



Upcoming Dates

NOV	Friday 24th	Pre-Prep Program
	Thursday 30th	Library closes
DEC	Friday 1st	Pre-Prep Program
	Tuesday 5th	Christmas Concert
	Friday 8th	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
	Tuesday 12th	Reports sent home
	Thursday 14th	Graduation Service
	Friday 15th	Last day of Term 4

Birthdays

We wish the following student a very Happy Birthday:



Athina Diamantopoulos:
Thursday 23rd November

Lanie Clark: Thursday 30th November

From the Principal



Nhill Lutheran School offers a range of bursaries each year to assist families in meeting their educational expenses. The form which outlines the procedures to follow has been sent to every school family. Please ensure that the form is returned by Friday, 1st of December. All requests are treated as confidential and will be left to the discretion of the Principal. In 2018, there are 3 bursaries provided by the Nhill Guild to the value of \$200 each, and 2 bursaries provided by Christine Cramer to the value of \$100 each. Families will be notified at the start of the year if they have been successful in securing a bursary. We realise that financial situations do change and fluctuate and therefore, bursaries are reviewed and offered on an annual basis. On Monday, we were blessed to have Mrs Htoo Ku Hsar Say from the International Karen Organisation visit our school. Mrs Htoo oversees the Karen migrant program and delayed her return to Europe so she could make a special trip to our school. We learnt that despite the many countries she has visited, we are the first school to have all students learn Karen and integrate it as part of our curriculum including the core value of service. She was humbled with our efforts in supporting the Maw Per Koh school and encouraged to hear our stories of how we are learning the language, singing songs and writing books to share with others.

Our class structures and staffing for next year have been finalised. I am thrilled to announce that we will have Miss Isabelle Shelton and Miss Gorgia Sealey join our staff team. Both Isabelle and Gorgia are so excited about joining our school community and we wish them every blessing as they prepare to move to Nhill. Our class structures for 2018 are as follows: Foundation – Miss Isabelle Shelton, Year 1 – Miss Gorgia Sealey, Year 2/3 – Miss Kelsie Attiwill, Year 4/5/6 – Mr Quentin Pritchard. Just a reminder that our Graduation Service will be held on Thursday 14th of December at the Nhill Lutheran Church beginning at 7pm. Students will need to wear summer uniform and sit with their teachers at the front of the church. All parents, grandparents and friends are most welcome to attend.

With Christ,

Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

Silence

At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud shout, 'Eloi Eloi lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why did you abandon me?'

Some of the people there heard him and said 'Listen he is calling for Elijah!' One of them ran up with a sponge, soaked it in cheap wine, and put it on the end of a stick. Then he held it up to Jesus' lips and said, 'Wait! Let us see if Elijah is coming to bring him down from the cross!'

With a loud cry Jesus died. (verses 34-37)

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

In the gospel account that Mark gives us, Jesus said only one thing on the cross, just before he died. For six hours he was silent. Then he cried out his terrible question. It's the opening phrase of one of the great songs of the Old Testament, Psalm 22.

Then silence – from Jesus, from God.

Yes, there are many explanations of this death in the letters Paul wrote and in the other New Testament books: redemption, forgiveness, atonement. The very existence of the gospels, the church, the Christian community, revolves completely around this scene. Which still doesn't explain Jesus' cry of 'My God, my God, why did you abandon me?' Such a heart-rending cry of intense loneliness!

Does it mean that God's love is so intense, God's desire to restore our broken world is so fierce, that wherever we are, in whatever dark place, God is still nearby? I believe that's how it is.

Dear God, when I feel lost and totally alone, touch me with your love, remind me with your voice that you will never abandon me. Amen.

I believe in the sun
even when it's not shining.
I believe in love
even when I am alone.
I believe in God
even when He is silent.

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 the Year 2/3 class. Parents and visitors are welcome to stay for a cuppa.

Worship News

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

Woorak: No service

Nhill: 11am

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.....

- ◆ Trinity Rethus and her family
- ◆ Charli Rethus 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.

40th Anniversary

Attended the 40th Anniversary and forgot to order your Port and glasses? Or you didn't attend but would like to order? Wine glasses and Port are still available for purchase. Wine glasses are \$10 each and Port is \$25 a bottle. Please contact the front office if you would like to place an order.

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.

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.



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.



November/December

Simon Mock, Frank Crisp, Wayne Bandel, Moody Tu, Don Oliver, Dr Asif Ahmed

Uniform

We have recently had a lot of jumpers go missing or getting mixed up with other students. We understand that these jumpers cost parents a lot of money, and although we encourage students to look after them, this is not always the case. Unfortunately we aren't always able to locate these missing jumpers. To prevent this we strongly encourage parents to check that **all jumpers are labelled**.

Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for some volunteers to assist with the Library Stocktake at the end of the term. It involves all library books being scanned into our system and being accounted for. The school also purchased some new books, which we require to be covered. If you are interested in helping or require more information please contact the front office.

Library Closure

Due to the end of year stocktake fast approaching we require all library books to be returned by Thursday 30th November.



Karen New Year

Saturday 6th January is the Karen New Year. The school has been invited to attend the event and students will be singing on the day. A separate note has already gone home with more details, however we encourage as many students as possible to attend. We would appreciate forms be returned ASAP.



2018 Scholarships, Bursaries and Fee Information



Scholarships

The Nhill Lutheran Parents and Friends Association will be offering two scholarships in 2018 that will be determined by the staff. Students do not have to register their interest in the Academic Scholarships as all students will be eligible for consideration. The scholarships will apply to students who demonstrate excellence in academics, display excellent attitude and behaviour, and consistently strive for a high standard of work. Both of these scholarships are to the value of \$300 each and recipients will be announced at the end of year Graduation Service.

Bursaries

Fee assistance is available to current Nhill Lutheran families who may be experiencing financial hardship. Families requiring assistance are asked to complete the fee assistance form which outlines the procedures to follow in order to request assistance. These forms were sent to every school family last week. All requests are treated as confidential and will be left to the discretion of the Principal.

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Fee assistance

Students who are enrolled in Prep (Foundation) level automatically receive a remission in the first term tuition fee.

Maureen Reichelt Memorial Trophy

The Maureen Reichelt memorial trophy is a prestigious award presented to one girl and one boy from any year level within the school. The awards will be presented at the end of year graduation service. The citizenship qualities that will be considered in making the selection include;

1. Students who are well mannered, courteous, co-operative.
2. Show respect for both teachers and other students and is highly respected within the school.
3. Readily accepts responsibility and leadership within the School.
4. Applies him/herself diligently to study.
5. Readily participates in school activities.
6. Is an ambassador for the school in the community.

In the Spirit of Lions Award

The Lions Club of Nhill will be recognising one student with an award this year who best embodies the Lions motto of "Where there is a need, there is a Lion". The award will be chosen by the staff and although it is similar to a Citizenship award, it recognizes a student who shows humanity and servant hood. The award will be presented at the end of year graduation service.

If you have any questions or require further assistance with applications please contact the front office, and we will endeavour to assist.



Nhill Lutheran School presents

WINTER WONDERLAND

Winter is cold.
Sometimes, there's snow.
And in the sky
There was a starry glow.

Where: Nhill Community
Centre
When: Tuesday 5th December
Time: 7pm
GOLD COIN DONATION

An event not to be missed



2017 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Friday 1st December 2017

10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Sound Shell - Jaypex Park Nhill

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
EVERYONE FOR WHO THEY ARE!

Program

Arrive | 10.00 am

Official Welcome | 10.15 am

Talent Show | 10.30 am

Dance Lesson | 11.00 am

BBQ Lunch | 12.00 pm

Lake Walk, Games, Painting | 12.30 pm

Conclusion of Event | 2.00pm

*Bring a picnic rug and join us in the
park for a day of fun and celebration*

RSVP Essential by Monday 27 November
Please contact Hindmarsh Shire Council on 5391 4444
or mfarina@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au
(please indicate any dietary requirements)





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Happy Karen New Year 2757



Saturday 6th January 2018
Nhill Memorial Community Centre
10.30 am – 1:00 pm

The program will include cultural performances such as the Done Dance & Bamboo Dance, as well as a traditional meal provided by the Karen community.

A community sports competition
(Volleyball, cane ball & soccer) will be held in the afternoon at Davis Park- All
welcome.

Contact: Thablay: 0434521220
Kaw Doh: 0431311343



Robin Scott MP
Minister for Finance
Minister for Multicultural Affairs

