



Upcoming Dates

	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:

Lanie Clark: Thursday 30th
November



From the Principal



On Tuesday our Get 'em going participants celebrated their final session for the year with a Christmas theme. A big thank you to Mrs Alana Zanker for coordinating the program throughout the year and providing amazing learning experiences for young children in the community. Our Get 'em program will be re-starting next year on Tuesday, 6th of February.

Tomorrow our Pre-Foundation class have their final transition session. They have worked very hard to learn new routines and get used to a new environment. Thank you to Mrs Erin Alexander for leading the class and getting our Pre-Foundation students ready for school next year.

Our Year 6 students will also be graduating soon and celebrating the completion of primary school. We aim to foster the notion of servant hood at school and the Year 6 Graduation Dinner is one example of how our students can give back. The students will be preparing, cooking and serving an evening meal for parents and staff as a way of saying 'Thank you' for all the years of support and encouragement. We will officially farewell our Year 6 students at the Graduation Service. Please continue to pray for our senior students as they begin the next step in their education journey.

Just a reminder that our School Concert is next Tuesday, the 5th of December beginning at 7.00pm at the Nhill Community Centre. The theme for this year is Christmas and it is a show not to be missed! Students are asked to arrive after 6.30pm dressed in their basic white or black clothes. I have been so impressed with the practise rehearsals and the students have been working hard learning their lines and dance moves. Some senior students wrote a lot of the script, ballads and songs under the direction and guidance of Mrs Tanya Mock and Mr Quentin Pritchard. We encourage parents, grandparents and friends in the community to attend this fantastic evening.

With Christ,
Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

Hold firmly to the teaching

My dear friends, I was doing my best to write to you about the salvation we share in common, when I felt the need to write at once to encourage you to fight on for the faith which once and for all God has given to his people. For some godless people have slipped in unnoticed among us, people who distort the message about the grace of our God in order to excuse their immoral ways, and who reject Jesus Christ, our only Master and Lord. Long ago the Scriptures predicted the condemnation they have received. (verses 3,4)

¹ Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for ^[e] Jesus Christ: ² May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. ³ Beloved, while eagerly preparing to write to you about the salvation we share, I find it necessary to write and appeal to you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. ⁴ For certain intruders have stolen in among you, people who long ago were designated for this condemnation as ungodly, who pervert the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. ⁵ Now I desire to remind you, though you are fully informed, that the Lord, who once for all saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶ And the angels who did not keep their own position, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains in deepest darkness for the judgment of the great day. ⁷ Likewise, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which, in the same manner as they, indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural lust, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. ⁸ Yet in the same way these dreamers also defile the flesh, reject authority, and slander the glorious ones. ⁹ But when the archangel Michael contended with the devil and disputed about the body of Moses, he did not dare to bring a condemnation of slander against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" ¹⁰ But these people slander whatever they do not understand, and they are destroyed by those things that, like irrational animals, they know by instinct. ¹¹ Woe to them! For they go the way of Cain, and abandon themselves to Balaam's error for the sake of gain, and perish in Korah's rebellion. ¹² These are blemishes on your love-feasts, while they feast with you without fear, feeding themselves. They are waterless clouds carried along by the winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, uprooted; ³ wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the deepest darkness has been reserved forever.

¹⁴ It was also about these that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "See, the Lord is coming with ten thousands of his holy ones, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all, and to convict everyone of all the deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." ¹⁶ These are grumblers and malcontents; they indulge their own lusts; they are bombastic in speech, flattering people to their own advantage. If Jude was writing to us today he might well warn us of the way the New Age movement is sneaking in under false pretences as a threat to biblical doctrine, here called 'the faith'. People can mouth Christian phrases, quote Bible verses, sing new songs but still refuse to accept the right of Jesus to control and guide their lives. Even for some who claim to be Christians all insights are equally valid and you are free to shape your own morality. Jude urges the church to put in every effort to hold on to the 'once and for all' faith, while still addressing current issues in a relevant Christ-centred way.

Make me alert, Lord, to how basic Christian truths are being distorted and undermined by the 'spirit of our age'. 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. 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: 9am

Church Office: 5391 1223



Prayer of the Week

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

- ◆ Stella Schnaars and her family
- ◆ Fatima Tarar 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.

Music News

Music lessons will be available again in 2018. Mrs Merrill Harding will be offering her expertise in guitar. For further information or to express your interest please contact Merrill on 0438 920 262.



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.



Students of the Week

Thomas Albrecht: For excellent efforts during concert practise and for being a great helper around the school.

Eden Woodward: For trying hard to learn all the actions and words for the concert songs.

Asher Zanker: For great work during concert practise and for working very hard to improve his reading. Keep up the wonderful work Asher!

Zoe Bandel: For excellent work with her reading and homework and for great enthusiasm during concert practise. Great work Zoe!

Hayden Pedie: For doing a great job of learning his lines for concert. Well done Hayden you are very wise!

Isaac Pohlner: For doing a great job with his 3D shape nets and fractions decoration. Great work Isaac!



End of Year School Clean

A reminder to parents that on Saturday 16th December is the whole school clean. Please check the roster on the notice board to check which area you have been appointed to. Please contact the office if you have any questions or would like a copy of the roster. Parents should have also received a copy of the roster earlier this week.

School Fees

We would appreciate any outstanding school fees to be finalised by the end of the year. If any families are experiencing financial hardship and require a payment plan please see Mrs. Pritchard. Please note however our EFTPOS machine is down, so cash or direct deposit would be preferred.

End of Year Graduation Service

Just a reminder that the End of Year Graduation Service will be held on Thursday 14th December at 7pm at the Nhill Lutheran Church. It is an expectation that all students will attend this service, and we ask that students please wear summer uniform. Students will sit with staff at the front of the church, but we do encourage family and friends to attend.

Assembly News

On Friday 1st December at 2.15pm, the Year 5 students will be presenting their School Captain speeches in the Multi Purpose Room during a special assembly.

Following the Year 5 speeches, there will be a small presentation to our 11 Pre-Foundation students. We will also be appointing their buddies who will guide them throughout next year. Parents and friends are more than welcome to attend.

Community News

You're invited



The resilience project community presentation

We invite you to attend this presentation to inspire school communities to practice evidence based strategies to build resilience and improve mental health.

The program is based on the following strategies:

- Mindfulness, being present in the moment and not becoming distracted by unhelpful or negative thoughts.
- Empathy, thinking of the needs of others and demonstrating kindness
- Gratitude, appreciating what you have and not begrudging what you don't.

The presenter tells stories from their own experiences to highlight these strategies and their application in school and at home. Visit theresilienceproject.com.au for more information.

Cost
Free - bookings essential

Date
Monday 11 December 2017

Time
2:00pm

Venue
Dimboola Health and Fitness Centre, School Road, Dimboola. (adjacent to Dimboola Secondary Memorial College).

Get in touch
Email SFYS@wuc.org.au by Tuesday 5 December 2017

Uniting



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 mfarinha@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

