



# TOGETHER WE GROW

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## Upcoming Dates

MAR	Friday 17th	P&F Movie Night
	Tuesday 21st	Harmony Day
	Monday 27th	Year 6 Young Leader's Day (Melbourne)
	Friday 31st	Grandparents Day
	Friday 31st	Last day of Term 1
APR	Tuesday 18th	First day of Term 2
MAY	Wednesday	School photos

## Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

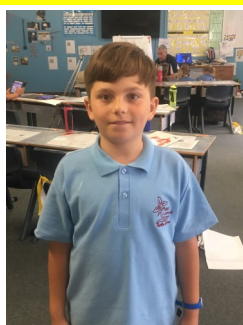
Aaron Pedie: Wednesday 22nd March

Nathan Pedie: Wednesday 22nd March



## Welcome

A very big welcome to Nikolaos Diamantopoulos. Nikolaos joins the Year 4/5/6 class and is an older brother to Athina.



## From the Principal

The students are looking forward to the P&F movie night this Friday beginning at 7pm. It will be a great night of fun, popcorn and watching a movie on the big screen! Students can come dressed in their pyjamas so that they are ready for bed as soon as they get home. Thanks in advance to the P&F for organizing this social event.

Next Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, students will be celebrating Harmony Day. Students will be participating in a range of activities including an excursion to the Nhill Community Centre in the afternoon. Students can come dressed in costume from another culture for the day or colours that represent a flag from a particular country. For more details, see the separate note that was sent home last week.

Grandparent's Day is Friday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. All students will participate in the Chapel service which begins at 9:00am, followed by classroom visits, and concluding with morning tea which will be prepared and served by the senior students at 11:00am. Our students value the opportunity to showcase their work and school. All are welcome to attend this very special day including parents and friends.

Yours with Christ,

Tara Pritchard

## Devotional Thought

### Peace beyond reason - Isaiah 66:7-14

For this is what the Lord says: "I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." (Verses 12-13)

"Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son.

<sup>8</sup> Who has ever heard of such things? Who has ever seen things like this? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.

<sup>9</sup> Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give delivery?" says the LORD. "Do I close up the womb when I bring to delivery?" says your God.

<sup>10</sup> "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her.

<sup>11</sup> For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts; you will drink deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance." <sup>12</sup> For this is what the LORD says: "I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." <sup>14</sup> When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes.

When Jesus spoke about peace, he had in mind something we could never bring about. He had in mind ending our hatred of God, our distrust of his care, and our self-directed ways of living. He had in mind ending the hostility we have towards God, bringing us to love him and trust him.

It cost Jesus his life to do it. But he did it gladly and freely. Why? Because, he wanted us to know the peace that he himself has.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you." ([John 14:27](#)). What's his peace? It's to share in his own relationship with God our Father. To rest in God's care, no matter what. To know that you are loved by God, no matter what. To know that you're held in his arms and carried all the way to heaven, even as you take your last breath. To be settled in the fact that no one or nothing can separate you from the love of God. Ever.

That's the peace that Jesus knew. That's the peace he came to leave with us. That peace re-digs our foundations. And thank God that it happens now, before it's too late. Better to have our foundations re-laid now, than find the one's we've trusted in have crumbled to dust.

*Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for the peace you won for me. Help me live in your peace. Amen.*

Always believe in God.  
Because there are some questions  
that even Google can't answer.

## Chapel Offering

Currently, the chapel offerings are donated to support a sponsor child, Waxiagong, and his community in Laos. So far we have raised \$106.90.

## Chapel



Chapel will be held on Friday at 9am in the Multi Purpose Room. It will run by Mrs. Pritchard.

## Worship News

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

- ◆ Starla Colbert 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.

### 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.

### Nhill Lutheran School 40th Anniversary

2017 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Nhill Lutheran School. Official celebrations will take place on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2017 with a school Open Day, Cabaret and Church Service. Please mark this date in your diary. More information will be advised closer to October. Follow us Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nls40years](http://www.facebook.com/nls40years) for more news.

## Playgroup Reading Presentation

On Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> of March, Mrs Lorraine Merton from LLEN will be presenting a short session about the importance of preschool language development. Playgroup will finish at 10.30am to allow parents to listen to Lorraine and gain valuable tips for talking, singing and reading with this age group of children. Parents are also welcome to stay for a cuppa afterwards or ask Lorraine questions.

## Get 'em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be running again next Tuesday 21st 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.

## 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.



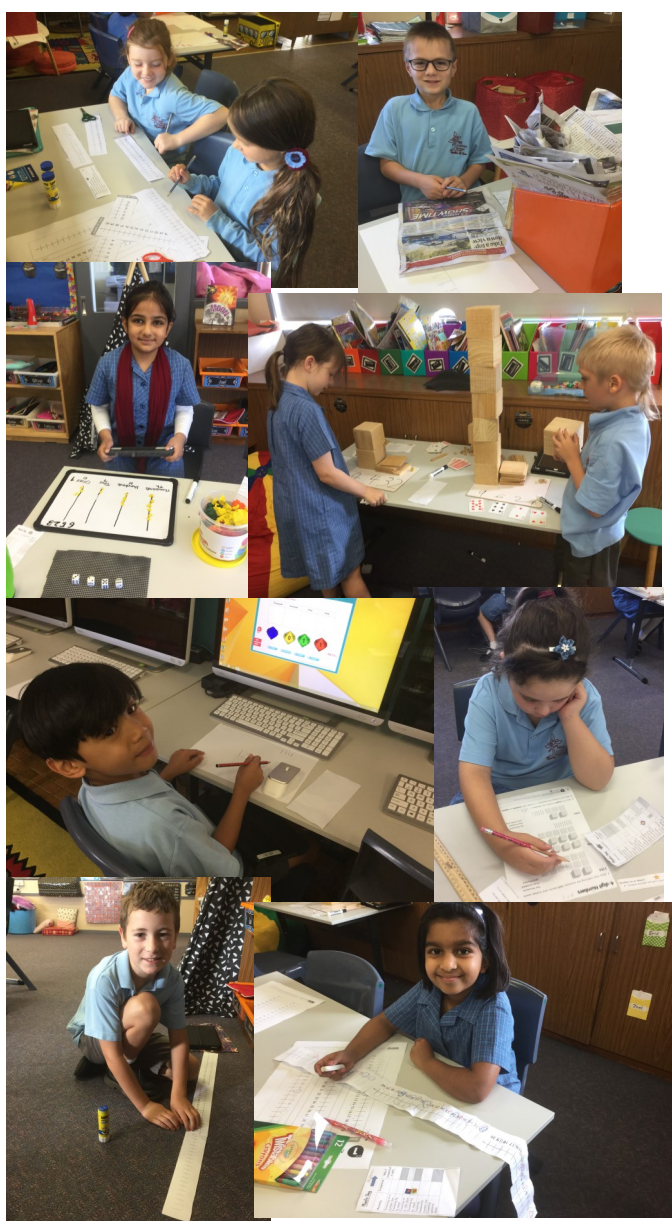
### March/April

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



## FOCUS—Year 2/3 Class

On Wednesday and Thursday this week the Year 2/3 class have been involved in special Maths activities. The students have been challenged whilst having fun exploring number with different tasks around the classroom. Some of the activities have seen the children make number lines to help them skip count backwards and forwards, using playdough to make their own spike abacus to show numbers in the thousands, group games to see who can get to zero the quickest and using MABs to model numbers.



## 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.

## Nhill Tigers News



Just a reminder that training for the Nhill Tigers Under 12s starts on tonight at 5pm at the Nhill oval. For inquiries please call Graeme Cole on 0427 899 228.

Registration night will also be on tonight from 5.30pm. This is an opportunity to get your Club Membership, Football Player Fees and Pre-Payments all sorted in one go. It is important that players are registered on Footy Web and that you have your Club Membership and Player Fees **BEFORE** your first game.

Just a reminder that netball training times for the following grades are; 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 simple and can be done online.



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**Net Set Go for 5-10 year olds and Modified netball for pre 13&U.**

More information to follow soon. To register your interest, please contact Emma Dickinson 0408911664.



## Child Safety News

### WELCOME TO THE THINKUKNOW WEBSITE

ThinkUKnow is a free, evidence-based cyber safety program that provides accessible cyber safety education to parents, carers and teachers through schools and organisations across Australia.

Originally developed in the United Kingdom by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre, ThinkUKnow Australia was established by the AFP in 2009.

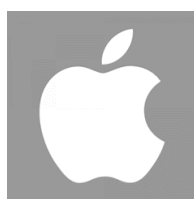
ThinkUKnow is a partnership between Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, and is delivered in collaboration with the New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police Service, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

ThinkUKnow has a number of resources that are useful to parents in regards to cyber safety. One such link is provided below and more information can be found at: <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/site/parental-control-guides>

Parental controls are useful when young children have access to mobile phones, tablets and computers. They can allow you to restrict what content can be accessed on these devices. Placing parental controls on devices can ensure that your children are only able to access age-appropriate material, and in some cases requires your approval before the child can access additional material. Guides on the parental control options of several popular devices and services are available below.



[A parents guide to Android Tablets](#) (PDF, 185KB)



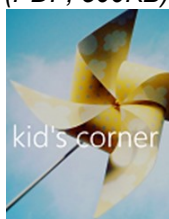
[A parents guide to Apple iOS 7](#) (PDF, 500KB)



[A parents guide to Google Play](#) (PDF, 390KB)



[A parents guide to the Steam Gaming Service](#) (PDF)



[A parents guide to Windows Phone Kids Corner](#) (PDF, 710KB)



[A parents guide to Windows Phone My Family Controls](#) (PDF, 660KB)

## Students of the Week

**Annabella Zanker:** For making good choices, participating in class discussions and for being a wonderful friend to everyone.

**Aaron Pedie:** For participating in class discussions, for making good choices and for working very hard. Great work Aaron!

**Eric Tu:** For doing a wonderful job with helping to tidy up after Karen and for participating in the Science lesson.

**Joel Mock:** For trying his best with his learning and having a go with planning his Science experiment. Keep up the hard work Joel!

**Amelia Drendel:** For great work with her Field Days writing. Well done Amelia!

**Cory Koop:** For doing a great job with inferences in our reading tasks. Well done Cory!



'The Digby Award'

**Hayden Pedie**

For always having excellent manners, working hard in class and excelling in Karen Mathematics.



# 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!!!!







# Nhill Learning Centre

*Learning together*

## SMILE SEW CRAFT

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

LEARN TO MACHINE SEW AND CREATE  
FANTASTIC ITEMS



A sewing class at Paw Po shop  
for beginners aged 10yrs +



**Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th April**

**10am - 12noon**

**Cost \$65**

Includes all supplies, take home sewing kit &  
hand-made item.

Optional follow on class to make Mother's Day item.

Bookings essential on 53912 196

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