



# TOGETHER WE GROW

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## Upcoming Dates

SEP	Friday 7th	John Coutis Visit
	Tuesday 11th	P&F Meeting @ 7pm
	Friday 21st	Last day of Term 3
OCT	Monday 8th	First day of Term 4
	Thursday 18th	Nhill Show - NO SCHOOL
	Wednesday 24th	Kinder Visit 9am-11am
	Thursday 25th	School Concert
	Friday 26th	Pre-Foundation
	Wednesday 31st	Kinder Visit 9am-1pm
NOV	Friday 2nd	Pre-Foundation

## Birthdays

We wish the following student a very Happy Birthday:

Barrett Clark: Sunday 9th



## From the Principal

We had a fabulous day last Friday celebrating Dads with a special Chapel service and then the famous football match. Despite a brave contest by all the students, and then reinforcement from staff, the Dads were victorious and defeated the students with the final score being 2-5-17 to 1-1-7. We were blessed to have 26 Dads join us for the occasion and then enjoy a hotdog lunch provided by the P&F. We would like to say a huge thank you to the P&F for catering and to all Dads who came along for some fun.

Tomorrow we look forward to welcoming John Coutis to Nhill. John is a very well known international speaker who shares his experiences about anti-bullying, resilience, self-determination, goal setting, motivation, inclusion and courage. Schools across the Wimmera have been invited to hear him speak at the Nhill Community Centre. We are very fortunate to host John and would like to acknowledge the support of the Hindmarsh Shire. Our students from Years 2-6 will be attending the main session at the Community Centre at 10.30am. We will be travelling by bus and there is no cost for our students to attend. John will then be visiting our school to meet the junior students and spend time with our school leaders and staff. Please note that parents are welcome to attend the morning session but there will be a \$5.00 door entry fee and we ask that parents sit in the gallery upstairs.

Yours with Christ,

Tara Pritchard



## Devotional Thought

### God's instrument

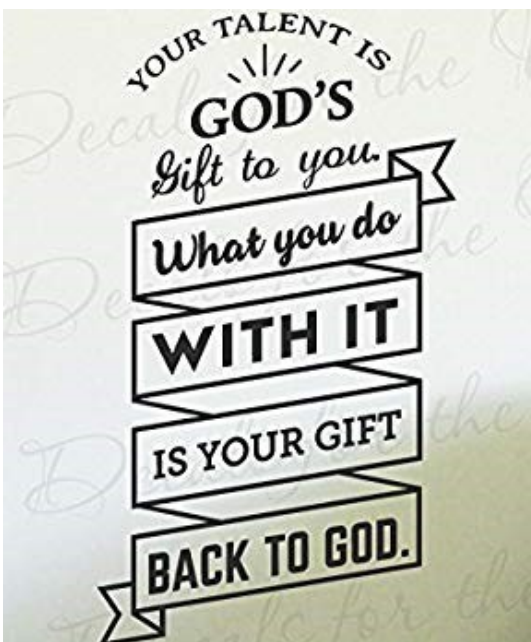
When we arrived in Jerusalem, the believers welcomed us warmly. The next day Paul went with us to see James; and all the church elders were present. Paul greeted them and gave a complete report of everything that God had done among the Gentiles through his work. After hearing him, they all praised God.

Many think of Paul as being one of the great men of faith. We can only marvel at how much he achieved in his lifetime and the miracles he performed, despite constant arguments and persecutions. But to focus on Paul the man would be to miss the point of what he did and why he did it. In fact, it wasn't really Paul who achieved all these wonderful things but God.

God sent Paul. God gave him the message to preach. God constantly protected him. God rescued him from trouble. God made Paul's humble work prosper.

You too are an instrument of God. God has sent you among people to be a message of peace and hope. If you were to rely on your own strength and talents you would ultimately fail. But if you rely on God, even when things seem impossible, you and others will recognise God at work. Then your praise will never focus on human effort but on what God does through people.

*Dear God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Paul, help me to see you at work in my life so that I may praise you*



## Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Miss Sealey and her family
- ♦ Miss Shelton and her family

## Chapel



Just a reminder that there will be no Chapel this week due to the John Coutis event happening at the Nhill Community Centre.

## Chapel Offering

At the last Chapel \$26.10 was collected and will go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. So far this year, \$980.65 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: 11am

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](http://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 1 WEEK! We currently have 19 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!

## Get 'Em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be on again next Tuesday 11th September 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.



### September/October

**Paul Drendel**, Toelwee Ner Moo,  
Michael Hall, Lahkow Moo, Chris Schnaars, Chris Rethus

## Walk to School

Every October, Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school kids to walk, ride or scoot to and from school. It runs from 8 October to 2 November and is a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity, every day. Our school is registered to participate and every child is able to track their progress via a classroom calendar. Active travel options to and from school are also a great opportunity to connect and chat with your kids, plus meet up with other local families along the way. If you can't walk all the way, your child can still get involved – simply drive part way and walk, ride or scoot the rest! More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

## Operation Christmas Child

Our school has again been invited to participate in Operation Christmas Child. For the past 25 years Operation Christmas Child has sent shoebox gifts to children around the world. Many of these children have never received a Christmas present before as many have come from impoverished communities. Churches around the world also organise outreach events for the children and every shoebox represents an opportunity to share the hope of the Gospel of Christ. Every class is aiming to fill two shoeboxes and families are welcome to also fill a shoebox. This may be a good activity for the school holidays and an opportunity for children to give to others in need. For more information or to download a brochure, visit [operationchristmaschild.org.au](http://operationchristmaschild.org.au)

## Sheep Manure

Our senior students have bagged sheep manure that is now for sale out the front of the school. The manure is being sold for \$3.00 a bag and all proceeds will be going towards the Maw Per Koh school in Myanmar.



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