



Upcoming Dates

OCT	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

From the Principal

Last week our senior students attended their annual school camp experience at Geelong and Melbourne. Students had the opportunity to tour Fort Queenscliff, test their skills at laser tag, learn about the Austin family at Barwon Park Mansion, have fun at SupaTramp, fish in the Barwon River and dine out at a restaurant.

The students caught a 6am train to Melbourne visiting and buying lunch at the Victoria Market, State Parliament, The Shrine, The Old Melbourne Gaol and the Eureka Sky Deck. In Ballarat they participated in a session at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka. On many occasions it was great to receive positive feedback about the behaviour and manners of our students. Special thanks to Mr Pritchard for organising this amazing camp for our senior students.

On Wednesday, all students will be travelling to Horsham and attending the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra concert. Music is an important part of our school curriculum and this excursion allows students to explore the key building blocks of music including rhythm, melody, harmony, dynamics and form.

This Thursday the 19th of October, is the Nhill Show. There will be no school on Thursday so that students have the opportunity to attend the show with their families. Students are invited to march in the Grand Parade as a school group. Students can assemble at the entrance to the oval from 3.40pm ready to begin at 4.00pm. This weekend we commemorate the 40th anniversary of our school. In advance I would like to thank the committee who have organised the weekend and the many families who are willing to assist. It will be a special weekend of reminiscing and re-connecting with acquaintances. Most importantly, it invites everyone to join this very special anniversary of the school in thanking God for His everlasting love and blessings.

The students have learnt a beautiful song to sing at the Church service on Sunday. Please note that students are required to wear their summer uniform for this special occasion.

With Christ,
Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

Our Expansive God

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw a man who was driving out demons in your name, and we told him to stop, because he doesn't belong to our group'.

'Do not try to stop him', Jesus told them, 'because no one who performs a miracle in my name will be able soon afterwards to say evil things about me. For whoever is not against us is for us. I assure you that anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to me will certainly receive a reward.'

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." ³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone-casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'But they are different.' Not only Jesus' disciples had difficulty handling groups of people who were different; we can find that difficult too. A person, a group, a race of people,

a church is different from us. Too easily we take the next step and believe that they are wrong and outside the arms of God. How widely do God's arms stretch? Only as far as those of our group, of those who think like us? How expansive is God?

Jesus had to correct the narrow outlook of his disciples. Perhaps he needs to correct our narrow outlook too. He opens our minds to the expansiveness of God, to his unlimited grace. 'Whoever welcomes . . . whoever is not against us ... anyone who gives . . .' Jesus says.

Let us praise God for whatever person or group uses the name of Jesus for good purposes.

Lord Jesus, forgive me my judgmental attitude, my narrowness of thought and deed. Let your grace move me to openness, acceptance and kindness towards those who are different from me. Amen.

Chapel Offering

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

Chapel



Chapel will be held in the Multi Purpose Room this Friday at 9am. Parents and visitors are welcome to stay for a cuppa.

Worship News

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

This week is a Parish service at Nhill beginning at 10.30am.

Jeparit will having a 9am Reading.



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.

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 \$3 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.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Jeff and Michelle Woodward on the birth of Freya May on the 14th October. Freya is a sister for Eden and Amaya. We wish them many blessings on the exciting new addition of the family.

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

This week for Child Safety, have a look at the online resource for parents and children called Safety4kids. There is a section about stranger danger which you can access via the link <https://www.safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone/stranger-danger> It explains to children what they need to do when out and about, ways to take care, and to always be aware of strangers. Please take time to talk to your child/ren about not walking off alone or talking to strangers.

SunSmart School

Just a reminder we are a SunSmart school and hats are required for outside play during Terms 1 and 4. If your child doesn't have a hat they are required to play in the undercover area.



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 flowchart with teal lines and circular nodes provides key information: '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', and 'The LUCKY tickets will be announced at each school and prizes distributed at the end of the program'. A speech bubble on the left states 'Some of the TICKETS are lucky so make sure you look after them'. At the bottom, there are three logos: Hindmarsh Shire Council (a stylized 'H' with a plant), 'WALK TO SCHOOL' (with a footprint icon), and 'an initiative of VicHealth' (with a heart icon).

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

*Nhill Lutheran School's
40th 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*

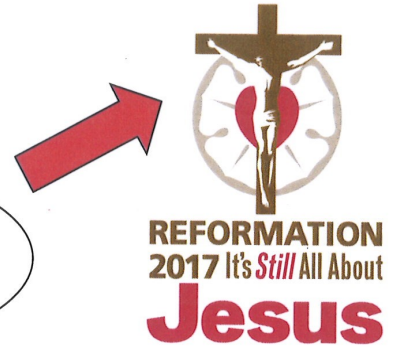
*For more information, please visit our Facebook
page facebook.com/nls40years*

*RSVP to admin@nhills.vic.edu.au,
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Reformation

What is the
Reformation and
what does it mean?



On October 31, 1517, a German pastor named Martin Luther started the Reformation when he nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. That happened five hundred years ago. We are still remembering and celebrating the Reformation today because it teaches us the central truth of Christianity: we are not saved because we are good people who do good things. We are not saved because we give money to the Church or the poor. We are not saved because of anything we do at all. No, not at all. The central truth of Christianity is this: we are saved because of God's grace, that is, the undeserved love God has for sinners like us. We are saved because of what Jesus has done for us. That's the good news we hear in Romans 3:28, "We hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law."



As a school, we will be learning about the Reformation. On Friday, the 27th of October, our Chapel will focus on the Reformation. On Thursday, 2nd November, we will be joining other students from Dimboola Lutheran school and Holy Trinity Lutheran School in Horsham about the meaning of the Reformation and participating in some activities. Students will be travelling by bus to Horsham for this occasion.