



Upcoming Dates

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— Friday 13th	Year 5/6 Camp

From the Principal

Yesterday we had 23 students qualify to compete in the West Wimmera Schools Athletic Sport's Day at Warracknabeal. Congratulations to all students who made it to this level to compete and represent our school. For the first time in many years, we entered a relay team and there was a huge increase in the number of students who competed in the 800 metres. Overall, our students achieved 3 firsts, 9 seconds and 3 thirds. Some students will now qualify for the next level. Thank you so much to all parents who went along to encourage and support the students, and to our staff members Mr Pritchard and Mrs Mason.

Today all students performed some Karen songs at the Lutheran Zone Rally held at the Lutheran Church. Our School Captains also got to speak about our school and provide information about our relationship with the Maw Per Koh orphanage school.

Tomorrow is the Father's Day Footy match. Students will be leading a Chapel service at 12.00pm and afterwards, the annual Fathers versus Students footy match will be held 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. Students are allowed to wear their sports uniform and/or come dressed in footy colours/attire.

Yours in Christ,

Tara Pritchard



Devotional Thought

Truly God is among you!

If, then, the whole church meets together and everyone starts speaking in strange tongues – and if some ordinary people or unbelievers come in, won't they say that you are all crazy? But if everyone is proclaiming God's message when some unbelievers or ordinary people come in, they will be convinced of their sin by what they hear. They will be judged by all they hear, their secret thoughts will be brought into the open, and they will bow down and worship God, confessing, 'Truly God is here among you!' (verses 23 – 25)

¹³ Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unproductive. ¹⁵ What should I do then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also.

¹⁶ Otherwise, if you say a blessing with the spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say the "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since the outsider does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷ For you may give thanks well enough, but the other person is not built up. ¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; ¹⁹ nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰ Brothers and sisters, do not be children in your thinking; rather, be infants in evil, but in thinking be adults. ²¹ In the law it is written,

"By people of strange tongues
and by the lips of foreigners
I will speak to this people;
yet even then they will not listen to me,"

says the Lord. ²² Tongues, then, are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers. ²³ If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your mind? ²⁴ But if all prophesy, an unbeliever or outsider who enters is reproved by all and called to account by all. ²⁵ After the secrets of the unbeliever's heart are disclosed, that person will bow down before God and worship him, declaring, "God is really among you."

Corinth was a vast mixture of temples, shrines and altars to gods of all descriptions. The fledgling Christian church would have been seen by many as

'just another religion', following one of the many gods that were around.

Paul urges his readers not to be like this. Who they are, whose they are, and what they believe is to be quite clear. That is why, while he encouraged people to speak in tongues if that was their gift, he urged them to proclaim the word clearly, since tongue speaking could be heard in most of the temples in the city. The Christian gospel was unique, had power, and stirred the hearts of those who heard it.

In our multicultural society many people today see Christianity as 'just another religion'. We know, however, that we worship the true God, the one who wants all people to be saved. Therefore we too need to proclaim the gospel in crystal-clear terms, so that people in our day may hear it and exclaim, 'Truly God is here among you!'

Father, may the way I live the gospel clearly proclaim your love for people, so that I can earn the right to speak it to them too. Amen.

Chapel Offering

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

Chapel



Chapel will be held at 12pm in the Multi Purpose Room. Chapel will be ran by the Year 2/3 class, with all other classes contributing for a special Fathers Day Chapel.

Worship News

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

Nhill: 9am

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.....

- ♦ Savior Ner 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.

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.



September/October

Paul Drendel, Toelwee Ner Moo, Michael Hall, Lahkow Moo, Chris Schnaars

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.



Father's Day Football Update



Fathers Day football will be live from the Nhill Lutheran School oval tomorrow, beginning at 12.30pm. 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. 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.

