



# TOGETHER WE GROW

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## Upcoming Dates

OCT	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 student a very Happy Birthday:

Stella Schnaars: Monday 16th October



## From the Principal

Welcome back to school! We hope that everyone had a safe and refreshing holiday ready for another exciting term. We have many rich learning opportunities planned for the students, including the school concert on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of December. Another important date to remember this term, is our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. All students are encouraged to attend the Thanksgiving Worship Service at the Lutheran Church beginning at 10.30am, as they will be performing a song throughout the service.

This year, the Lutheran tradition commemorates the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation which began in 1517 in Wittenberg, Germany. During the month of October, students will be learning about the Reformation and participating in a number of activities including a special Chapel on Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. It is an opportunity to reflect together on what it means to be liberated by God's grace, and look at how we respond to the calling of Jesus Christ to love and serve others.

The month of October is Walk to School. The program encourages students to walk to school or their bus stop to get a ticket from their classroom teacher, which will be recorded on their classroom calendar. This year Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly will facilitate lunchtime activities which will be held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. Students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Every week in the newsletter this term, we will be communicating strategies and information regarding child safety. This week there is some information about an online resource hub for parents launched by the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner to help keep children safe online.

With Christ,  
Tara Pritchard

## Devotional Thought

### A Balanced Diet

**'How much bread have you got?' Jesus asked 'Seven loaves', they answered.**

**He ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, gave thanks to God broke them, and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the crowd; and the disciples did so. They also had a few small fish. Jesus gave thanks for these, and told the disciples to distribute them too. Everybody ate and had enough – there were about four thousand people.**

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, <sup>2</sup> "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup> If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance." <sup>4</sup> His disciples replied, "How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?" <sup>5</sup> He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." <sup>6</sup> Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. <sup>7</sup> They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. <sup>8</sup> They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. <sup>9</sup> Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. <sup>10</sup> And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

Jesus had been with these people, teaching them, for three days. He had fed them generously with the best spiritual food they could get: the word of God. But now they were physically hungry. So Jesus just as generously, and to us miraculously, fed them through his blessing of the seven loaves and the few small fish. The people received a balanced diet of spiritual and physical food.

Few of us lack food for our bodies. Our fast food industry sees to that. But what is the balance between our intake of spiritual and physical food? We may be the best fed nation physically but starving and malnourished spiritually. And that can be our own personal story too.

That need not be. The Christ who fed the four thousand so generously has not forgotten the spiritual need for food of his countless thousands. His spirit-bearing word is given to feed our souls. His own body and blood, given in his holy supper are his way of nourishing our spirits. May we enjoy these blessings Jesus gives, so that our body and spirit food intake form a balanced diet.

***Lord Jesus, feed all who are physically and spiritually hungry. Amen.***

### Chapel Offering

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

### Chapel



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

### 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.....

- ◆ 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.

## 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](mailto:jackierethus@gmail.com).

## Sheep Manure for Sale

The Year 4/5/6 class have again been busy and have bags of sheep manure for sale. The bags are \$4 each, and are available for purchase from the front of the school. A big thank you to Brad and Carolyn Blackwood for giving us access to manure for this to happen. All proceeds will be going towards our Orphanage School in Myanmar. Delivery is available. To arrange please contact Quentin Pritchard.

## 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.



## NAPLAN

Just a reminder to parents who have students in 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.

## Child Safety News

### **iParent**

The office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has launched an online resource hub for parents, with guidance and strategies to help keep children safe online. iParent is where parents can learn about the digital environment and keep updated on their children's technology use. There are suggestions and guidance for using safety settings on your family's web-connected devices, tips for choosing movies and games and strategies for keeping young people safe online. The online resource hub can be accessed on <https://www.esafety.gov.au/iparent>

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Megan and Luke Reichenbach on the safe arrival of Ada Mae. Ada was born on 30th September. We wish them many blessings on the exciting addition to the family.

## Walk to School 2018

This year Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly will again be visiting each school to provide some extra lunch time activities. It would be great to see as many students be involved on the 2 days during October that this will occur, so we will send out reminders to students of the days so they can come to school appropriately dressed.

Each classroom will have a Walk to School calendar located on the wall or with the teacher that they will be required to complete each time they walk, ride or scoot to school. VicHealth also gives prizes to schools dependant on the data provided, so the more accurately these are filled out the more chance we have to go in the running!

Every day the students walk, scoot or ride to school they will be issued with a ticket. The tickets will be given at random and the 'Lucky' ticket holder will be announced when the prize delivery is made.

This year in the program there is a new inclusion. The Best Decorated Ticket Box will be decided by the classroom teachers and a prize will be given out to the winning student from each class. It must be noted that the tickets the students receive are their **own responsibility**.

This years Walk to School Program is set to be another fun and exciting time for the students. We look forward to working with parents in ensuring children walk safely to and from school. Below is some further information regarding the dates. If you have any questions please contact us at the school.



The infographic features a central illustration of children walking, running, and cycling between two school buildings. The title 'Walk to School 2017' is prominently displayed in green, with the tagline 'Walk, ride or scoot and build healthy habits for life.' below it. A teal banner on the right indicates the dates 'Oct 9 - Nov 3 2017'. A teal line connects four key points: 'Each day students walk, ride or scoot to school or the bus stop they will get a ticket from their teacher', 'All tickets will need be stored in their Walk to School Ticket Box', 'The LUCKY tickets will be announced at each school and prizes distributed at the end of the program', and a callout bubble stating 'Some of the TICKETS are lucky so make sure you look after them'. At the bottom, logos for Hindmarsh Shire Council, WALK TO SCHOOL, and VicHealth are shown.

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*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 (BYO Drinks)*

*Sunday*

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

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