



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

FEB	Friday 8th	Welcome BBQ—6.30 pm; meat supplied
	Tues 12th	School Council—7.30 pm
	Wed 14th	No prep classes
	Mon 18th - Thurs 21st	Swimming @ 11am-1.30pm
	Tues 19th	Starlab excursion
	Wed 20th	No prep classes
	Mon 25th— Thurs 28th	Swimming @ 11am-1.30pm
	Tues 26th	P & F AGM—6.30 pm nibbles, 7 pm start
	Wed 27th	No prep classes
MAR	Friday 1st	Swimming Carnival

Birthdays

We hope the following students had a great birthday over the school holidays:

Caleb Bedford: Sunday 6th January

Justin Tu: Sunday 13th January

Lawson Lynch: Saturday 19th January

Chloe Zanker: Wednesday 23rd January

Also to the students who have birthdays this week:

Erin Fraser-Klix: Tuesday 12th February

Charli Rethus: Tuesday 12th February



From the Principal

Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019. I hope you find the newsletters useful and informative as you keep up to date with what's happening at Nhill Lutheran School. The newsletter is released weekly and also appears on our school website.

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time. Staff have worked very hard to plan rich learning experiences for the students and the learning spaces on Day 1 looked welcoming and inviting. It was wonderful to see the students start school last Thursday. This year we welcome 21 new people into our school community – 16 new Foundation students, 3 new students in other classes and 2 new staff, Miss Isabel Lindsay and myself. If you include parents, grandparents, siblings and other connected people – that's a lot of new people! My hope is that you all feel welcomed and it will be great to see you at the Welcome BBQ on Friday at 6.30pm.

Have you had a good look at our logo?

At chapel last week the students explored our school logo. The cross reminds us of Jesus as does the yellow circle which shows us that Jesus is at the centre of all we do. The three blue leaves represent the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The motto 'Together We Grow' is beautifully placed where roots would usually be. We spoke at Chapel that at Nhill Lutheran School it is not just the students who grow but the staff, parents and caregivers, other family members and members of the community. The logo shows growth in Jesus, which is exactly what we hope happens here at Nhill Lutheran School.

Communication with school

Open communication between home and school is strongly encouraged. There are numerous avenues to communicate – diaries, phone, email etc... All classes will be using Seesaw which is a wonderful tool that enables students to share their learning with family members and other special people in their lives. If you have not yet joined Seesaw please do so. Teachers have sent home notes about this. Seesaw is also available for communication between home and school. There are organised times scheduled during the year for parent-teacher communication, however you are welcome to contact your child's teacher if you feel there is a need. Please try and avoid the busy morning times, though, as teachers will be preparing their day and getting started with students.

And finally. . .

I'm excited when I look at what we have at Nhill Lutheran School – polite, well-mannered students keen to learn, enthusiastic and caring staff, supportive family and community members, lovely grounds and facilities, and we can't forget Peter Rabbit! I look forward with anticipation at the many opportunities for meaningful learning experiences for the students, and can be assured of God's guiding hand on our community as Together We Grow.

Enjoy your week!

Damon Prenzler

Devotional Thought

'This is why I tell you: do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about clothes for your body. After all, isn't life worth more than food? And isn't the body worth more than clothes? Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns, yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth much more than birds?' (verses 25,26)

Read [Matthew 6:25-34](#)

'Aren't you worth more than birds?' There can come times in your life when you don't feel worth more than birds. When you feel you're the smallest, weakest, most insignificant person alive. When you wonder if anyone would notice if you weren't there anymore.

People still say hello, smile, even spend time with you. But when you're buried in those dark times, you cry out for someone who will know every bit of you, and love you – and like you – no matter what. You can't put these kinds of feelings into words. They're too deep, too heavy, and it's easier to brush off any expressions of concern with an 'I'm fine. It's OK.' Inside, your soul is screaming. Outside, your smile is weak and unconvincing.

'Aren't you worth more than birds?' You wish you were a bird. No work responsibilities, no mortgage to worry about, no relationships to repair, hearts to heal, tears to weep. As a bird, you could disappear into the sky, look down on the world, all your problems far away. You'd be free, floating in the clouds, sailing wherever the wind would take you.

Ask, 'Am I worth more than birds?' Then, listen. 'Yes. You are my child.'

Lord, I give you these words as sighs from my soul, tears from my heart. Amen.

My child
**YOU WORRY
TOO MUCH.**
i've got this, remember?
Love,
God

Worship News

Please see below for this week's church service times;

Nhill: 11am

Woorak: 9am

Jeparit: 9am

Church Office: 5391 1223



Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Thomas Albrecht and his family
- ♦ Georgia Allen and her family

P&F News

On Tuesday 26th February the Parents and Friends Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 7pm. All school parents and parish members are welcome to attend. Nibbles will be supplied from 6.30 pm. Enquiries to Alana Zanker (0409 367 128) or Jackie Rethus (0409 565 148).

The P&F is an organisation within Nhill Lutheran School to provide support for families of the school. The P&F is a great way to get to know others in the school community with social events and meetings. The P&F also fundraise in order to provide resources and facilities for the school.

At this meeting we will be electing our President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 extra executive members. These people make up the Committee Executive, however, all parents of enrolled children at the school are members of the Parents and Friends Association and your attendance and input at all meetings is valuable.

Please do not feel any pressure to nominate for an executive position however if you do feel you have the skills, and desire to fill a position please speak with Jackie Rethus or Alana Zanker soon.

We thank you for your support of the P&F and look forward to a wonderful 2019 school year.

Get 'em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup has started again, meeting each Tuesday at 9.15 am. 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 Mrs Koning at the front office.



Chapel

Chapel this week will be held in the Multi Purpose Room on Friday at 9am. It will be run by Pastor Carl. Parents and friends are invited to join us and stay for morning tea and coffee.



Chapel Offering

At the last Chapel \$25.85 was collected and will go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.

Lunch Orders

The current Olivers café lunch order list is attached to this newsletter. Students can order these items in the morning and they will be delivered in time for lunch. Please send a list to school on an envelope or in a zip lock bag, along with the money for the items. Small amounts of change can be given and will be sent home the same day.

Please note that Olivers will cease business at the end of February. From the 4th March students will need to bring their own lunch until we find out what is planned for the café in the future.

Zooper Doopers are also for sale at school for \$1. They can be ordered in the morning using the same envelope/bag as any lunch orders.

If students need their lunch reheated, can they please bring their food in a suitable container. Also, no cuppa soups or noodles please, as hot water can pose a serious burns risk.

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.

We are in the process of constructing the monthly roster for this year. If you do not wish to be on the roster, please let Mrs Koning know at the office by 15th February.



Swimming News

Students will begin swimming lessons, starting on Monday 18th February, and will be run daily between 11am-1.30pm. Students will get changed at school and then walk down to the swimming pool. Students are encouraged to bring along sandals or other appropriate footwear to walk to the pool. Please make sure that all clothing is named.



The Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 1st March and we are seeking a few volunteers to assist us on the day. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Koning at the front office.

Cleaning Levy

At the middle and end of each school year, the school is cleaned by school families. The school families are split into 2 groups, one cleans in the middle of the year and the second group cleans at the end of the year. Rosters will be provided. If you wish not to participate in the school clean, you can opt to pay a \$100 cleaning levy. If you wish to pay the cleaning levy, instead of cleaning or have any further questions please contact Mrs Koning at the front office.

Child Safety

Students across all year levels will be revising Cyber Safety and how to protect themselves online. Key messages that you can also reinforce at home include; Informing students that nothing ever disappears from cyberspace; online behaviour and comments become a digital imprint visible to potential friends, employers etc....At Nhili Lutheran School, we strongly encourage parents to develop appropriate on-line boundaries for their children. If you would like more information and advice, please visit the government Cyber Safety website at www.cybersafetyhelp.gov.au.



New Bibles

Our new students and Year 3 students received their own Bible at our first assembly last week. Thanks to the Parents and Friends for donating these.



Thank you

Thank you to the people who looked after the animals during the holidays. Also to those who looked after the garden and helped with any maintenance.

NLS volunteers

Reading Buddies Program

We are currently seeking some parent helpers to assist with our reading buddies program and Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). Reading buddies involves parent volunteers coming into classrooms and listening to students reading aloud. Volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check and complete the training that is explained below.

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 Mrs Koning at the front office.

Hats

Please remember that hats are compulsory for Term 1. No hat means no play. Please make sure that all hats are named and maintained in good condition.

Instrumental Music

If students are interested in learning guitar, please submit an expression of interest at the front office.

NHILL GOLF CLUB JUNIOR GOLF COMPETITION



Thursday afternoons 3.45pm at Nhill Golf Club
Cost is \$2 per person

Each week we will play different holes
All school aged children welcome

Equipment can be borrowed from the club
Enquiries to Shane Grover 0412 603 917

Go Tennis Academy

Term 1 Tennis Coaching Nhill Tennis Club

Thursday 7th February to Thursday 28th March
Coaching Programs & Times

3.45 to 4.15pm

5 to 6 year olds
4 spots available
Cost
\$10 per session or
\$50 for 6 lessons

4.15 to 4.45pm

7 to 8 year olds
4 spots available
Cost
\$10 per session or
\$50 for 6 lessons

4.45 to 5.15pm

Private
1 or 2 spots available
Cost
\$35 per lesson or
\$175 for 6 lessons

5.15 to 5.45pm

Private
1 or 2 spots available
Cost
\$35 per lesson or
\$175 for 6 lessons

5.45 to 6.15pm

Private
1 or 2 spots available
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6.15 to 6.45pm

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6.45 to 7.15pm

Private
1 or 2 spots available
Cost
\$35 per lesson or
\$175 for 6 lessons

7.15 to 7.45pm

Private
1 or 2 spots available
Cost
\$35 per lesson or
\$175 for 6 lessons

Bookings essential contact Grant on 0417528502.
First in best dressed

NHILL COMMUNITY PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

The Nhill Community Performing Arts Program is an activity run by The Nhill Learning Centre. It is open to all students of primary and secondary school age and will run every Wednesday of each term. The first session for Term 1 will commence on Wednesday 13th February and run for 8 weeks.

DANCE: to be held at "The Patch", 9 Clarence St, Nhill

After a warm up, participants will learn good techniques to maintain their safety and look after their bodies whilst dancing. Sessions will cover various dance styles over the course of the program. These include ballet, lyrical, jazz, tap and more!

Foundation – Year 4 students: 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Year 5 & above students: 5.00pm – 6.00pm



DRAMA: to be held at "RSL Room", 10 Clarence St, Nhill

During drama sessions, participants will explore various technique skills, areas of expression, and styles of performance. These include, amongst others, vocal projection and characterisation, gesture, mime, improvisation, melodrama, script interpretation, and performance creation.

Year 5 & above students: 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Foundation – Year 4 students: 5.00pm – 5.45pm



Cost: \$40.00 for dance OR drama for the term, or \$50.00 for both dance AND drama



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SCHOOL LUNCH ORDER LIST - 2018

Hot Food

Homemade Sausage Rolls \$3.50
Beef Pies \$4.50
Pasties \$4.50
Oven baked Chicken Strips \$1.50
Hot Dog \$3.00
Steamed Dim Sims \$1.00
Party Pie \$1.20

Pizza Singles \$3.00

Hawaiian
BBQ Chicken

Sandwiches

One filling \$3.50 –
Cheese, Ham & Chicken
(Extra fillings 50cents each)

Salad only \$4.50
Ham & Salad \$5.00
Chicken & Salad \$5.50

Wraps \$5.00

Ham, Pineapple & cheese
Chicken, Tomato & Cheese
extra 50c toasted

Homemade Slice \$2.50

Hedgehog, Lemon, Peppermint.

Chilled Items/Drinks

Frozen Yoghurt \$3.00
Icy Poles \$2.00

Fruit Box \$2.50
(Orange, Apple, Tropical)
Bottle water \$3.00
Flavoured Milk 250ml \$2.50
(Chocolate, Strawberry)

Gluten Free Options

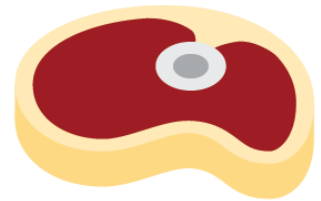
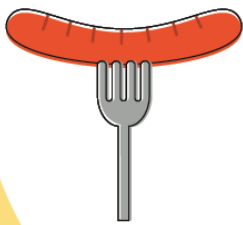
Gluten Free Pie \$5.00
Gluten free Bread/Wraps 1.00 extra

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Email: olivers@wwhs.net.au
Please email orders before 10am.

The Parents and Friends Association of the
Nhill Lutheran School

Invite all School families to our

Welcome BBQ



**Friday the 8th February 2019
6.30pm start**



RSVP: to the School by Monday 4th February 2019

Bring a salad or dessert to share,
except for Foundation and new
School families. Meat supplied.

BYO chair.

Tea, coffee, water and gluten free
options available.



This is an alcohol free family friendly event!