



## Upcoming Dates

AUG	Wednesday 30th	Warracknabeal Athletics
	Wednesday 30th	Pie Drive Orders delivered
SEP	Friday 1st	Father's Day Football Match
	Friday 22nd	Last Day of Term 3
OCT	Monday 9th	First Day of Term 4
	Tuesday 10th—	Year 5/6 Camp

## Birthdays

We wish the following student a very Happy Birthday:

Thomas Albrecht:  
Thursday 24th August



## From the Principal

Last Friday, many students enjoyed the P&F Movie night. Again, it was terrific to see such a wonderful crowd come along and enjoy a movie night. Many thanks to Mr Bandel for organising the movie and sound system, and to the P&F for organising the fun event for our students.

This week we have been celebrating Book Week. On Wednesday, the day started with a free breakfast including freshly cooked pancakes, bacon and eggs. Afterwards, visitors browsed the Book Fair before the Book Week parade. All students came dressed up as their favourite character from a book, or dressed according to the theme which was 'Escape to Everywhere'. After the parade, students worked in multi-age groups and rotated through a variety of activities relating to a shortlisted book. Students have also enjoyed purchasing from the Book Fair which continues for the rest of the week. The Book Fair theme for this year is 'Reading Rainforest – Go Wild For Books'. Students and staff have enjoyed decorating the school so that it resembles a jungle. Thank you to all parents and friends who supported the students with their costumes. Many thanks also to Mrs Mason and Miss Keller for the scrumptious breakfast and decorations, and to our other staff for organising such fun and engaging activities for our students.

In May, our Year 3 and 5 students completed the NAPLAN tests (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy). The school has now received these results and parents are able to collect their child's report from the classroom teacher. We encourage parents to discuss their child's results with the classroom teacher so that successes are celebrated and areas that need improvement are addressed. We remind parents that NAPLAN is **one** part of our assessment schedule at school and results should be consistent with other data collected.

Yours with Christ,

Tara Pritchard

## Devotional Thought

### God's Gifted Gift

**There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.** (verses 4-7)

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

<sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Greetings, my gifted fellow Christian! For that is what you are.

There are no exceptions. Everyone who is a Christian is a person who has been gifted by God for serving the church in a very special way. Everyone. Even you. Especially you.

So no-one can say that they wish they had something they could offer their church. Each of us has the gift God has given us. I hear

people say, 'But I'm not gifted like other people'. And they're probably right.

Because we do not have to be gifted like other people. We are already gifted in the way God has chosen us to be. He is the one who allocates gifts, and he does it on the basis of what our church needs rather than what we might prefer to have. He is the one who knows what is needed. He is the one who makes sure needs are met. In you and me.

So it isn't a case of asking whether we have gifts. It's rather a case of recognising that we do have gifts, finding them, and using them in service of Jesus, in his body, the church.

***Father, help me to accept myself as you have made me to be – a person gifted for service in your church. Amen.***

## Chapel Offering

This term our chapel offerings will be sent to support our orphanage school in Myanmar.

## Chapel



Chapel will be held at 9am in the Multi Purpose Room. We invite parents and friends to join us for morning tea. Chapel will be ran by the Foundation/Year 1 class.

## Worship News

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

Nhill: 11am

Woorak: no service

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.....

- ♦ Paw Blu Moo and her 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.

### Unknown Deposit

On Friday 4th August a deposit was made into the school account however it had no reference name. If this was you, could you please contact the school ASAP.

## P&F News

On Friday, the P&F held the Family Movie Night. It was a huge success with many families coming to enjoy the night. Over 40 bags of popcorn were enjoyed, whilst watching the Batman Lego Movie.

Thank you to everyone for supporting this event!



## 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.



### July/August

**Michael Koop**, Peter Bone, Adam Clark, Nathan Albrecht, Salman Tarar

## MAINTENANCE NOTICE

Please note that due to maintenance upgrades the south entrance of the school is **STRICTLY A NO GO ZONE**. Please use the side ramp doors.



## Assembly News

After assembly on Friday, Ms Aline Deckert will be speaking to the students about the Operation Christmas Child project. All are welcome to attend.

## Zone Rally

Next Thursday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, all students will be singing at the Lutheran Zone Rally held at the Nhill Lutheran Church from 11.00-12.00pm.

## Father's Day Football Update



The countdown is on, and the ground is being prepared and the sirens tested! Dads, get ready for the big event of the year, the Father's Day Footy match which will be next Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Rumour has it that many have been in secret training mode so as to win back the footy shield from the students! However, Coach Keller has a few tricks up her sleeve to make sure the students are **again** victorious on the day! Students will be leading a Chapel service at 12.00pm and afterwards, the annual Fathers versus Students footy match will be held beginning at 12.30pm. We look forward to seeing all Dads join us for this very special event! After the game, the P&F will be providing a free hotdog lunch for all to enjoy.



# “Many hands make light work”

To help with the school's major fundraising  
we need you for an afternoon of wood cutting

**When:** Sunday 10 September  
from 1pm  
(P&F supplied BBQ tea &  
Fellowship to follow)

**What to bring:** your chainsaw,  
wood splitter, a trailer or just  
your muscles

**Where:** meet at the school  
(directions to location/s  
will be given then)

**RSVP:** to the school office by  
1/10/17

Please note: Everyone welcome

*All past and present students, staff and families  
are invited to celebrate*

*Nhill Lutheran School's  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
October 21-22*

*Saturday*

*2pm onward, Registration and School Open Day*

*6pm, BBQ tea at the School*

*7.30pm, Official Welcome followed by Goods &  
Services Auction, Supper and Cabaret in the  
School Multipurpose Room*

*Sunday*

*10.30am, Thanksgiving Worship Service at Nhill  
Lutheran Church followed by finger food luncheon*

*For more information, please visit our Facebook  
page [facebook.com/nls40years](https://facebook.com/nls40years)*

*RSVP to [admin@nhills.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@nhills.vic.edu.au), (03)53912144  
or 2 Mackay St Nhill, 3418 by October 9th*





# Nhill Learning Centre

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## YOUTH ALLOWANCE

**FREE**

### INFORMATION SESSION

**7pm Thursday  
14<sup>th</sup> September  
AT NHILL LEARNING CENTRE**

**For all parents/carers of senior school  
students & tertiary aged students**

**Bookings essential**

**Phone: 53 912 196**

**Email: [nnhlc@internode.on.net](mailto:nnhlc@internode.on.net)**

Do you have a family member undertaking studies at Year 11 or Year 12 who is intending to go on to Tertiary studies? Are you a current tertiary student?

We are the Youth Allowance experts having helped over 1000 students navigate the Centrelink maze of Youth Allowance.

With the taper mechanisms of our Tax and Centrelink systems, families can be losing as much as 84.5% of their taxable income. So planning is as important as choosing which course.

As parents, you may be depriving your child of some financial independence by failing to properly plan for their tertiary education years.

We step you through the Youth Allowance process so that as a family you are maximising your potential through these very important years.

Centrelink Scholarships alone can be worth over \$8.5k over a 3year university course.

Independent vs dependent, bachelor vs diploma, on campus vs off campus? the decisions continue

If you fail to adequately plan, guess who is paying your child's way through tertiary education?

**Simmons Centrelink Advisory Service**