



## Upcoming Dates

MAY	Monday 8th	Cross Country Year 3-6 only
	Tuesday 9th	NAPLAN
	Tuesday 9th	Asthma Information Day 2:00pm—Student Session 5:00pm—Parent Session
	Wednesday 10th	NAPLAN
	Thursday 11th	NAPLAN
	Tuesday 30th	AFL Football Player Clinic—Year 4/5/6
	Wednesday 31st	School photos

## Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Oliver Bone: Thursday 4th May

Zoe Bandel: Friday 5th May

Kendra Clark: Saturday 6th May



## From the Principal

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 students will be on next Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. These tests are one part of a wide assessment regime and look at what level students are achieving in Literacy and Numeracy against National Standards. Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing. It is important to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in Literacy and Numeracy against National Standards and is just one part of a wide assessment regime. NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

Next Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of May, our students will be presenting a special Chapel with a Mother's Day focus. A special morning tea will be provided afterwards and we encourage all mothers attend. The P&F are organising a Mum's Night Out evening on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> in the multipurpose room beginning at 6.30pm.

The Foundation/Year 1 students had an excursion to an Equine centre on Wednesday. Students learnt how to care for horses and got to groom and feed them.

Yours with Christ, Tara Pritchard

## Devotional Thought

### Offerings

But Christ has already come as the High Priest of the good things that are already here. The tent in which he serves is greater and more perfect; it is not a tent made by human hands, that is, it is not a part of this created world. When Christ went through the tent and entered once and for all into the Most Holy Place, he did not take the blood of goats and bulls to offer as a sacrifice; rather, he took his own blood and obtained eternal salvation for us. (verses 11,12)

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. <sup>2</sup> For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. <sup>3</sup> Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. <sup>4</sup> In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; <sup>5</sup> above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail.

<sup>6</sup> Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; <sup>7</sup> but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. <sup>8</sup> By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. <sup>9</sup> This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, <sup>10</sup> but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right.

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Old Testament people had their own special types of offerings which they brought to their tent of worship. They were usually birds or animals, which were ritually slaughtered, and their blood was then offered on the altar. Nowadays we Christians take along our money to church and place it on the collection plate that is passed around during the service. This is our offering to God.

Some people make the mistake of thinking that they are earning acceptance by God by giving money or even time, possessions and good works. The truth is that we no longer have to sacrifice animals and birds to God, because Jesus, through his death and resurrection, has made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. By doing so he obtained for us eternal salvation. Our offerings are a grateful response for what he has already done.

***Dear Jesus, thank you for your great sacrifice on our behalf, and the eternal salvation you earned for me. Amen.***

### Chapel Offering

Currently, the chapel offerings are donated to support a sponsor child, Waxiangong, and his community in Laos. So far we have raised \$175.15.

### Chapel



There will be no Chapel this Friday, due to Chapel being held on Monday. Chapel will be held next Friday, as usual.

### Worship News

Please see below for this week's church services times. This week it is a Parish service at Jeparit.

Jeparit: 9am

Nhill: 11am

Woorak: 9am

Church Office: 5391 1223



### Prayer of the Week

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

- ◆ Liam Dickinson 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 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.



### May/June

**Darryn Rethus**, Paul Marshman, Martin Colbert, Peter Hedt, Andrew Hiscock

## Get 'Em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup is on again next Tuesday 9th May. 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 bring along the following:

- A water bottle
- Fruit snack
- Gold coin donation

For further information please see the front office.

## Sports News

On Monday 8th May students in Years 3-6 will be participating in the Cross Country held at the Nhill College. The Cross Country will begin at 10.30am for any parents interested in coming along to watch. Students are required to wear their Sports Uniform on this day.

## Wood for Sale

The Parents & Friends Association currently has wood for sale. It is \$80 per trailer load and is able to be delivered upon negotiation. Please see Mr.Pritchard for further information and inquires.

