

# TOGETHER WE GROW

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# **Upcoming Dates**

SEP	Friday 22nd	Last Day of Term 3
ОСТ	Monday 9th	First Day of Term 4
	Tuesday 10th— Friday 13th	Year 5/6 Camp
	Thursday 19th	Nhill Show
		Pupil Free Day
	Saturday 21st— Sunday 22nd	40th Anniversary Celebrations
	Wednesday 25th	Kinder Orientation 9am-11am
	Friday 27th	Pre-Prep Program
NOV	Wednesday 1st	Kinder Orientation 9am-1pm
	Friday 3rd	Pre-Prep Program
	Wednesday 8th	Kinder Orientation
		9am-3.15pm
	Friday 10th	Pre-Prep Program
	Friday 17th	Pre-Prep Program
	Friday 24th	Pre-Prep Program
DEC	Friday 1st	Pre-Prep Program
	Tuesday 5th	Christmas Concert

# **Birthdays**

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Rourkey Croot: Friday 22nd September Giana Pohlner: Saturday 23rd September

Isaac Pohlner: Monday 2nd October

## From the Principal

Last week we were very fortunate to have Zipporah Sein visit us. Zipporah Sein is the former vice chairperson of the Karen National Union and is a board member of Ethnic Nationalities Affairs Centre. It was such a privilege to have her visit our school. The students sang her some Karen songs, presented her with the Karen books that were published last year and showed her the progress of the next series of the dual English/Karen books.

On Wednesday all students travelled to Horsham to see the musical, 'No Rhyme or Reason' at the Wesley Performing centre. Afterwards, the students were treated with a free fruit smoothie at the Up Tempo Cafe. Thank you to Mrs Mock for organising such a worthwhile and valuable excursion for our students.

We are very excited to announce that Miss Kelsie Attiwill will be joining our staff team next year. We would also like to congratulate Kelsie on being nominated for the Flinders University **Medal for Excellence in Beginning Teaching**. This award is only given to one student per degree so it is a great honour to be nominated. We wish Kelsie every blessing for her future career in education and pray for her as she prepares to move to Nhill.

Early next term we have the school's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. All families are welcome to attend the celebrations. On Sunday, there will be a thanksgiving worship service beginning at 10.30am at the Nhill Lutheran Church. Students have been practising a song which we will sing in the service. All students are encouraged to attend this very special occasion and are welcome to stay for the finger food luncheon after the service.

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2.15pm this Friday and we pray that all students and families have a restful and safe holiday. Please note that school resumes on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> of October and students will need to wear their school hat as part of their uniform. Please also note that we will start the term with a chapel service at 9.00am due to the 5/6 class away on camp from Tuesday to Friday.

Yours with Christ, Tara Pritchard

# **Devotional Thought**

# **Rekindling the flame**

Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be brave, be strong. Do all your work in love. You know about Stephanas and his family; they are the first Christian converts in Achaia and have given themselves to the service of God's people. I beg you, my friends, to follow the leadership of such people as these, and of anyone else who works and serves with them.

<sup>10</sup> If Timothy comes, see that he has nothing to fear among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord just as I am; <sup>11</sup> therefore let no one despise him. Send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me; for I am expecting him with the brothers.

<sup>12</sup> Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but he was not at all willing to come now. He will come when he has the opportunity.

<sup>13</sup> Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. <sup>14</sup> Let all that you do be done in love.

<sup>15</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, you know that members of the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; <sup>16</sup> I urge you to put yourselves at the service of such people, and of everyone who works and toils with them. <sup>17</sup> I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; <sup>18</sup> for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. So give recognition to such persons.

<sup>19</sup> The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, greet you warmly in the Lord. <sup>20</sup> All the brothers and sisters send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

<sup>21</sup> I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. <sup>22</sup> Let anyone be accursed who has no love for the Lord. Our Lord, come! <sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. <sup>24</sup> My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus.

If we've been Christian for as long as we can remember, it sometimes irks us when we see new Christians bubbling over with enthusiasm and perhaps even being a little critical of our seeming lack of involvement in reaching out to people with God's love.

There are a couple of ways we can respond. We can put such people in their place, reminding them who built this church and whose family has supported it for years.

We can remind them that we're not one of those 'new' churches where people show their feelings excessively, and that they should get to know the way we do things before they tell us how we should be acting. We could do this, and risk losing them to one of the churches we are so critical of.

Or we can take Paul's advice. We can thank God for the joy and energy of people who have recently come to see how much God has done for them. Rather than try to squelch their enthusiasm, we can use it to rekindle ours, so that together we can do God's work of making more new Christians. So they, too, can stimulate us with their enthusiasm!

Thank you for the enthusiasm of people who have come to know you, Lord. Renew me, so that I too may glow with your love. 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. Chapel will be ran by Mrs. Pritchard.

# **Worship News**

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

Nhill: 11am

Woorak: 9am

Jeparit: 11am

Nhill Lutheran Parish

Church Office: 5391 1223

# Prayer of the Week

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

Kit and Maci Oliver and their 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.

#### 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

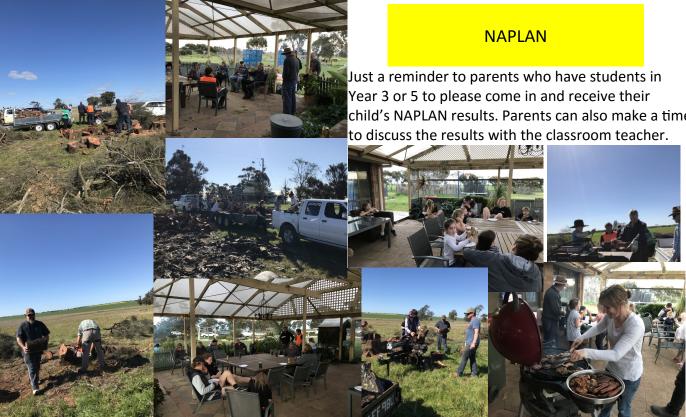
Please note that due to maintenance upgrades the south entrance of the school is STRICTLY A NO GO ZONE. Please use the side ramp doors.



#### **P&F News**

A huge thank you to the parents, children and volunteers from the community who assisted with the wood chopping on Sunday. Your help was greatly appreciated. It was good to see so many people willing to support the school and P&F with its fundraising for 2017.

Year 3 or 5 to please come in and receive their child's NAPLAN results. Parents can also make a time to discuss the results with the classroom teacher.



#### Students of the Week

**Thomas Albrecht:** For excellent efforts in PMP, showing careful listening and following instructions.

Savior Ner Moo: For great work with writing and colouring in carefully.

**Zoe Bandel:** For singing enthusiastically during the special Karen presentation.

**Lanie Clark:** For showing great care and empathy to others in need.

**Cory Koop:** For doing a terrific job with the presentation of his Farm Maths project. Some great ideas to share with others Cory, well done!

Amaya Woodward: For working hard to improve her multiplication and Math's layout. Keep up the great work Amaya!





# **40th Anniversary News**

As part of the **School Anniversary Celebrations** there will be a Goods and Services Auction to raise money for the school. But we need your help! Do you make, grow or sell something that you are willing to donate to the school to be auctioned on the night? If you can help please contact Jackie Rethus on 0409 565 148 or email jackierethus@gmail.com.

#### **Health News**

## **Thunderstorm Asthma**

The devastating thunderstorm asthma event in Melbourne during last year's pollen season highlighted



the risk for people with underlying breathing conditions. People with asthma and hay fever were particularly vulnerable. Asthma Australia has worked closely with the authorities in Victoria and now provides a thunderstorm asthma module in their online training so school staff can be prepared for such an event should it occur in school time. You can help by ensuring your child's Asthma Plan is up to date and the school has an in -date blue reliever puffer and spacer for them in case of an emergency.

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it's like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Check it out at asthmakids.org.au



Jeparit Holiday Bible Adventure Day

Date: September 25th

Place: Jeparit Lutheran Church Hall

Time: 9.30-3.30

All Primary aged School children are welcome. There is no cost for the day. Lunch & snacks provided. For more information or to register your child for the HBA Day, Michelle Pipkorn 0408018202 or

Jan Reichenbach 0407508181 Presented by









FOOD, DRINKS AND PRE-SHOW ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER GATES OPEN 5PM DAVIS PARK - NHILL FOOTBALL GROUNDS

Smoke, Drug and Alcohol free



Presale tickets \$10

(At the gate \$15)
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