



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

MAY	Friday 25th	PUPIL FREE DAY
	Wednesday 30th	School Photos
JUNE	Friday 1st	SRC Pyjama Day - GOLD COIN DONATION and National Donut Day
	Thursday 14th	Reports go home
	Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th	Year 5/6 Camp
	Thursday 21st	Matinee 'Lion King' @ Holy Trinity Lutheran College
	Friday 22nd	Last Day of Term 2
JULY	Monday 16th	First Day of Term 3
	Friday 27th	Athletics Carnival

From the Principal

Today we had a group of students compete in the Nhill Primary School Golf Tournament. The students had the opportunity of using their golf skills and working together as a team. A big thank you to our parent volunteers: Sharon, Mary-Anne and Alana for helping supervise the students and encouraging them to do their best.

Please note that tomorrow is a pupil free day as all staff are attending the Western Region Lutheran Conference in Horsham.

This is a great opportunity for staff to network with colleagues in other Lutheran schools and to receive professional development.

Next Friday, the SRC are organising a PJ day. Students can come to school dressed in their PJs for the cost of a gold coin donation. The P&F will also be cooking and selling donuts at school to coincide with International Donut day! A separate note has been sent home with more information.

Please note that we have school photos next Wednesday 30 May. All students will need to wear correct school winter uniform. Year 6 students will need to wear their leadership polo tops.

Saturday is Australia's National Day of Thanks. It is an opportunity to teach students an attitude of thanksgiving to God for everyday blessings. Even though we use our weekly chapel services and daily devotions to say thanks to God, we encourage students and their family to express their thanks and gratitude to each other and for the blessings of health, home, friendships and one another.

Yours with Christ,
Tara Pritchard

National Day of
Thanksgiving

Thanking God thanking each other

Devotional Thought

If only you knew...

He came closer to the city, and when he saw it, he wept over it, saying, 'If you only knew today what is needed for peace! But now you cannot see it! The time will come when your enemies will surround you with barricades, blockade you, and close in on you from every side. They will completely destroy you and the people within your walls; not a single stone will they leave in its place, because you did not recognise the time when God came to save you!' (verses 41-44)

I wonder how many times you have said, 'If only they had known'.

Perhaps the most outstanding example of that in recent times was the 11 September 2001 attack on the World Trade Centre in New York. If only people had known, thousands of lives could have been saved. On that day people went about their business with no idea of what was about to happen.

Now there is not one stone left at Ground Zero. The immediate reaction to the devastation was the so-called war on terrorism. This has not made for peace but for an escalation of hatred.

Jesus must be weeping over the world today just as he wept over Jerusalem. The world still has not learnt what is needed for peace; people still can't see it. The world does not recognise the God of peace, who has made peace and brought reconciliation for us through the death of his Son.

Philip Yancey wrote in his book *What's So Amazing about Grace?*, 'Sacrificial love is one of the most powerful weapons in the Christian's arsenal of grace'.

We need to know God's love and his forgiveness of our sins, and we need to allow ourselves to be his instrument of peace by bringing his saving message of grace and forgiveness to others.

'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon . . . where there is doubt, faith'. Amen.

Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Kit and Maci Oliver and their family
- ♦ Jackson Page and his family

Chapel



Please note that because of the Pupil Free Day tomorrow there will be no Chapel this week. Chapel **next Friday** will be ran by the Foundation class.

Chapel Offering

Last week for Chapel \$29.40 was collected and will go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. So far this year, \$671.50 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. This week is a Parish Service @ 10.30am in Nhill. There will be a shared lunch to follow.

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. If you would like family photos please contact Miss Keller at the front office for a special envelope.

Unknown Payment

We have had an unknown payment of \$975.04 on the 17th May. If this was you could you please contact the front office **as soon as possible**.



Missing Jumper

Georgia Allen has lost a Size 6 jumper. It is named with Allen. Could parents please check their child/rens jumpers and return it to the front office if found. We do ask that all parents please name jumpers!

Child Safety

As a parent, feeling confident in the safety of your child or children at the school they attend is extremely important. Some of the questions parents have about school safety may be:

- *How are lockdown drills implemented?*
- *What plans are in place to help kids stay safe?*
- *How can I talk to my child or respond to their questions or anxiety about school safety?*

While "school safety" is a broad term with various applications within every school, the information in this article can help parents learn about actions schools across the country are taking to make themselves safer and better prepared for an emergency. At Nhill Lutheran School we regularly practice all different drills so students can become familiar with what to do in emergency situations and remain calm. All staff are highly trained and are familiar with the procedures in place. We also like to ensure all visitors are kept safe and have various policies and procedures in place to ensure this occurs. We feel feedback regarding these policies and procedures is an important factor in everyone feeling safe.

For further information please visit the following link., <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/all-around/Pages/Actions-Schools-Are-Taking-to-Make-Themselves-Safer.aspx>

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 29th 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.

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. If you have misplaced your order form please contact Miss Keller at the front office.

