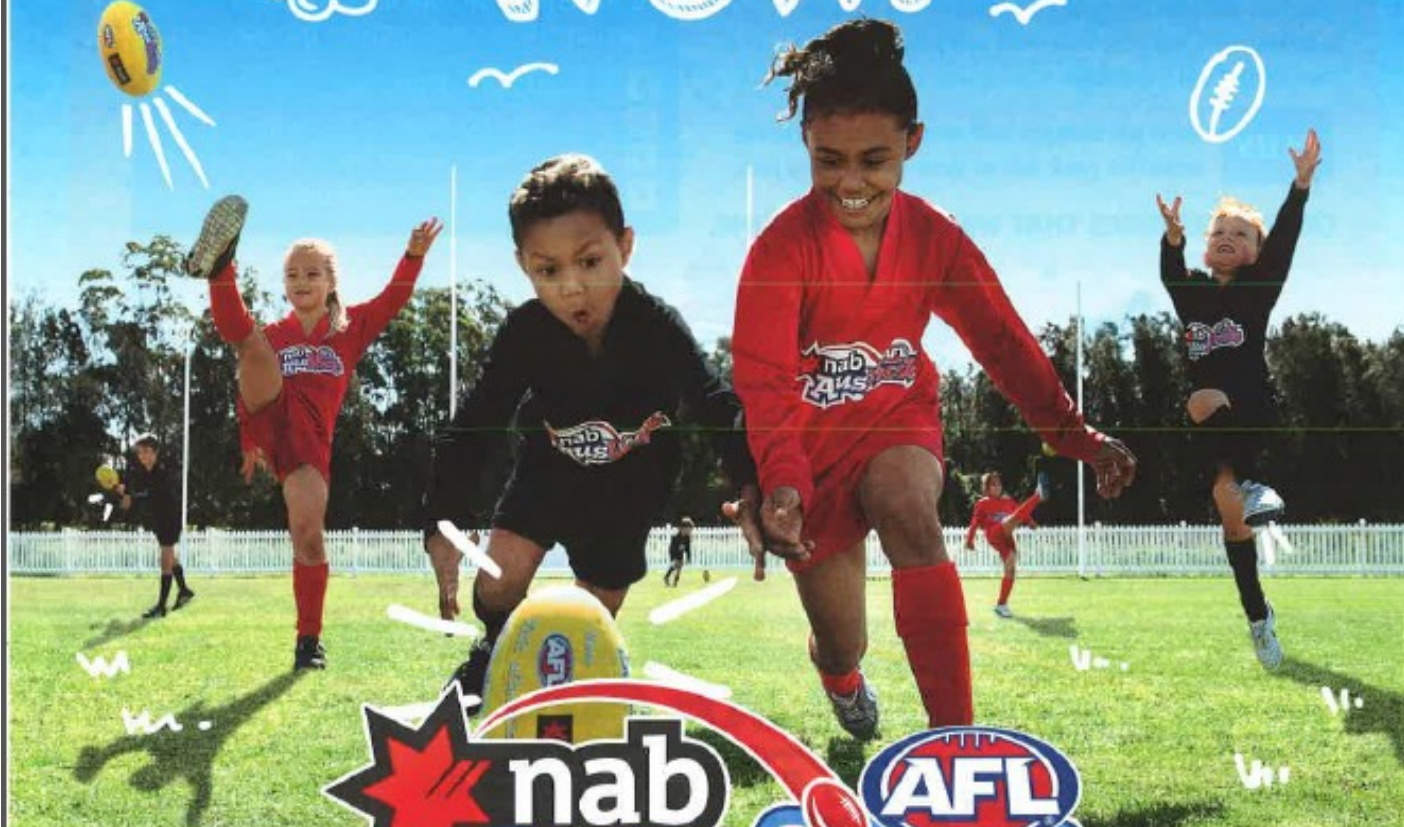
FRIDAY 3 MARCH

4:20pm	Primary Girls
4:50pm	Primary Boys
5:30pm	Secondary Boys
6:10pm	Secondary Girls
7pm	Mens
8pm	Womens

BBQ and drinks for sale



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

AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

THE D&F INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A
NIGHT OF FUN, POPCORN AND A FAMILY
MOVIE!

FRIDAY
17 | 03 | 2017

7PM START

NHILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE
ROOM.

BYO COMFY SEATING
PYJAMAS WELCOME!!!

FREE POPCORN
DRINKS \$1
GOLD COIN DONATION PER FAMILY

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

