



Upcoming Dates

MAY	Tuesday 22nd	Open Day
	Friday 25th	PUPIL FREE DAY
	Wednesday 30th	School Photos
JUNE	Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st	Year 5/6 Camp
	Thursday 21st	Matinee 'Lion King' @ Holy Trinity Lutheran College
	Friday 22nd	Last Day of Term 2

From the Principal

On Monday, we had nine students compete at the Little Desert Division and West Wimmera District Cross Country in Kaniva. Students tried their very best and encouraged one another. Thank you to all parents and friends who went along to support the students.

Results from the day included:

Name	Age	Distance	Time	Place	Division
Deegan	9&10 Years	2km	09:08	4	WWSSA
Asher	9&10 Years	2km	09:44	15	WWSSA
Troye	11 Years	3km	15:34	8	WWSSA
Chloe Z	11 Years	3km	18:02	8	WWSSA
Hayden	12&13 Years	3km	14:17	2	WWSSA
Matthew	12&13 Years	3km	14:23	3	WWSSA
Starla	12&13 Years	3km	17:37	8	WWSA

This week our Year 3 and 5 students have completed The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) designed to assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report.

Our school is one of ten that has been selected to participate in a Victorian project, aiming to build and strengthen relationships between school and community playgroups. We will be working closely with Playgroup Victoria and the Australian Catholic University in developing a best practice framework for playgroups in schools.

Our school takes its responsibility to keep students safe seriously. Asthma and anaphylaxis are two conditions that require parents to provide management plans to the school. To raise awareness about medical conditions in our school community, it is important that parents have a good understanding of their role and responsibilities. Below is a link to information about anaphylaxis that has been provided by the Royal Children's Hospital. It is critical that parents inform the school if your child's medical details change or needs to be updated.

[http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Allergic and anaphylactic reactions](http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Allergic_and_anaphylactic_reactions)

Yours with Christ, Tara Pritchard



Devotional Thought

Spiritual Vitamin A

So Jesus stopped and ordered the blind man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Sir,' he answered, 'I want to see again.'

Jesus said to him, 'Then see! Your faith has made you well.'

At once he was able to see, and he followed Jesus, giving thanks to God. When the crowd saw it, they all praised God.

(verses 40-43)

One of the many brochures that come to me in the mail was from Christian Blind Mission International. In it was the story of Rahina, a child in Nigeria who was at risk of becoming blind because of malnutrition. This line caught my attention: 'For the cost of distributing three vitamin A capsules per year—60 cents—and the cost of maintaining a community care worker—

\$50—Rahina and many others like her are being spared the heartache of preventable blindness.'

This statement reminded me of today's story, where we see the hopelessness and helplessness of the blind. Imagine the plight of that poor beggar, sitting by the roadside without hope until he heard Jesus come along. He cried out for Jesus to have mercy. They tried to hush him up, but he wouldn't be silenced. Here was his one chance of a real life. He yelled even louder. Jesus stopped. The man had to state his needs, and Jesus healed him. Jesus praised his faith and persistence.

Many of us, as we walk around, fail to see the gifts that God has given us. We fail to see those less fortunate than ourselves. We are blind to our faults and sins. Like Rahina, we lack vitamin A—spiritual vitamin A. Such a small dose, at such little expense! We need to cry out, as the blind beggar did, 'Jesus! Son of David! Have pity on me.' As we state our needs, Jesus will restore our vision so that we can see what he intends us to be.

Jesus! Son of David! Have pity on me. I want to see. Amen.

Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Ryan McCartney and his family
- ♦ Savior Ner Moo and her family

Chapel



Just a reminder that Chapel is beginning at 9am in the Multi Purpose Room. Tomorrow, we welcome Pastor John to join our Chapel service. Pastor John will be presenting the message.

Chapel Offering

Last week for Mother's Day Chapel, \$101.35 was collected and will go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. So far this year, \$642.10 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.

Worship News

Please see below for this week's service times:

Nhill: 11am

Woorak: 9am

Jeparit: 11am

Church Office: 5391 1223



LCA News

Last year, the LCA 'Hidden Hurts/healing Hearts' campaign was launched to the pastors and congregations of the LCA. The campaign's intent is to reduce further instances of domestic violence in our congregations and institutional communities, and to build loving, meaningful attitudes, practices and relationships which will serve to curb such violence. The LCA are now ensuring that our ECS and school communities also become aware of the campaign and the resources that support it. The resources include: • The Hidden Hurts/Healing Hearts website: www.preventdfv.lca.org.au The website contains links to State/Territory services, study resources, frequently asked questions about domestic violence, and training opportunities.

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.

Conveyance Allowance

In some locations in rural and regional Victoria, eligible parents/carers are able to access the conveyance allowance to help with the costs of student travel to and from school. An eligible student may be granted a conveyance allowance if they reside 4.8km or more from the bus stop or from our school according to Google maps. Families can contact Miss Keller at the front office for an application form or for more information.

School Photos

School Photos will take place on Wednesday, May 30th. Envelopes will be sent home soon with the order details.

Thank you

Our school would like to thank Nhill Supa IGA for the very generous donation of \$500.00. Mr Steve Wilson presented our School Captains, Matthew and Starla, with the cheque on Monday. We will be using the money to support our Kitchen and Garden curriculum program.



Child Safety

Children will encounter situations where they feel worried, nervous and sometimes even scared. It is important that children do not hide or ignore these feelings, but seek help and learn how to deal with the demands on them. By helping students learn a range of coping skills, that they can develop and practise, it will enable them to cope with future changes and challenges. Positive self-talk is one key strategy that is used for coping with negative thoughts, emotions, and events. Resilience research shows that use of positive self-talk is associated with greater persistence in the face of a challenge, whereas negative self-talk is associated with higher levels of distress, depression and anxiety. Positive self-talk can be learnt or strengthened through practise. Below is a list of coping strategies that you can use at home with your child if they are feeling afraid or worried.

Cuddle your teddy, talk with mum or dad, ask for help, fill your lungs like big balloons and let the air out slowly, take some slow, deep breaths, listen to some gentle music, get a friend to help you, ask for a hug...

(Resource: Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships, Published by Department of Education and Training Melbourne, April 2018)

MATES Mentoring

The MATES Mentoring program is organised by the Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN and provides training for volunteer mentors to meet with a mentee for one hour a fortnight, and support a young person in the community. Our school sees the importance of continuing to care for past students and young people in the community. If you would be interested in making a difference, please see Mrs Pritchard for more details.

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.

May/June

Darryn Rethus, Martin Colbert,
Peter Hedt, Andrew Hiscock, Nathan Wheeler,
Adam Clark



WOODCUTTING NEWS

Please I need help!
Really
HELP!

As you may be aware the P&F sell firewood every year to raise funds for projects and resources that go toward the betterment of the School, directly benefiting the families and children who attend. This year has seen a significant increase in new orders for wood on top of our regular demand. Our current stock of wood will not be enough to service orders and we are requiring:

1. more sources of wood,
2. more cut wood and,
3. help collecting and delivering wood.

If you or any one you know has suitable firewood, including old fence posts, can you let the School know asap. Please keep an eye and ear out for sources of wood that we could use. We understand it may be difficult for many of you to attend organized woodchops on weekends, but if you have the time to deliver a trailer load of cut wood or larger pieces still requiring cutting to the school during the week, this will help us greatly.

We are very appreciative of the people who attended our 2 recent Woodchops and for the families who couldn't make it but have delivered trailer loads of wood to the school. Thank you for giving us your time, energy, equipment and Sunday afternoon. Also, a really BIG THANK YOU to: Mr Pritchard, Edmund and Harold for spending countless hours sourcing, cutting and delivering wood in your own time and with your own equipment. Mr Pritchard is the driving force behind this fundraiser and without him it wouldn't happen.

Please help us keep our Community warm during winter!

Alana Zanker, P&F President

Get 'Em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be running again next Tuesday 22nd May. 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.

National Walk to School Safely

National Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday 18 May. The campaign encourages children to walk to school (or the bus stop) so as to encourage regular physical exercise. This year, the organisers would like to remind all carers, that until children are the age of ten, they must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road. More detailed information can be found at www.walk.com.au



SRC News

The SRC are having a pyjama day on Friday, 1 June. For the cost of a gold coin donation, students can come dressed to school in their pyjamas. This day also coincides with International Donut day.

To celebrate, the P&F will be cooking and selling donuts at school. A separate note has been sent home today with more information.





FAMILY OPEN DAY/ RED PLATE RUN

Saturday 19th May 2018,
from 11am at the
Nhill Showgrounds

The members of the Nhill Vintage Club take pleasure in
inviting you to their *Club Open Day!*

Club plate members will depart the Showgrounds at
10:30am for their 'street drive', and finish back at the
Showgrounds with their vehicles on
display from 11:30am.



There'll be a BBQ lunch available for purchase,
and heaps of free activities for the kids!

There's also plenty of action for the adults, with a range of
stationary engines and machinery running on the day, as
well as tractor events for public participation, which should
provide quite amusing entertainment!

Face Painting

Caffé de Kerb Coffee

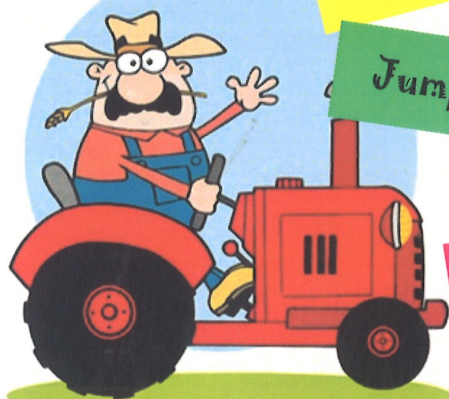
Jumping Castle

Donuts
From 1.30pm

Colouring Comp

Miniature Petting Zoo

Balloons



For further enquiries please contact Nhill Vintage Club Secretary
- Stacey Rethus 0429 005 450