



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

OCT	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
	Friday 2nd	P&F Movie Night

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Stella Schnaars: Tuesday 16th October

Amaya Woodward: Wednesday 17th October



From the Principal

Welcome back to the start of Term 4! We hope that everyone had a safe and refreshing holiday. Many exciting developments occurred in the playground during the holidays and our Learning Landscape projects are looking amazing. We have been overwhelmed with the support and generosity of so many people who are making this project a reality. Special thanks to Darryn, Jenny, Michael and Andrew who worked continuously over six days to establish our amazing Dams and Diggers water feature.

We also acknowledge the support of Roy with his excavator skills, Geoff with his crane to lift rocks and Bev and Jackie who kept the crew refreshed and nourished. Thank you to Nathan for sourcing a pump from Marc at Solar Pumptec. Make sure you say a big thanks to Marc at his site at the Nhill Show for supporting our school. A big thank you to Darryn and Jackie for donating all the rocks and earthmoving machinery and to Matthew and Alana for also donating logs and rocks. The whole project has been managed by Jenny and we are so grateful that she has offered her time and skills to bless our students with such an amazing playground feature. We would also like to say a big thank you to Darryn and Graeme who removed the large pine trees, so that the corner garden near the BBQ shed can be developed.

This term we have many rich learning experiences planned for the students, including the school concert on Thursday 25 October beginning at 7pm in the multipurpose room. The students have been working very hard and look forward to showcasing all their work about our awesome country.

On Monday we welcomed our new Principal, Mr Damon Prenzler to our school. Mr Prenzler got to meet school Council members, staff, students and parents. Mr Prenzler was very excited to see our school in action and is looking forward to moving at the end of the year. Please pray for Damon and his family as they prepare to move and settle into our community.

The month of October is Walk to School. The program encourages students to walk to school or their bus stop so that they can get a ticket from their classroom teacher. The students will then be able to collate the number of tickets they received at the end of the month. This year, Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly will facilitate lunchtime activities which will be held on Wednesday 17 October and Thursday 1 November. Students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform on these days. We would like to acknowledge and thank the Hindmarsh Shire for organising this program for our students.

With Christ,
Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

Appointed as caretakers

**O LORD, our Lord,
your greatness is seen in all the world!
Your praise reaches up to the heavens;
it is sung by children and babies.
You are safe and secure from all your enemies;
you stop anyone who opposes you. (verses 1,2)**

Have you ever had one of those moments when you've been given a glimpse of God's greatness? It might have been when you were sitting quietly on a mountain top, marveling at the expanse of God's creation, or when you looked through a microscope and saw the wonders of God's creative handiwork. It might even have been when you admired a newborn child and saw how intricately and wonderfully it was made.

Yet what is more remarkable is that God has chosen you to be a little lower than himself. Despite your greed and selfishness, God still appointed you to look after his magnificent creation. Even though God alone has all power, creativity and majesty, he has appointed humans to tend his wonders.

Sometimes you can't help feeling like a child who is still learning the ropes, especially since God has given you such an awesome responsibility.

Dear heavenly Father, I marvel at your creation and wonder why you chose me to look after it. Please help me to give you praise through my care of your garden. Amen.



Prayer of the Week

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

- ◆ The Foundation class
- ◆ The Year 1 class

Chapel



Just a reminder that Chapel is beginning at 9am in the 4/5/6 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 \$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: 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.

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**.



Child Safety

The office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has an online resource for parents, with guidance and strategies to help keep children safe online. iParent is where parents can learn about the digital environment and keep updated on their children's technology use. There are suggestions and guidance for using safety settings on your family's web-connected devices. The online resource hub can be accessed on <https://www.esafety.gov.au/iparent>

Welcome Karen!

Welcome to our new Office Administrator who started today. Karen Koning is from Rainbow and she is looking forward to meeting the students and families. Please introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.

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

Nhill Show

It's that time of year and once again and our school community has been invited to take part in the Grand Parade. The Nhill Show is on Thursday 18th Oct, with assembly for the parade starting at 3.30pm near the entrance to the oval.

Karen Book Distribution

Our Karen books have made it worldwide! Thar Ser has recently distributed our Karen book sets to three locations in Karen state, including an internally displaced people camp. They were thrilled. Thank you, Thar Ser for helping this to happen.



Playground Update



NHILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
PRESENTS

OUR VERY OWN TOUR DOWN UNDER!



JOIN THE STUDENTS AS THEY TAKE YOU ON AN
INTERACTIVE ADVENTURE THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA. WITH
PLENTY OF SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES IT IS A SHOW
NOT TO BE MISSED!

THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER
7PM SHARP
NHILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL