



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

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| AUG | Monday 20th - 24th | Book Week & Book Fair |
| | Friday 24th | Book Week Parade, Breakfast and Karen Book Launch |
| | Wednesday 29th | WWSSA Athletics |
| | Friday 31st | Father's Day Football Match & Lunch |
| SEP | Friday 7th | John Coutis Visit |

Birthdays

We wish the following student a very Happy Birthday:

Thomas Albrecht: Friday 24th August



From the Principal

Last Friday our Foundation and Year 1 students visited the Paw Po shop in the main street of town. The students got to see how material is made and sewn into products. They also learnt some Karen words associated with the shop such as cushion, bag and top. The students appreciated talking to the friendly staff and seeing them use their skills in needlework.

This week we are celebrating Book Week and the importance of reading. Book Week is run by the Children's Book Council of Australia and it started in 1945 to connect young people with literature. Each year, schools and libraries across Australia celebrate books, as well as Australian authors and illustrators. Each year, the CBCA give awards to outstanding books

in different categories and each year a new theme is chosen to show the importance of reading. The theme for this year is 'Find Your Treasure'. Some people understand this to mean that being able to read is a treasure whilst others understand it to mean enjoying reading is a treasure.

The students have participated in activities throughout the week and tomorrow, the day will start with a free breakfast for all students and parents including freshly cooked pancakes, bacon and eggs. Afterwards, visitors can browse the Book Fair before the 4/5/6 class present Chapel at 9.15am. Following Chapel, we will hold the Book Week parade in the multipurpose room. All students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from a book, or dress according to the theme. After the parade, students will work in multi-age groups and rotate through a variety of activities relating to a shortlisted book. The Grand Finale will be the launch of the dual Karen and English books at 1.30pm.

Thank you in advance to all parents and friends who have been working hard to find or make a costume for your child/ren.

The countdown is on! Dads, get ready for the big event of the year, the Father's Day Footy match which will be next Friday, 31st of August. It has now been two years in a row that the students have been victorious over the Dads. They are very confident that they can continue this winning streak. Students will be leading a Chapel service at 12.00pm and afterwards, the annual Fathers versus Students footy match will be held beginning at 12.30pm. We look forward to seeing all Dads join us for this very special event! After the game, the P&F will be providing a free hotdog lunch for all to enjoy.

Yours with Christ, Tara Pritchard

Congratulations

To Chris and Amy, Stella and Kelsey Schnaars on the safe arrival of a beautiful daughter and sister; Aubree May. We wish you God's richest blessings as you welcome this precious child into your family.



Devotional Thought

Do not be afraid

One night Paul had a vision in which the Lord said to him, 'Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking and do not give up, for I am with you. No one will be able to harm you, for many in this city are my people.' So Paul stayed there for a year and a half, teaching the people the word of God. (verses 9-11)

John was visiting another church one Sunday and he was surprised to see one of his workmates there with his family. He felt even more surprised when he read in the pew bulletin that his mate was a leader in the congregation. They had worked together for eleven years and neither knew that the other was a believer. Their workplace wasn't the kind of place where people spoke openly about their faith, and so both kept quiet and hid their true identity. They had been afraid of what others might say.

Paul had been afraid to speak openly about Jesus at this particular time, and he needed to be reassured that he was not alone. God gave him that assurance, and so Paul went on to gather many people there for the Lord.

Never forget that God is with you and that he promises to be there when you are afraid of what people may say. He can make you bold.

Heavenly Father, make me bold in my witness to others. Take all fear out of my heart and help me to honour my Saviour by speaking about him to all those I mix with. Amen.

DO NOT FEAR,
for I am with you,
DO NOT BE AFRAID,
for I am your God;
I will strengthen you,
I will help you.
ISAIAH 41:10

Prayer of the Week

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

- ◆ Annabella, Asher and Chloe Zanker and their family
- ◆ Henry and Archie Zanker and their family

Chapel



Just a reminder that Chapel is beginning at 9.15am in the Multi Purpose Room. Chapel will be presented by the Year 4/5/6 class. We look forward to seeing all visitors. You are most welcome to stay for a cuppa afterwards.

Chapel Offering

At the last Chapel \$29.00 was collected and will go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. So far this year, \$903.50 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: 11am

Woorak: 9am

Jeparit: 9am

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.

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**.

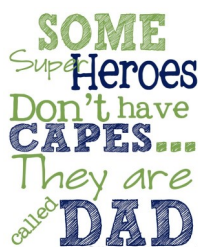


Premiers Reading Challenge

THE CHALLENGE ENDS IN JUST 2 WEEKS! We currently have 14 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 or if you have lost these bring your reading list along to school for Miss Keller to enter online!

SRC News

Next week the SRC have organised a Father's Day stall for students to purchase something special to give Dad on Sunday. Students will be able to visit the stall throughout the week during lunchtime. Prices range from \$4.00 to \$10.00. Please note that on Friday 31 August, the students can come dressed to school in football attire or colours for the cost of a gold coin donation.



Get 'Em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be on again next Tuesday 28th August 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

P&F News

Thank you to Alana and Bron for organising the BBQ and soup for sports day, this was enjoyed by many people who attended the day. It was great to see our new BBQ working so well. Also thank you to Kathy for organising the fruit platters for the students. We have our upcoming fundraiser of catering for the Nhill Show and notes with more information on how you can help will go home soon. The money we make at this fundraiser will be contributed to the 'Dams and Diggers' project, which is an area in the playground that will be renovated. Save the Date – Friday 2 November, Movie Night! Our cookbook has been started, but we would still love more recipes, so please get them to Linda or the front office soon. This will be a wonderful book, full of the best recipes!

Book Fair

The Book Fair is now open! This a great opportunity for students and parents to buy amazing books at low prices. The Book Fair will be open daily from 9am-4pm, with students being given an opportunity to purchase items during lunch. The Book Fair will also be open early on Friday so parents can browse with their children.



TIP SHEET

Teaching kids about personal safety



To download your **FREE** copy of the full Bravehearts' Personal Safety Parents' Guide please visit: bravehearts.org.au/personalsafety

Bravehearts
Educate Empower Protect
Our Kids

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN EARLY: THE 5 BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PERSONAL SAFETY

1. To trust their feelings and to distinguish between 'yes' and 'no' feelings.
2. To say 'NO' if they feel unsafe and unsure.
3. That they own their own bodies.
4. That nothing is so yucky that they can't tell someone about it.
5. That if they feel unsafe or unsure to run and tell someone they trust.

As taught in
Bravehearts' personal
safety school program
[Ditto's Keep Safe
Adventure Show](#)

TALK TO YOUR KIDS

Encourage children to feel comfortable telling you anything (especially if it involves another adult) and to identify other trusted adults they can talk to. If a child does confide problems, remain calm, non-critical, and non-judgmental. Listen compassionately to their concerns and work with them to get the help they need to resolve problems.

BE AWARE

Learn about the people your child spends time with both in person and online. Take notice if someone shows your child a great deal of attention or gives them gifts. Ask them how they know the person and why the person is acting in this way.

EMPOWER YOUR KIDS WITH PERSONAL SAFETY SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Teach children about their bodies and the correct language to use when describing private parts. Emphasise that those parts are private and belong to them.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Observe how the adults interact with your children and if you have any worries, speak with the organisation (such as a sporting body etc). Do not keep concerns to yourself.

TEACH CHILDREN THEIR PERSONAL RIGHTS

They have the right to say NO to any unwelcome, uncomfortable, or confusing actions or attention. Teach them to tell you immediately if this happens because it's okay to tell you anything and they are not in trouble.

NOTICE CHANGES IN BEHAVIOUR

Be sensitive to any changes in behaviour or attitude. Children aren't always comfortable disclosing scary or confusing events or feelings - look and listen for small indications that something may be troubling them.

PRACTICE SAFETY SKILLS

Practice basic safety skills with children. Use an outing to a mall or a park a 'learning' experience for children to practice checking in with you, using pay phones or mobiles, going to restrooms with a friend, and locating safe adults to help if they need assistance.

CYBER-SAFETY IS IMPORTANT

Teach children to never send or share photos of themselves online or via text. Teach them NEVER to give out their last name, address, phone number, school or meet internet friends in person without a parent's supervision and consent. Teach them to never accept friend requests from, or talk online with, anyone whom they do not know in real life. ALWAYS keep computers in a communal area – NEVER in a child's bedroom.

For more resources and tip sheets, please visit bravehearts.org.au

Bravehearts' Information and Support Line FREECALL 1800 272 831 (8:30am - 4:30pm AEST)

ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE ABN: 41 496 913 890 ACN: 607 315 917





KAREN BOOK LAUNCH

Please join Nhill Lutheran School
for our

BOOK LAUNCH, SIGNING AND AFTERNOON TEA

Friday, August 24, 2018
from 1.30PM - 3.15PM
Multi - Purpose Hall

TWO COMMUNITIES COMING TOGETHER AS ONE

NHILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL AND
HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL PRESENT

JOHN
COUTIS



FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER.
NHILL MEMORIAL COMMUNITY
CENTRE 77-79 NELSON ST • 10.30AM

JOHN WILL SHARE HIS INSPIRATIONAL
STORY ACROSS TWO SESSIONS

10:30am

One hour talk presented by John Coutis @ Nhill
Memorial Community Centre

12:00pm

Foundation/Year 1 talk for Nhill Lutheran School
students @ Nhill Lutheran School



For further details please contact Nhill Lutheran School on 5391 2144