



## Upcoming Dates

MAR	Monday 11th	Labor Day public holiday
	Wednesday 20th	First Wednesday at school for Foundation class

## Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Shilah Hiscock: Monday 11th March

Sean Pedie: Monday 11th



## Wimmera Machinery Field Days excursion

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March the school went on an excursion to the Wimmera Machinery Field Days. We were split up into three groups and some of the teachers went with each group.

Our group went to the motorbike show, but it wasn't on until 12 o'clock, so we went to the snake show. They had a barn owl, venomous snakes, a frog, a big yellow huntsman, a dingo, a green snake, a cute turtle and two pythons that we were allowed to hold.

Next we went to eat our recess at the seats near the snake show. Some people bought a jam donut.

Then we walked around and had a look at the exhibits. We also went on a little train (Thomas the tank engine) and to the animal mini-farm.

We saw George the farmer, and we got to get up and dance and sing to the music. The best dancer received a prize. Jackson, Rachel and Imogen all won prizes.

We went to Jolly Lolly Trolley shop. We were allowed to buy some lollies.

On the bus on the way home, Kelsey's toy popped and goo went everywhere.

We had a very enjoyable day. Thank you to the teachers for taking us.

By Shilah, Stella & Eden



## Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival was on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. We started off with the 50 m events. Ribbons were awarded for first, second and third placings. We also received points for our house: first received 5 points, second received 3 points, third received 2 points, with 1 point being awarded for all other placegetters.

The second group of events involved the Foundation to Year 2 students. These were in the smaller pool. The Year Six students helped with these events.

Then we went back to the big pool for the 25 m events. We kicked off with the freestyle events and lots of students participated. We moved on to backstroke and then to breaststroke. Finally, we had one single butterfly event followed by the house relay, which Hindmarsh won.

Hindmarsh also won the overall day, with Mallee coming second, followed by Lowan. Congratulations to all who participated.

By Archie and Rachel



## From the Principal

### The Importance of Student Voice

I thought we'd change things slightly this week. You'll notice the first sections of this newsletter are written by students sharing their reflections about the Swimming Carnival and the Wimmera Field Days. These events provided great opportunities for students to learn, to be challenged, and to grow and develop. Hearing students share about their learning experiences is a wonderful exercise and helps us to see the world from a student's perspective. Student voice is powerful and necessary.

At Nhill Lutheran School many opportunities exist for student voice to be authentically shared. Students provide an insight to school life that differs from adults and, let's face it, sometimes kids have the best ideas! Our Student Representative Council (SRC) were recently chosen with 2 students from each class representing their class. This group of students meet and share concerns or address relevant issues. Many ideas stem from opportunities provided in classes for students to share their thoughts, their voice. This week the staff discussed the value of having class meetings/circle time/class discussions to allow student voice to be shared.

Do you hear your child's voice? What does your child tell you about their day and about their learning? Instead of asking "how was your day?" (and receiving a one word answer), you may like to try some of these questions to open up discussion:

Tell me about the best part of your day.

What was the hardest thing you had to do today?  
What did you do when something was hard?

Tell me what you read in class.

Who did you play with today? What did you play?

Tell me about something you learned today?

What was something kind you or someone else did today?

These questions may help your child's voice and their learning to be shared. Additionally, all classes are using Seesaw as a tool to share student learning – it's amazing how excited students are knowing that Mum or Dad (or special person) is going to be seeing their learning on Seesaw.

### And finally. . .

I'd like to acknowledge the amazing adaptability of students, staff and families over the last few weeks. Our Swimming lessons, culminating in our Swimming Carnival, were a success, and we had a very enjoyable excursion to the Field Days. It has meant, however, that our 'normal' timetable has needed to change for these events, and I thank everyone for managing these changes so well.

Every blessing for your week!

Damon Prenzler

## 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](http://www.cybersafetyhelp.gov.au).



## Found

Lost property: available at the front office

Swimming goggles from the swimming carnival and sunglasses from the Welcome BBQ

## 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.

## Devotional Thought

### Christ-like giving

**'So when you give something to a needy person, do not make a big show of it, as the hypocrites do in the houses of worship and on the streets. They do it so that people will praise them. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. But when you help a needy person, do it in such a way that even your closest friend will not know about it.'** (verses 2,3)

Read Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Good actors work hard in order to give of their best when they take to the stage. It's an important part of their profession. They enjoy nothing more than receiving an enthusiastic response from their audience. That's their reward.

Jesus tells us that we are not to be like that when we want to help someone who is in need. Doing it to impress others isn't proper giving at all. It's just another way of trying to get something for ourselves, and he warns us against this. It's another trap that we can get caught in.

Giving becomes Christ-like when you forget about yourself and you let Christ's love flow through your gift to your needy neighbour. It means passing on to others what Jesus has first given to you. That's giving according to Christ's way. Remember him saying, 'Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!' (Matthew 25:40).

***Lord Jesus make me a channel of your grace and goodness to all those around me. Help me to give as you give to me. 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.....

- ◆ Deegan, Lanie and Barrett Clark and their family
- ◆ Cooper Cramer and his family

## Chapel

Chapel today was held in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am. It was run by Mr Prenzler. Parents and friends are always invited to join us and stay for morning tea and coffee.

Next week Chapel will be led by the Year 1 class.



## Chapel Offering

At the last Chapel, on Tuesday, \$23.55 was collected and will go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. So far this year, \$133.85 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.

## Lunch Orders

Please note that final arrangements are still being made regarding lunch orders. Could parents please wait until further notice before sending students to school with lunch orders.

## 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.

Please make sure that all hats are named and maintained in good condition.

## Book Fair

The Book Fair will be open next week as well: 8.30 am to 4 pm. (Except not after school on Tuesday).

Thanks.

## Swimming at Horsham

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March six students travelled to Horsham for the Little Desert & Black Ranges Swimming sports.

Troye, Amaya, Eden and Archie all competed in two events each and Frazer and Asher competed in backstroke and freestyle respectively.

Troye came sixth in the 12-13 boys breaststroke and Eden came sixth in the 9-10 girls backstroke.

Thanks to the parents who accompanied the team to Horsham



## Go Tennis Academy

### Term 1 Tennis Coaching Nhill Tennis Club

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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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\$35 per lesson or  
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#### 6.15 to 6.45pm

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\$35 per lesson or  
\$175 for 6 lessons

#### 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**

# OPTUS Horsham

PRESENTS

## INCREDIBLES 2



### MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 7.30PM

JOIN IN THE  
HORSHAM FISHING COMP  
WEEKEND FUN FOR THIS FREE EVENT  
HORSHAM SOUNDHELL,  
SAWYER PARK

BYO PICNIC RUG & BEANBAGS

HOT FOOD, DRINKS & ICE  
CREAM AVAILABLE TO  
PURCHASE



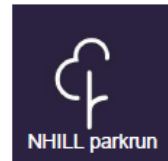
Nhill parkrun, Jaypex Park  
Every Saturday morning, 8.00am  
5km walk or run or a bit of both  
No experience necessary

Register at [www.parkrun.com.au](http://www.parkrun.com.au)

Further details on [www.facebook.com/nhillparkrun](https://www.facebook.com/nhillparkrun)

Be part of the fun

**TOTALLY  
FREE**



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2019

## HORSHAM FISHING COMP MARCH 10

Wimmera Landcare and Wimmera CMA are  
bringing back our favourite wildlife champion

## CHRIS HUMFREY & THE WILD ACTION ZOO

1pm - Horsham Showgrounds

1.30pm - Adventure Island

2pm - Weir Park

3.30pm - LIVE SHOW Horsham Soundshell



Bring  
the whole  
family!

As seen on  
ABC3 TV,  
KidsWB  
& Foxtel!



# 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 13<sup>th</sup> February and run for 8 weeks.

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## **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

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## **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

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



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# 2019 VIC FISH KIDS HORSHAM



## FREE EVENT



There will be  
**200 FREE**  
RODS AND REELS  
up for grabs  
during the day!

We are hosting our first Vic Fish Kids in 2019 to get more children fishing, more often!

It'll be fun and free, and everything is provided in the fishing clinics so kids can cast a line and try fishing in a safe and supportive environment.

It's all part of the State Government's Target One Million plan to grow participation and get one million anglers by 2020.

- Learn to cast, how to tie knots and what to do with a fish when you catch one.
- Free fishing tuition will be provided by volunteers from angling clubs and VFA staff. Bait will be provided in fishing clinics only.
- Clinics will commence throughout the day, and there'll be lots to do for the whole family including jumping castle, face painter, free photo booth to immortalise that fish of lifetime and much more.
- Parental supervision is essential and participants should bring sturdy footwear, clothing to suit the weather, a hat and sunscreen, and a sense of fun and adventure because it's going to be a wonderful day!

We will be sharing the remaining dates and locations for the Vic Fish Kids Program 2019 very soon. Details will be shared here: [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/vicfishkids](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/vicfishkids)

Come along and join a Vic Fish Kids ambassador, who will inspire young and old with expert tips and entertaining tales.



### When

Saturday 9 March 2019,  
from 9am until 4pm.

### Where

Sawyer Park - Horsham Angling Club,  
Dixon Drive, 3400

Fishing clinics will take place along the  
Wimmera River

Target One Million  
*More Victorians fishing, more often*

