



Upcoming Dates

OCT	Friday 27th	Pre-Prep Program
NOV	Wednesday 1st	Kinder Orientation 9am-1pm
	Thursday 2nd	Excursion to Holy Trinity Lutheran School for
	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:

Chloe Crisp: Wednesday 1st
November



From the Principal

What a wonderful weekend we had celebrating the 40th anniversary of our school. On Saturday, the school was abuzz as past students; teachers, parents and relatives reminisced and shared wonderful memories from the past 40 years. It was special to meet the very first Principal, Mr Eric Rathjen and his wife Lois. In particular, special thanks to Mrs Jackie Rethus and Mr Neil Kerber for all their efforts and time in organising such a wonderful weekend. I would also like to thank our P&F for catering and the School Council for all their support and assistance. Thank you to our staff and students for the beautiful displays throughout the school and Mrs Mock for directing the students with their singing in the Church service on Sunday. So many people in our community were so willing to give of their time and talents to bless us with such a successful weekend of celebrations.

Thank you to all students who represented our school in the Grand Parade at Nhill Show last Thursday. The students enjoyed having the goats join us in the parade and congratulations to Peter Rabbit who won first prize for being the fluffiest pet at the show. Well done also to those students who received prizes for their artwork.

Sheep manure sales have been going so well that we have nearly sold all of our sheep manure. Last week, \$750.00 was sent to the orphanage school. Thank you to everyone in the community who have been supporting this fundraiser for students in Myanmar.

With Christ,
Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

'Blind' faith

They came to Jericho, and as Jesus was leaving with his disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus son of Timaeus was sitting by the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, 'Jesus! Son of David! Have pity on me!' Many of the people scolded him and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have pity on me!' (verses 46-48)

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

I have been told that my eyesight is deteriorating, and the possibility of blindness is very real. This is something I dread, as reading is one of my joys.

How did blind Bartimaeus feel? Imagine his frustration. His blindness made him an outcast and a beggar. As he begs by the roadside, he hears Jesus is coming, and he shouts, 'Jesus! Son of David! Have pity on me!' Although blind, he recognises Jesus as the Messiah, 'Son of David', and despite the rebuking of the crowd he continues to call on Jesus as he passes by.

Jesus heard his cry. He hears us too. Don't let the disapproval of others stop us from coming to him with our requests.

Remember Bartimaeus. Trust that Jesus' heart will be full of pity and that he will help us in our time of need.

Jesus, Son of David, hear my prayers and bless me. Help me to stay strong in my faith in you. Amen.

*"With
GOD
All Things
Are
Possible!"*

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. It will be ran by Mrs Pritchard. Parents and visitors are welcome to stay for a cuppa.

Worship News

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

Woorak: 9am

Nhill: 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.

Sheep Manure for Sale

Sheep manure is again 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.

40th Anniversary

On behalf of the Nhill Lutheran School 40th Anniversary Committee I would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who helped in anyway to make the weekend such a wonderful success. In particular to the P&F Association for your work in catering for Saturday. Many favourable comments have already been received but without the help and support it wouldn't have been possible.

Neil Kerber, 40th Anniversary Committee

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.



Athletes Foot Visit

On Wednesday the Pre-Foundation, Foundation/ Year 1 and Year 2/3 students participated in a Learn to tie your shoelaces workshop ran by the Athletes Foot. Nhill Lutheran School has just signed up to be a part of the Athletes Foot School Rewards Program. Each family should have received a brochure regarding what shoes they have on offer. The team at the Athletes Foot in Horsham provide excellent assistance, and will help you find the best fit for your child. Every 10 pair of shoes brought at the Athletes Foot will see them donate \$50 worth of sports equipment to the school. In January they will also be taking bookings outside of business hours to fit your child. We hope you all make the most of this opportunity!



Child Safety News

The website www.raisingchildren.net.au is an Australian parenting website proudly supported by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. It has many links relating to school age safety including personal safety.

Nhill Lutheran School Out and About: Year 5/6 Camp, Nhill Show and Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Trip, Athletes Foot Visit



What does this logo mean?



This logo takes many elements from Luther's seal, which is the most easily recognized symbol for Lutheranism. It was common in Luther's day for people to create a seal or coat of arms for their families, and that seal told the world what the family cared about or did for a living. It's no surprise, then, that Luther's seal was all about Jesus!

At the center of Luther's seal, and at the center of the Reformation 2017 logo, is a red heart in the middle of a white rose. (The heart and rose together are commonly referred to as Luther's rose.) As Luther explained in one of his writings, "The heart in the middle of white rose shows that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. It immediately sets [the believer] into the midst of a white, joyful rose, not like the peace and joy the world offers. That is why the rose should be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and all angels."

At the center of that rose is Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Jesus is the center and Rock of our faith. He has been since He came to Earth in the flesh, and He still is today. The word "still" bears witness to the ever and ongoing relevance of this one, saving truth for sinners.