



## Upcoming Dates

MAR	Sunday 25th	P&F Wood Chopping Working Bee @1pm
	Monday 26th	National Young Leader's Day—Year 6 only
	Thursday 29th	Grandparent's Day
	Thursday 29th	Last Day of Term 1 - 2.15pm finish
APR	Monday 16th	First day of Term 2

## Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Natalie Hall: Monday 19th March

Nathan Pedie: Thursday 22nd March

Aaron Pedie: Thursday 22nd March

Amelia Drendel: Friday 23rd March



## From the Principal

The P&F worked hard on Saturday cooking and selling donuts at the 'Wheels for Wirraway' fun day held at the Nhill Aerodrome. Thank you so much to those families who volunteered their time to support the Wirraway community project and have fun whilst cooking donuts!

On Wednesday, all students participated in First Aid training presented by St John Ambulance. Students learned about the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency. Our junior students learned about how to identify when there is an emergency, how to keep safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students learned about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

Grandparent's Day is Thursday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. All students will participate in the Chapel service which begins at 9:15am, followed by classroom visits, and concluding with morning tea which will be prepared and served by the senior students at 11:00am. Our students are looking forward to sharing this very special day with parents and friends.

Yours with Christ,

Tara Pritchard



## Devotional Thought

### Knowing your place

**So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the officer sent friends to tell him, 'Sir, don't trouble yourself. I do not deserve to have you come into my house, neither do I consider myself worthy to come to you in person. Just give the order, and my servant will get well. I too, am a man placed under the authority of superior officers, and I have soldiers under me. I order this one, "Go!" and he goes; I order that one, "Come!" and he comes; and I order my slave, Do this and he does it.'** (verses 6-8)

The Roman officer knew how to give orders and how to obey them. He knew where he and everyone else fitted into the hierarchy of the Roman army. He knew that if his words were powerful and carried weight, the words of Jesus must carry even greater power. Jesus would be able to command sickness to depart.

The officer also recognised his status in relation to Jesus; he was somewhere on the bottom rung of the hierarchical ladder. He didn't consider himself worthy to offer hospitality to Jesus or even to come and approach him. But he certainly had faith in Jesus' word of command, his ability to heal. He recognised Christ's superior rank, his greater experience, his proven track record. 'Just give the order', he said. Jesus was to be believed and obeyed. What faith!

Obedience often comes before understanding. That's certainly true in regard to bringing up children. As a parent, you know what's best for your child. At some time in the future your child will gain understanding and will come to see your point of view.

As a member of Christ's kingdom, as part of his family, you recognise the power of his word. Because of his great love for you, you want to obey him out of love and respect for him.

***Lord give me the depth of faith shown by this officer.  
Help me to believe your word, even when it seems odd to do so and I don't really understand what is happening.  
Amen.***

## Worship News

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

There will be a Parish service held at Nhill beginning at 9am.

Church Office: 5391 1223



## Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Olive Curtis and her family
- ♦ Nikolaos and Athina Diamantopoulos and their family

## Chapel



Chapel will be held this Friday at 9am. It will be held in the Multi Purpose Room and will be ran by the Foundation class. Looking forward to seeing many visitors attend!

Please note there will be no Chapel next Friday, instead it will be held on Monday. Pastor David Borgas will be leading it along with the Year 1 class.

## Get 'Em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be running again next Tuesday 20th March. 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

### 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.

### CSEF

If you hold a current Health Care or Pension Card (valid on or before 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018), or are a Foster Parent, you may be eligible for a government payment under the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund. Payments are \$125 per primary student. For more information, see the attached document or visit the CSEF website. Forms have been sent home, but please enquire at the front office if you require another one. Applications should be returned to the office as soon as possible.

### Change of contact details

Please note that we have recently changed our contact details at school. Our new school email address is now [admin@nls.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@nls.vic.edu.au).

## 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.

### March/April

**Kim Croot**, David Reichelt, Adrian Pedie, Steven Carew, Roy Dickinson, Jeff Woodward



## 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.

## Working with Children Check

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.

## For Sale

The school currently has for sale some budgies. They are the perfect pets and are available for just \$10.00 each. All the proceeds made from this will be going towards the schools mini farm which all the kids adore! Please contact the front office if you are interested.



## Premiers Reading Challenge

The 2018 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open. Reading plays a vital role in a child's development, helping students to develop their academic, social and emotional skills. There are more than 9,000 titles on the recommended booklist for teachers and students to access. For students from Foundation to Year 2, the Challenge is to read or experience 30 books. For students in Years 3 to 6, the Challenge is to read 15 books. Students who complete the Challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement and will have the opportunity to see their names included on an online Honour Roll. More information about the Challenge can be found on the official website at [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)



---

## Parents and Friends Association News

Wow, what a busy term it has been! This is what the P&F have been up to.

### **Social Events**

The Welcome BBQ at the start of term was a great success with most families attending, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and harbour friendships.

We are having a Movie Night on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of April; these are always lots of fun for the kids. Everyone is welcome to come in their pyjamas (optional) and bring a bean bag and enjoy a relaxing night out. Entry by gold coin donation, popcorn will be provided and water will be available for \$0.50 per bottle. Doors will open at 6.45pm and the movie will start at 7.00pm.

### **Fundraising**

We would like to thank all who volunteered their time to sell donuts at the Wheels for the Wirraway event last Saturday. We raised \$719.15, which was a great effort. Other donut selling opportunities are being discussed.

We have planned two wood cutting working bees to ensure we have a good supply of wood to sell over the winter months. The fire wood is now our most profitable fundraiser for the year. The first working bee will be Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of March at 1.00pm and the second will be Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of April at 1.00pm. Both of these will be followed by a BBQ tea, so it would be great to see lots of people there. More information can be found on the ad in the newsletter.

### **Purchases**

Late last year we purchased a new trailer for the fire wood fundraising. This trailer will be used at the upcoming wood cutting working bees and for delivery of fire wood.

We are currently working on getting a new sound system for the Multipurpose Room, this will be used for Movie Nights, Chapels, Performances and much more; it will be a great asset for the school.

We are pleased to say we are replacing the P&F BBQs that are used at the school. The old ones have proven to not be safe so a new BBQ will be purchased in the coming months for school events.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the P&F. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm, with the next meeting May 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and we welcome new faces.

---





**Nhill Learning Centre**

*Learning together*

## SRI LANKAN COOKING CLASS



ENJOY A  
DELICIOUS  
MEAL WITH  
FRIENDS

LAMB CURRY, FISH CUTLETS  
MINT SAMBAL & MORE

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March

6:30pm - 8:30pm

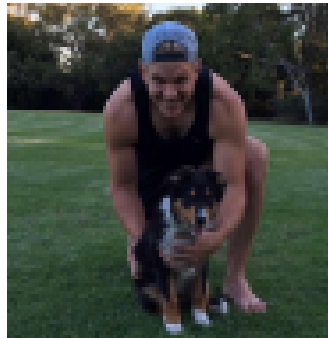
**\$30**

(All Ingredients supplied)

Register by telephone 53 879801 or email [nnhlc@internode.on.net](mailto:nnhlc@internode.on.net)

SERIES 3

MICHAEL DONEHUE  
PRESENTS



# MENTAL WELLBEING STRATEGIES

*Topics discussed:*

Outlining triggers

Symptoms to look out for (ourselves and others)

Importance of positive relationships, work & community

Strategies when discussing mental health: appropriate & positive language

Diet & exercise

Where to go for help, assistance & advice

Further support services

21 MARCH 2018 • 6PM • NHILL UNITING CHURCH HALL

TO BOOK EMAIL

[MHALL@HINDMARSH.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:MHALL@HINDMARSH.VIC.GOV.AU)

OR CALL 5391 4444

