



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

APR	Friday 20th	F-2 Sports Day @ Nhill College
	Tuesday 24th	Nhill Dentist Visit
	Friday 27th	P&F Movie Night
	Sunday 29th	P&F Woodcutting Event
MAY	Tuesday 1st— Thursday 3rd	Year 3/4 Camp
	Wednesday 9th	Cross Country
	Tuesday 15th – 17th	NAPLAN (Years 3&5)
	Friday 25th	PUPIL FREE DAY

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Nikolaos Diamantopoulos:
Tuesday 24th April

Ryan McCartney: Thursday 26th
April



From the Principal

Welcome back to school for Term 2! I pray all families had a blessed Easter and got to enjoy some time together over the holidays.

This week our Foundation-Year 2 students will be participating in a junior sport afternoon with other students in the community at the Nhill College from 1.15pm to 3.00pm. All junior students will be required to wear their sports uniform on Friday. Parents are most welcome to attend this event.

All students are encouraged to participate in the Premier Reader's Challenge this year. The Premiers' Reading Challenge encourages children to read a set number of books and record their efforts online. It's a great way to get young people talking about reading with their friends and pushing themselves to read as many books as they can. A parent letter from the Premier of Victoria, the Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, has been sent home for each family.

Students are encouraged to take part in the ANZAC Day march in Nhill on Wednesday 25th of April. Students will be able to represent our school whilst remembering those who have served in the armed forces. We will meet at the Nhill Information centre, Victoria Street at 10:30am for the march to the tribute to the fallen. As a school group we will make our way to the Community Centre first stopping at the Cenotaph where our school captains will participate in the wreath laying. We will continue to the entrance of the Community centre where students will be dismissed to re-join their parents for the service starting at 11:00am. Students can wear either their summer or winter school uniform depending on the weather.

In Terms 2 & 3, students are to wear winter uniform. To allow for a variance in weather, summer uniforms can be worn for the first two weeks of Term 2. Starting Monday 30th of April, students are expected to wear full winter uniform. Hats are not compulsory during Terms 2 & 3.

We are now accepting enrolments for 2019 and preparing for our Pre-Foundation class which will be offered in Term 4 for all enrolled students in Foundation 2019. This is part of our Kinder transition program that provides opportunities for students to familiarise themselves with our school and establish classroom routines. This orientation program will take place on Fridays with transition sessions that will prove to be invaluable in ensuring that our new students have a smooth start to their first year at school. For more information, or to register your child, please contact the office.

Yours with Christ, Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

Pointless Comparisons

At that time some people were there who told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices to God. Jesus answered them, 'Because those Galileans were killed in that way, do you think it proves that they were worse sinners than all the other Galileans? No indeed! And I tell you that if you do not turn from your sins, you will all die as they did.'

(verses 1-3)

We human beings have the unfortunate habit of comparing ourselves with other people—and finding ourselves better than others. Perhaps that's one reason why stories of evils and disasters find such eager ears among us.

We can shake our heads sagely over the sinful shenanigans we would never get up to. Like the people who spoke to Jesus, we can imagine that those who perished in the disaster must have been shocking sinners to deserve such punishment. The reference in the Bible reading to the fall of the tower in Siloam might turn our minds to the fall of the World Trade Centre towers in New York.

Jesus reminds us that this kind of comparison is pointless. Bad, worse or indifferent sinners (like you and me?) are still sinners. There is one thing that each of us needs to do. We need to recognise that we are sinners, turn away from our sinning, and turn to God for God's gracious forgiveness.

Merciful God, thank you for your gracious forgiveness. Keep me from gloating over the sins of others, and help me to know my own shortcomings. Amen.

Worship News

Please see below for this week's service times:

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.....

- ♦ Lily and Natalie Hall and their family
- ♦ Imogen Hedt and her family

Chapel



Just a reminder that there is Chapel tomorrow beginning at 9am in the Multi Purpose Room. Mrs Pritchard will be leading it. All visitors and guests are invited to attend and stay for a cuppa.

Child Safety News

Cyber Safety

Brett Lee from Internet Safe Education, has put together a downloadable handbook for parents, care-givers and teachers alike about the gaming industry. In relation to video games, it's no longer just the violent content that's concerning. As online multiplayer and chat functionality is becoming the new norm in modern games, it's impossible to know who you're playing with, or what they might be saying over the internet. An excellent resource is now available on your web portal:

<https://www.internetsafeeducation.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Gaming-Handbook.pdf>

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It needs immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. The most common allergens in young children are eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, certain insect stings and medications. If your child is diagnosed as at risk of anaphylaxis, please inform us at school as soon as possible. You must provide an action plan developed by your child's doctor, along with your child's medication including an EpiPen. All staff at our school are trained and we have an anaphylaxis management policy in place (see school website).

ASCIA has released updated Action Plans for Anaphylaxis and Allergic Reactions on its website:

www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/anaphylaxis-resources/ascia-action-plan-for-anaphylaxis

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.

P&F Wood chopping

If you are able to help with next Sunday's P&F Wood chopping fundraiser could you please let the front office know ASAP. This is a big fundraiser for the school, and we would appreciate as much help as possible. Remember many hands make light work!



We would like to say a huge thank you to our volunteer families, who looked after our mini farm and science room animals over the holidays. We really appreciate the time and effort you gave so that all our animals were well looked after.

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



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Miss Sealey and Miss Shelton who had their University Graduation ceremony on Monday.

Pupil Free Day

Please note that there will be a **Pupil Free Day** on Friday, 25th of May so that all staff can attend the LEVNT (Lutheran Education Victoria, NSW and Tasmania) Western Hub Teachers Conference at Tarrington.

Earthcare Charter

Lutheran Education Australia has developed an earthcare charter for schools. If you would like to access the charter, please use the following: <http://earthcare.lutheran.edu.au/>

SRC News

The total amount raised for the Walk-A-Thon last term was \$2000. Congratulations and a huge thank you to all those sponsors and students. The money is going towards the Wirraway.

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



♥ HAPPY ♥ GRANDPARENTS ♥ DAY ♥



Golfing Around!



JOIN US AT HTLC TO CELEBRATE OUR

40th Anniversary

Autumn Fair

Sunday 29 April, 11 am

- Food and drink
- Market stalls
- Live music
- Rides for the kids
- Pony rides and petting zoo



40 years
CELEBRATING
1978 - 2018

GET INTO GOLF



MyGolf is Australia's introductory golf program for 5 to 12 year olds.

The program runs over 6-10 weeks and introduces kids to golf in a safe and healthy environment.

Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, **have fun!**

**REGISTER
NOW AT
MYGOLF.ORG.AU**



JASON DAY
2015 US PGA WINNER
MYGOLF AMBASSADOR



PROGRAM IS SUPPORTED BY THE
AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

Nhill Golf Club
4 Week MYGolf Junior Program
Starting Friday 4th, 11th,
18th and 25th May
Time : 4:00 - 5:00 Cost : \$10.00
(\$29.07 including participation pack)
Bookings : MYGOLF.ORG.AU



AFL FOR KIDS

Ages 5-12years Boys and Girls!

FREE! **Come & Try Day**

Sunday 22nd April

At Davis Park
From 10.30am

***Jumping
Pillow***

***Free BBQ
Lunch***

Try out the new Auskick format,
focussed on fun and games!

Expressions of interest
Rob & Tracey Bell - 0418607321

*Supported by Nhill and District Sporting Club
and AFL Victoria*

Find us on Facebook - **Nhill Auskick**
For further information - **www.play.afl/auskick#what-is-auskick**
or for Registrations - **www.aflauskick.com.au**

WEAR YOUR PJS AND BRING A BEAN BAG
WE ARE HAVING A

The background of the poster features a dark purple and blue bokeh effect with out-of-focus light circles in shades of pink, orange, and blue. Scattered throughout are several hand-drawn style stars in pink and light blue. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold sans-serif and elegant script fonts.

Movie Night

FRIDAY APRIL 27TH
DOORS OPEN 6.45 MOVIE STARTS 7.00PM
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
GOLD COIN ENTRY
POPCORN PROVIDED,
WATER AVAILABLE \$0.50