



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

FEB	Monday 12- Friday 16th	Swimming @ 11am-1.30pm
	Wednesday 14th	NO PREPS
	Wednesday 21st	NO PREPS
	Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd	Swimming @ 11am-1.30pm
	Friday 23rd	Swimming Carnival
	Wednesday 28th	NO PREPS
MAR	Wednesday 7th	NO PREPS
	Wednesday 7th	Wimmera Field Days Excursion
	Monday 12th	Labour Day Public Holiday

Birthdays

We wish the following a very

Happy Birthday:

Mrs Pritchard: Thursday 8th
February

Charli Rethus: Monday 12th February



From the Principal

What a wonderful night the Welcome BBQ was last Friday night. Again, we were blessed with an incredible attendance of families and friends. It was also terrific to see so many past students come back and enjoy the evening of fun and fellowship. The students enjoyed bringing their teddy bears to impress our new staff members who judged them in categories such as the most colourful, most loved and smallest teddy bear. Thanks also to Miss Keller for making the teddy bear cupcakes for the students to enjoy afterwards. A big thank you to all who helped cook the BBQ and clean up afterwards. Thank you to the P&F for hosting this fantastic evening and to all families who brought a salad or sweet along to share. It was terrific to see everyone make an effort in welcoming our new families and students and start the new school year in such a positive way.

Our swimming program for the year begins next week; please see the separate note in the newsletter regarding this.

Part of our Learning Landscapes in the playground is our mini farm and vegetable garden. Our school is part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation which means that we now have a curriculum to use throughout the school which encourages pleasurable food education in order to form positive eating habits for life. The students will be learning about environmental sustainability as well as linking learning to literacy, numeracy, science and cultural studies. It also encourages critical thinking, teamwork, an understanding of cause and effect, and increased levels of observation. We look forward to sharing with you all our kitchen and garden activities!

With Christ, Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

FORGIVENESS HAS POWER TO HEAL

When keen cyclist Adam McKay was hit by a car, his life was shattered. But he now knows the power of forgiveness and shares his story through Lutheran Media.

Fifteen years ago I had my own business called Adam the First Gardener. I loved riding my bike, so I would ride to work. I pulled 250 kilos of horticulture tools behind my pushbike! Then on 15 January 2003, I was hit by a car. My life was shattered. I was in a coma for eight days. I had full memory loss, an internal head injury and a knee injury. They had to teach me how to use my hands again, how to build up my strength, my balance, everything.

I was in a wheelchair in hospital and people didn't think I would walk again. I was angry. I said I wanted to be left alone, so they wheeled me over to a corner. But I was really 'agro' and punched a brick out of a wall!

I think that was the first step to forgiveness.

Five fellow Christians came and prayed for me. Someone said afterwards that I'd have to forgive the driver who hit me. I had to work on it with God's and my family's help and a lot of counselling. I was still in my wheelchair but as soon as I forgave the driver, things started happening.

Just 10 days later I was walking around the bed.

When you're sitting in a wheelchair and suddenly you stand up and you're walking 10 days later – that's not my strength, that was God's.

Thanks to God, instead of what should have been 18 months in hospital, I spent two.

God used what I went through and I've since talked about it at my church and been interviewed by Lutheran Media and helped many people.

These days I'm never allowed back on a pushbike and I can't have a driver's licence because of my injuries. But I've restarted my business. I write poetry and songs, and my new challenge is learning the harmonica. So I'm still challenging myself.

After all I've been through, I know you've got to be one and quiet with the Lord and let him fill you with his Spirit. It's the Holy Spirit you need to be able to forgive people. You've got to give it all to God. I try to wake up each day and say, 'God, this is your day'.

'He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.' (1 Peter 2:24)

Prayer: Lord Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to pay for all our sin and for the sin of those who wrong and hurt us. Amen

Source: Lutheran Church of Australia

Worship News

Please see below for this week's Parish Service time.

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.....

- ◆ Georgia Allen and her family
- ◆ Jonas Beattie and his family

P&F News

Last night the the P&F AGM the new executive was elected. Congratulations to
President- Alana Zanker
Vice President - Bron Zanker
Secretary - Jackie Rethus
Treasurer - Amanda Hall
And extra executive members - Carol Case Hassall, Casey Hiscock, Amy Schnaars and Sasha Currow. Please note that these are just the executive positions, all parents are members of the P&F and are encouraged to come to meeting as we need more then just executive to form a quorum.

P&F are selling book covers for student workbooks for two more weeks. The covers are available to purchase at the office for \$2.00 each and are an option for parents, rather than using contact to cover workbooks.

Music News

Mrs Merrill Harding is available for private guitar tuition this year. If your child would like to learn the guitar at school, please call Merrill on 0438 920 262.

Looking to Sell!

The school has upgraded our office photocopier and would like to donate our old coloured photocopier to a business or community organisation. Please see Miss Keller at the front office if you are interested.

School Event News

Reading Buddies Program

We are currently seeking some parent helpers to assist with our reading buddies program and Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). Reading buddies involves parent volunteers coming into classrooms and listening to students reading aloud. Volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check and complete the training that is explained below.



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.

Hats

Please remember that hats are compulsory for Term 1. No hat means no play.

Cleaning Levy

At the middle and end of each school year, the school is cleaned by school families. The school families are split into 2 groups, one cleans in the middle of the year and 2nd group cleans at the end of the year. If you wish not to participate in the school clean, you can opt to pay a \$100 cleaning levy. If you wish to pay the cleaning levy, instead of cleaning or have any further questions please contact Miss Keller at the front office.

Passtab

As you are all aware we are trying to make our visitor system user friendly for all visitors and parents. Please collect your key tag from the front office if you have completed the form sent home on Monday to make signing in easier for you!

Missing

Cory Koop has lost a size 12 Rugby Jumper. It is named with either 'Cory' or 'Koop' under the sizing tag. If your child has happened to pick it up could you please return it to the front office.

Swimming News

Students will begin swimming lessons, starting on Monday 12th February, and will be ran daily between 11am-1.30pm.



Students will get changed at school and then walk down to the swimming pool. Students are encouraged to bring along sandals or other appropriate footwear to walk to the pool in. Please make sure that all clothing is named.

If you would like a copy of the swimming program and what students will be doing please see Miss Keller at the front office.

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 23rd February and we are seeking a few volunteers to assist us on the day. If you are able to assist please contact Miss Keller at the front office.

Child Safety—WWWC

At Nhill Lutheran School, we have a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. **It is a requirement that all parents and volunteers have a Working With Children Check under Victorian Government regulations.** The check is just one of our responsibilities in creating and maintaining a child safe environment. If you would like further information or assistance in completing the application process online, please see Miss Keller at the front office.

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 for your help.



January/February

Steve Zanker, Frank Crisp, Rodney Pohlner, Andrew McBride, Thomas Curtis, Aaron McCartney

Teddy Bear Picnic



Some very intense judging happening here!

Meet our BBQ Chefs!



The kids thought so anyway. They didn't really want a photo, they wanted the food!

Some of the 'good chefs'!



Captain Schnaars and Captain Wheeler, hadn't had enough action in the CFA this summer so they stumbled upon this situation and 'monitored the situation'! Did someone say char grilled sausages?



Family Snaps!

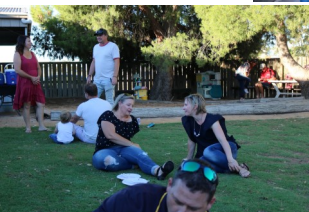


Please make sure you get my good side!

Stop, stop right there. Smile big Mrs Alexander!



When they think they've escaped the camera in the background. Told you I'd been clicking away without you knowing!



The photographer said smile...but instead he kept telling me no photos! Guess the photographer got the last laugh!



Sorry can you just move closer to that branch. The angle isn't quite right!



There is always that one person who gets caught out eating food while a camera is around...Sorry Roy, at least you didn't miss your mouth!

