



Upcoming Dates

FEB	Mon 25th– Thurs 28th	Swimming @ 11am– 1.30pm
	Tues 26th	Hockey Roadshow 9 am—11.10 am
	Tues 26th	P & F AGM—6.30 pm nibbles, 7 pm start
	Wed 27th	No prep clases
MAR	Friday 1st	Swimming Carnival
	Wednesday 6th	Wimmera Machinery Field Days excursion

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Jonas Beattie: Thursday 21st
February

Matilda Prenzler: Wednesday 27th
February



From the Principal

Acts of Kindness

It has been wonderful to see many acts of kindness around the school. I believe some students have even been asked to perform acts of kindness at home for home learning! At our weekly assembly last Friday we acknowledged Chloe Zanker with a Kindness Award for her many acts of kindness, including helping younger students

with their ball skills. Other students were given honourable mentions including a student who left Mrs Koning a note saying 'have a wonderful day, whatever comes your way, take it as a blessing.' It was signed 'NWP' so we have to find a student with those initials. We hope that Nhill Lutheran School is known as a place of kindness.

Homework → Home Learning

You may have noticed a subtle change with 'Homework'. We are endeavouring to use the term 'Home Learning'. So why the change? Well, consider the words 'work' and 'learning' – what images or connotations arise when you hear those words? What differences exist between the two terms? Nhill Lutheran School is a place of learning – hopefully deep, rich, meaningful learning – that will grow and develop our students and equip them for a life of meaningful service and contribution. We hope that Home Learning will provide opportunities for students to do just that – learn. It's more appropriate than expecting our students to 'work'.

Our Lutheran Family

Last weekend I had the privilege of attending the Lutheran Church of Australia Vic/Tas District Synod at Hamilton. It was wonderful to connect with the broader Lutheran family and hear about the services provided through churches, schools, aged care facilities, camps, international mission and more. Nhill Lutheran School is one of fifteen Lutheran schools in Victoria, there are also three Early Childhood Centres. In total there are twenty Lutheran schools and four Early Childhood Centres within LEVNT (Lutheran Education Vic, NSW, Tas) providing education to over 7,100 students.

Student Representative Council

Eight students, two from each class, have been chosen as members of the SRC for 2019. These students will represent their class and meet regularly with Miss Shelton who will oversee the SRC. They will also be presented with a badge at assembly this week. Congratulations to the following 8 students:

Foundation: Cooper Cramer, Olivia Fritsch

Year 1: Sydney Currow, Kelsey Schnaars

Year 2/3: Eden Woodward, Thomas Albrecht

Year 4/5/6: Rachel Reichelt, Giana Pohlner

Swimming

The students are to be commended for their efforts with swimming lessons and it's great to see students growing in confidence and 'having a go'. These will continue next week and culminate in our Swimming Carnival on Friday March 1, starting at 11am. More information about the Swimming Carnival will be provided next week. A big thank you to Mrs Erin Alexander and Mrs Jessica Mason for helping lead swimming lessons.

Bus drop off and pick up

A new drop off and pick up area is being prepared for the bus in the Mackay Street carpark. The safety of all students and people on site is a priority and we feel the new arrangements, once completed, will provide a safer place for all at drop off and pick up times. Until this is completed the bus will continue to use the main driveway and we thank drivers and pedestrians for showing care at drop off and pick up times.

Upcoming events

There are many events on the horizon that we are looking forward to. I'd like to highlight two, but encourage you to keep an eye on the Upcoming Events in the newsletter, or in the various communications sent by the school. On Wednesday March 6 all classes from Years 1-6 (Foundations do not attend on this day) will be attending the Wimmera Field Days at Longerenong, and on Friday April 5 we are having Grandparents Day. I can't wait to see the great learning that will occur on both of these occasions.

And finally. . .

Every blessing for your week!

Damon Prenzler

Devotional Thought

Outcasts

Jesus left that place, and as he walked along, he saw a tax collector, named Matthew, sitting in his office. He said to him, 'Follow me.' Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having a meal in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and other outcasts came and joined Jesus and his disciples at the table. Some Pharisees saw this and asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat and drink with such people?' (verses 9-11)

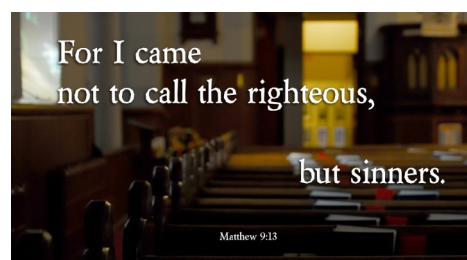
Read [Matthew 9:9-17](#)

Who are the outcasts in your world? Who are the people you refuse to have anything to do with? Are they people who have a different coloured skin than yours? Or are they people who have a different understanding of human sexuality, or a different religion?

We live in an increasingly changing and challenging world. We are surrounded by people who have very different ideas from ours. And this diversity will only increase. There are two things we can do. We can withdraw from such people and only associate with the people we feel comfortable with. The other way is the way of Jesus.

It isn't easy to be with people who are very different from us. But it's important for them and for us. We can grow as we listen and try to understand, even if we don't agree. As we form bridges between us, we model the love that Jesus had for all people. Human sin creates 'outcasts' and division. God's love includes 'outcasts' and, in Christ, creates unity.

Lord Jesus, thank you for calling me to follow you. Help me to form relationships with those I regard as 'outcasts'. Give me the mindset that loves all, as you love all. Amen.



Worship News

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

Nhill: 11 am

Woorak: 9 am

Jeparit: 9 am

Church Office: 5391 1223



Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Sophie Blackwood and her family
- ♦ Oliver & Chelsea Bone and their 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).

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.

Get 'em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup has started again, meeting each Tuesday at 9.30 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

Chapel

Chapel today was 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 \$34.30 was collected and will go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. So far this year, \$96.35 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in

Lunch Orders

There will be **no lunch orders** next Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (27th, 28th February & 1st March).

Please sign in

Thank you to the many volunteers who help around the school, from listening to students read to maintaining the grounds and equipment.

For safety and compliance reasons we need you to sign in when you are at the school.

If you would like a passtab card, please bring your Working With Children Check card to the front office and one can be arranged.

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. It will be available soon.



Swimming News

Students will continue swimming lessons next week. They will be run daily between 11am-1.30pm from Monday to Wednesday.



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 Nhill 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.



Kindness award

Our inaugural Kindness award was presented to Chloe at assembly last week.



Found

Found after playgroup a couple of weeks ago: a child's hat.

Found after the Welcome BBQ: a pair of sunglasses and a pair of child's thongs.

Karen books

Children's books written in both English and the Karen language were made by our students last year. They are still for sale: \$20 for a pack of 8 books. Available at the front office.



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: **VSC4_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

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1 or 2 spots available
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7.15 to 7.45pm

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\$175 for 6 lessons

Bookings essential contact Grant on 0417528502.
First in best dressed

Starlab

On Tuesday the students visited Nhill College to participate in space activities. Here's what some of the students had to say:

Lawson: I liked seeing stars and I learnt about space.

Rachel: I liked all of the stars in the dome and I learnt it was the 50th anniversary of the first person walking on the moon.

Note: I liked learning more facts about space and the Apollo moon landing and I liked sharing my knowledge with them. I learnt about the Apollo 8 mission and about the history of space flight.

Maci: I liked the photos on the board and I learnt that the moon was really big on Tuesday night because it was closer to earth.

Nathan: I liked going in the big dome and I learnt that the international space station goes through the sky.

Shelley: I liked looking up to see the stars and we saw a picture of an astronaut.

Swimming



Kids Camp 2019

Tandara Lutheran Camp

When April 9-12

Who Ages 9-12

Cost \$210



Theme Tips and tricks to read the Bible like a Pro!

To register: <http://www.tandara.org.au/app/register/form/1>

Registrations close 1st of April 2019

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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TOTALLY FREE



NHILL parkrun

Jaypex Park, Saturday morning, 8.00am

5km walk or run or a bit of both

No experience necessary

Register at www.parkrun.com.au

Further details on www.facebook.com/nhillparkrun

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