



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

JULY	Tuesday 24th	P&F Meeting @ 7pm
AUG	Friday 3rd	Athletics Carnival
	Monday 20th - 24th	Book Week & Book Fair
	Friday 24th	Book Week Parade and Breakfast
	Monday 27th	Production Excursion @ St Pat's
	Friday 31st	Father's Day Football Match & Lunch
SEP	Friday 7th	John Coutis Visit

From the Principal

Welcome to the start of Term 3! I hope you all had a refreshing and safe holiday. We had many families who travelled far and wide these holidays including Europe, the Northern Territory, Queensland and Canberra. It has been wonderful to hear so many amazing holiday stories this week. We have a very busy but exciting term ahead of us with activities such as Athletics Day, Book Week, Book Fair, Kinder visit, John Coutis visit, dual Karen/English book launch and the famous Father's Day footy match!

Thank you so much to all parents who were rostered on to attend our mid-year school clean. It was great to see so many participate and have the school looking clean and fresh for the new semester. I would also like to say a big thank you to Linda for washing all the art room smocks and to the Wheeler family for looking after our pet lamb.

Last term our Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed their school camp to Sovereign Hill.

The students participated in the costume school program and got to experience life on the goldfields during the 1850s. Evening activities included Blood on the Southern Cross Sound and Light show and Laser tag. Thank you to Mr Pritchard for organising this amazing experience for our senior students.

Our Get 'em going early years program starts next week and the Tuesday session runs from 9.30 to 11.00am. In addition, our pre-Foundation classes begin **next term and this transition program is offered to all of our enrolled 2019 Foundation students.**

I have appreciated the many conversations with parents this week wishing me well in my appointment as Principal at Portland beginning 2019, but also expressing that Quentin and our family will be missed. Nhill Lutheran School will always hold a special place in our hearts and we are so grateful to have had this opportunity to serve at this amazing school. Please be assured that School Council and the district office have already started the recruitment process. Last night, the Director of Lutheran Education Victoria, NSW and Tasmania, Mr Julian Denholm, met with the School Council. The aim is to have a new Principal appointed by the end of this term. Remember to keep our school in your prayers and in particular the School Council during this selection process.

Yours with Christ, Tara Pritchard

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that our school Athletics Day has been postponed to Friday 3 August. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause parents who have organised the day off from work to assist with activities and events. Mr Pritchard is still in need of parent helpers who are able to help and would be grateful for any assistance throughout the day. This year the P&F will be cooking a BBQ for parents, volunteers and students who would like to purchase lunch on the day.

Devotional Thought

Days of Darkness

So Ananias went, entered the house where Saul was, and placed his hands on him. 'Brother Saul,' he said, 'the Lord has sent me – Jesus himself, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here. He sent me so that you might see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' At once something like fish scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he was able to see again. He stood up and was baptised. (verses 17,18)

It must be traumatic to lose your sight. Saul experienced it after his dazzling encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In the darkness that ensued he must have wondered if he would ever see again. This would have been a time of self-examination. He had to come to terms with the wrong he was doing. When, by God's mercy, he was allowed to see again, he experienced a complete change of mind. Jesus, once his enemy, was now his master instead. So he was immediately baptised.

You may not have experienced loss of sight, but everyone has their days of darkness. Disappointment, loss and despair visit all of us at some time. You wonder why God lets this happen to you. However, such times give you a chance to stand back and see where you are going and to see if you need to change direction. When Jesus is part of the process, there can be a lot of light in your life after the dark.

Dear God, spare me the darkness, but please help me to see the light of your way for my life. Amen.

At my **lowest**:
God is my hope
At my **Darkest**:
God is my light
At my **Weakest**:
God is my strength
At my **saddest**:
God is my comforter

Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Justin, Bethel and Eric and their family
- ♦ Frazer Wheaton and his family

Chapel



Just a reminder that Chapel is beginning at 9am in the Multi Purpose Room. Chapel will be ran by Mrs Pritchard. We look forward to seeing all visitors. You are most welcome to stay for a cuppa afterwards.

Chapel Offering

At the last Chapel \$54.70 was collected and will go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. So far this year, \$787.50 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:

Nhill: 9am

Woorak: 9am

Jeparit: 11am

Church Office: 5391 1223



Nhill Lutheran Parish



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.

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**.



Premiers Reading Challenge

A reminder to students and parents to continue reading to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge. We currently have 10 students who have already completed the challenge. Those students will be having a special lunch to celebrate when the challenge finishes. To be a part of this special event be sure to enter your books with your login details. If you have lost these, please see Miss Keller.

Car Parking

It has come to our attention that some **SERIOUS SAFETY ISSUES** are occurring with people parking in the first two car parking spots. Parking in these carparks after the bus has arrived is permitted, however **REVERSING OUT OF THE CARPARK IS STRICTLY NOT ALLOWED**. We ask that when picking up your child if you wish to park in these 2 spots that you please wait patiently and follow the bus out in order to avoid an accident.

Book Fair

This year the School will be hosting a Book Fair between the dates of Monday 20th—Friday 24th August, coinciding with Book Week. The Book Fair is a great opportunity for students and parents to buy amazing books at low prices. By purchasing from the Book Fair you also help to support the school library. The Book Fair will be open daily from 9am-4pm, with students being given an opportunity to purchase items during lunch. Also happening throughout the week will be a school breakfast, which we encourage all parents/friends to enjoy before the Book Parade.

Get 'Em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be beginning again for Term 3 next Tuesday 24th July at 9.30am. 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



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.

July/August

Michael Koop, Peter Bone, Nathan Albrecht, Stephen Allen, Clint Beattie



Community Event

The Watoto Children's Choir, a group of 18 children from Uganda in Africa, will be performing at the Nhili Community Centre on Wednesday 1st August from 7-8.30pm. Children aged between 7 and 14 years old, will entertain us with singing, dancing and storytelling. We'll get a glimpse of life in the Watoto community, and the way these orphan children have found hope through trusting God and experiencing His love.



Year 5/6
Camp
Sovereign
Hill



Watoto

Signs & Wonders

FREE CONCERT

A VIBRANT WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
THE SOUND OF A TRANSFORMED GENERATION
BY A FAMILY OF ORPHANS
FROM UGANDA

WHEN

Wednesday 1 August 2018

7.00pm

WHERE

Nhill Memorial Community Centre | 77-79 Nelson Street
Nhill

WATOTO CHURCH AT WORK

WATOTO.COM



Hosted by the churches of Nhill



From Diagnosis to OAM

A Personal Autism Journey

Grampians Roadshow

8-10 August 2018

Daniel and Daryl will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living day-to-day as a person on the Autism Spectrum.

Topics explored include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

There will also be an opportunity for question time.



Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM

Autism Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles

Parent Perspective

Tickets


Individuals on the spectrum,
family members & carers \$25

Professionals \$50

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Horsham – Wed 8 Aug (1pm & 5:30pm)

Horsham Uniting Church (Wesley Centre): 10 Pynsent St,
Horsham (entry to hall via car park on Pynsent St)

Tickets: www.trybooking.com/WWGM

Hamilton – Thurs 9 Aug (5:30pm)

Blue Malt Restaurant: 106 Gray St, Hamilton

Tickets: www.trybooking.com/WWGV

Ararat – Fri 10 Aug (1pm)

Ararat Colonial Lodge Motel: 6 Ingor St, Ararat

Tickets: www.trybooking.com/WWGZ

Doors open 30 minutes before all presentations!



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