



# TOGETHER WE GROW

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## Upcoming Dates

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

## Birthdays

We wish the following a very Happy Birthday:

Mr Pritchard: Saturday 17th February

Jonas Beattie: Wednesday 21st February



## From the Principal

In preparation for Easter, all students made pancakes on Tuesday. Students worked together in small groups to read a recipe and make sure that just the right amounts of flour, eggs and milk were used to make delicious pancakes.

Students learnt that historically Shrove Tuesday was when households would use up all food that wasn't eaten during Lent, which was a period of fasting. On Wednesday, we had an Ash Wednesday Chapel to mark the beginning of the season of Lent. Students had the opportunity to receive a sign of the cross after the service as a personal reminder of what Jesus did for us by going to the cross. We also learnt that the good news story doesn't stop at the cross. Because Jesus rose again, he beat death and we can live with him forever.

Our students continue to enjoy their swimming lessons and learn important water skills. We are very grateful to Alaine McFarlane for her expertise in teaching our students again this year. Alaine is a highly qualified swimming instructor and has an excellent repertoire with the students. Other staff who are Austswim trained and assisting with teaching swimming are Brittany Keller, Erin Alexander and Jessica Mason. Please note that the pool entry fee and swimming lessons are all included as part of the school fees. To conclude our swimming program, we look forward to our Swimming Carnival which will be next Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February from 11.00 – 2.00pm. All students are encouraged to wear their house colours and participate in as many events as possible.

Thank you to those who have already returned their swimming forms for the day. As with previous years, the day will conclude with the grand finale where students will challenge parents and staff in a relay race! We would love to see many parents compete this year, so please bring along your swimmers, floatation devices and goggles if you would like to participate. After the swimming carnival, students are welcome to leave with parents. Otherwise, students will walk back to school to catch the bus home or be picked up at school as normal.

With Christ,  
Tara Pritchard

## Devotional Thought

### The Repair Shop

**Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come. All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also. Our message is that God was making all human beings his friends through Christ. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends.** (2 Corinthians 5: 17-19)

In the middle of the shopping mall was a small booth. Across the top were the words 'The Repair Shop'. Inside, a repairman worked at a counter. He seemed to specialise in electrical goods. People brought their broken appliances, ones with faulty connections, and he restored them to working order.

A similar name could be applied to a local church. Churches are like repair shops. They are places where broken people can come to be repaired. Their major problem is that they have faulty connections. They are not plugged into God properly, and this causes them to have fractured relationships with other people.

When you belong to a church, it's because you have personally experienced a repaired relationship with God, and this has made it possible for you to reconnect in positive ways to others. Your main job now is to help others experience restored relationships, first with God and then with other people.

***Lord, thank you for repairing my relationship with you and showing me how to relate to others. Help me to be a repairer myself, helping to do the same for others.***  
**Amen.**

by Richard Hauser, in 'Refreshment for each Day' (LCA,

*Give*  
THANKS  
*to the Lord*  
*for He is good; His love endures forever.*  
-1 Chronicles 16:34

## Chapel



There will be no Chapel tomorrow due to a special Chapel that was held on Ash Wednesday.

## Worship News

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

Nhill: 11am

Woorak: 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.....

- ◆ Oliver and Chelsea Bone and their family
- ◆ Declan Carew and his family

## P&F News

P&F are selling book covers for student workbooks for one more week. 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.

## Get 'Em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be running again next Tuesday 20th February. Each week children will be given the opportunity to participate in physical, social and mental stimulating activities to assist in preparing them for their learning journey ahead.

Please bring along the following:

- A water bottle
- Fruit snack
- Gold coin donation



If you have any questions or would like more information on the program please see Miss Keller at the front office.

## 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 the 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 continue on next week 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**

## Students of the Week

**Georgia Allen:** For always offering to help around the classroom whenever she can!

**Jonas Beattie:** For being caring and always trying his hardest!

**Chelsea Bone:** For always trying hard and giving it her best go in all her work, always listening to others and for being compassionate towards her classmates.

**Bethel Tu:** For good listening skills in class, excellent manners, picking up rubbish in the yard and her enthusiasm in Science.

**Liam Dickinson:** For having a great attitude towards learning and always displaying a growth mindset. Keep up the fantastic work!

**Fatima Tarar:** For demonstrating hard work and attention to detail throughout all aspects of her learning. Keep working hard!

**Amaya Woodward:** For being willing to share her work and ideas to help others. Terrific work Amaya!

**Hayden Pedie:** For excellent work in all subjects and setting a terrific example for the younger students. A fantastic start to the year Hayden, well done!



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Coreena Ner Moo and Toelwee Htoo on the birth of Seraph. She is a sister to Savior who is in Year 1. We hope she brings you much joy and happiness.



## Pancake Making - Pancake Day



## Student Teacher

This week we have been lucky enough to welcome Laura Mirtschin to our school. Laura is a student teacher who is currently studying at Deakin University. We thank her for all her time and effort this week and hope she has enjoyed her time with us this week.





**Nhill Learning Centre**

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## THAI BEEF SALAD



### THAI STYLE COOKING CLASS

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

6:30pm - 8:30pm

**\$30**

(All Ingredients supplied)

Register by telephone 53 879 801 or email [nnhlc@internode.on.net](mailto:nnhlc@internode.on.net)

ENJOY A  
DELICIOUS  
MEAL WITH  
FRIENDS



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## Karen Language & Culture

Join our Karen Language class and learn basic Karen words and phrases to communicate more freely with the Karen community of Nhill. You will also be given an insight to the Karen culture.



**Dates:** 8 x Wednesday's commencing 21st February

**Time:** 6.00pm - 8.00pm

**Cost:** \$85.00 or \$65.00 (one)

For bookings please phone 53879 801



Dear Parents and Carers

## QUALITY SCHOOLS SURVEYS 2018

This year our school will be participating in surveys managed by Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII). The surveys are being conducted for the school by RADII under a contract with Lutheran Education Australia.

The data that is collected will be used by the school and Lutheran Education Australia to develop strategies and implement initiatives to improve the quality of education offered by Lutheran schools.

Students will receive an invitation to participate through their school email address and may complete their surveys during class time. In addition, parents and staff are invited to participate in the survey. We hope the parent survey will help us to find out how well the school is managing the wellbeing of its students.

Parents will receive an email from Dr Jean Thompson at RADII with an invitation to respond to the survey online. Please check your Junk mail folder for the survey in case RADII's addresses are not listed in your address book. Better still, enter the email address for Dr Thompson ([thompson@radii.org](mailto:thompson@radii.org)) in your address book.

All survey responses go directly to RADII and are not identifiable by the school, unless you wish to indicate that you want your feedback to be identified. All data will be stored securely and the anonymity of all participants is assured.

If you do not to participate in the survey or you do not want your child to participate, please notify the school.

We encourage you to respond to the survey as this provides valuable feedback to the school. When the feedback from the survey is received we will share the findings with you.

Thank you for supporting the survey process.

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