

TOGETHER WE GROW

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JUL	Thursday 18th	Student Leadership Day at Halls Gap— Years 5 & 6
	Tuesday 23rd	P & F Meeting—7pm
	Monday 29th	First Aid and CPR training—Nhill
AUG	Thursday 1st	Hockey 7s
	Friday 2nd	Athletic sports day
	Tuesday 13th	Kinder visit
	19 –23	Book week
	Friday 30th	Father's Day footy
SEP	Thursday 19th	School Concert

Buddy time





From the Principal

Welcome to Term 3. I hope you had an enjoyable holiday. It has been lovely to see the students start the new term with enthusiasm.

Term 3 promises to be an exciting term. From being a footy follower I have often heard the 3rd quarter of a game being referred to as the premiership quarter, when a team may push ahead and gain the ascendency. Our school year can be a bit like that, when students in Term 3 push ahead with productive learning and make positive progress.

Various events are happening this term, so I encourage you to refer to the calendar in the newsletter and keep up to date with any communication from the school. We are looking forward to the upcoming Athletics Day, Father's Day, Concert and more.

You may have noticed some changes

During the holidays staff were busy transforming learning spaces in their classrooms and around the school. You may have noticed some furniture missing or repurposed, new furniture, bags being stored in different areas, and more.

So, why the change? Essentially it's to improve student learning and engagement. There are layers of reasons behind this:

- 1. Education is transforming. If you look at a grainy black and white photo of a classroom from the 1920s you're likely to see students sitting in rows of desks with the teacher at the front. Nearly a hundred years later some classrooms look very similar. Students have different learning styles and different learning needs and schools must provide learning spaces that are flexible and adaptable to cater for these differences.
- 2. Essential skills are a priority. Current and predicted future trends indicate that essential skills are needed. Skills such as collaboration, problem solving, communication, creativity and adaptability are required for current and future workplaces. Academic ability is still important, but must be coupled with essential skills.

- 3. Schools must intentionally grow and develop essential skills. Because essential skills are needed, schools have a responsibility to nurture these skills in students.
- 4. Learning spaces enable essential skill development. By rearranging the layout of classrooms and other learning areas essential skill growth can occur. Creating different learning zones through thoughtful placement of furniture and different types of furniture allows for students to learn in a place that best suits them. Student engagement increases and learning improves.

So what might you see? Look carefully in the classrooms and you will see different learning zones:

Caves – an area to be alone and to reflect or work independently, without interruption or distraction from others. This could be a sectioned off nook or even a table facing the wall.

Campfires – a place for a community of learners to sit together, listen to each other and learn. This could be a small round table or a standing desk (some teachers have even repurposed their teacher desks).

Watering holes – a place for learning from peers in small groups. This could be a cluster of desks or a mat on the floor.

You may also see Mountain tops and plains. Students are learning how they are expected to learn (dispositions) in these spaces. Initial reactions from students have been very positive and teachers are already noticing greater student engagement.

Parents and community members are welcome to see the learning spaces for yourself and chat to the teachers. One anonymous community member has already provided us with this feedback:

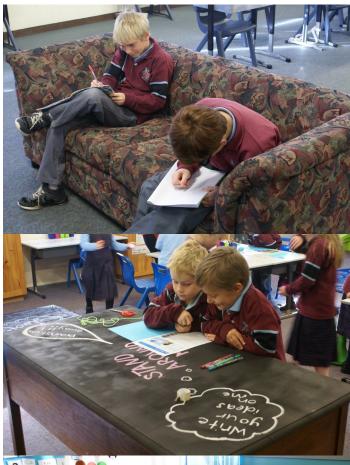
- I loved the eagerness of the children to show me their new learning spaces;
- I loved exploring the new learning spaces myself;
- I love, love, loved how each of the learning spaces were different in each classroom—and tailored to the learning needs of the students.

And finally . . .

Our chapel theme for this term is The Parables of Jesus. You are very welcome to attend our chapels at 9.00am on Friday.

Every blessing for your week,

Damon Prenzler













Maintenance Roster

The purpose of this roster is to have a group of people available to fix any small maintenance issues that arise. If they occur in your month, you may be called upon to help.

July/August

Chris Schnaars, Peter Bone, Nathan Albrecht, Stephen Allen, Clint Beattie, Josh Bedford, Shane Grover, Johnny Muller, Dean Wheaton

Devotional Thought

Justifying myself

'The next day he took two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. "Take care of him," he told the innkeeper, "and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him."

And Jesus concluded, 'In your opinion which one of these three acted like a neighbour towards the man attacked by the robbers?" The teacher of the Law answered, 'The one who was kind to him.'

Jesus replied, 'You go, then, and do the same.' (verses 35-37)

Read Luke 10:25-37

My reaction to seeing a homeless person on the street is not always to help. Instead I think of all the good reasons why I shouldn't go out of my way to help. Like that teacher of the law I want to justify myself for not helping everyone.

I grew up thinking that people would forgive me as long as I could justify my actions. If I found \$5 I'd think, 'I could hand it in to the lost property department ... but it's not really worth much, so no-one would come and look for it ... oh well, finders keepers.' With a little practice I could excuse all my selfish behaviour. I've even gone so far as to say, 'What do you expect of me, God? You know I'm sinful and can't help myself'. Which is like saying, 'The Devil made me do it'.

You are not justified by being sinful, nor are you justified by your own clever arguments so don't even try. If you do, you may not recognise that you need God, who justifies you by his grace.

Lord, thank you for your grace. Please forgive my sins and help me to forgive those who sin against me. Amen.



Worship News

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

Nhill: 9 am

Woorak: 9 am

Jeparit: 11 am

Church Office: 5391 1223



Prayer of the Week

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

- Rachel Reichelt and her family
- Charli Rethus and her family

Chapel

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



Chapel Offering

At today's Chapel \$9.00 was collected and will go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. So far this year, \$770.50 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.

Leadership Training Day

On Thursday 18th July the Year 5/6 class went to Tandara Lutheran Camp in Halls Gap for a day to pick up some leadership skills. Students from other Lutheran schools also participated. Spiritual, Significant People, Servant Leadership and Support are the 4 S's of leadership that we were learning about, along with what qualities a good leader has.

We split into groups with other schools to take part in fun games and activities and we listened to Emma about what the four S's mean and how students can use them.

We were provided with morning and afternoon tea and later we were treated with a well-deserved ice cream after our day of leading. A big thanks to Mr Prenzler, Miss Lindsay and Mary-Ann for driving us and also to Emma Graetz who travelled all the way from Adelaide to run the day.

By Chloe Zanker and Amaya Woodward















earn & learn

Thanks to everyone who contributed earn & learn stickers. We received over 5,600 stickers, which equates to \$56,000 of shopping.

We are currently "spending" our points, purchasing equipment and other products to enhance student learning.

Student Fundraising Initiatives

Amaya, Charli and Rachel are selling slime every day of the school week. On Mondays and Fridays they are teaching other students how to make slime.

Small bags of slime are \$3 and medium bags are \$4.50.

Half of the money raised is being donated to the Cancer Council and the rest will cover the cost of the ingredients.

Shilah, Eden and Stella are making and selling bookmarks to raise funds for the Smith family.

The bookmarks are \$3 each.



School Lunches

Please note that due to the closure of Olivers Café, there will be no lunch orders until further notice.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge ends this term.

Please make sure that each book is added to the online list and marked as finished when completed.



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.





Borrow using your Phone!

Download our new App today—available for Apple & Android



Use your phone's camera to scan the item barcode—you can also renew your loans (if eligible) & check for reservations.



Speak Lord 2019: "From Dusty to Dog Eared"

The Catechism as a tool for the Christian life

Two great opportunities to attend this conference:

2nd-4th August 2019 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Adelaide, SA



9th-11th August 2019 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hamilton, VIC

Speakers: Rev Dr Gerry Bode, Joanna Hensley, Rev Dr Michael Lockwood, Rev Mathew Ker, Rev Guntars Baikovs

Friday (2nd August/9th August)

Social night

Saturday (3rd August/10th August)

Three light meals included

- Teaching the Faith Part I Great lessons from the Church Universal (1st to 15th centuries)
- Teaching the Faith Part II Luther's Catechisms as the Vehicle behind the Reformation's Success
- Teaching the faith in the Church in 21st Century
- Equipped to Understand the World through the Word
- CWF presentation

Sunday (4th August/11th August)

Two light meals included

- Divine Service
- The Catechism as a tool for Teaching the Faith in the Family
- The Catechism as a Framework for Sharing the Gospel

For more information regarding the conference and accommodation, or to register go to

www.cwfellowship.net

This conference is organized by the Creative Word Fellowship



The Good Shepherd Lutheran
Primary School



invites you to celebrate our 40th Anniversary

FRIDAY 2 AUGUST CELEBRATION DAY

For Parents, Grandparents and special friends of current students.

SATURDAY 3 AUGUST GALA DINNER BramLeigh Estate, Warrandtye www.trybooking.com/BCHWC

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICE & SCHOOL TOURS The Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School www.trybooking.com/BCWZH

WHAT IS OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD?

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a project of Samaritan's Purse. Will you join with us this year to help us reach more children with gift-filled shoeboxes for distribution to children in the developing world?

HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX

Contact Aline or Ann for pre-printed shoeboxes (50c) or use an average-size shoebox (no bigger than an A4 sheet of paper). Cover this box and lid with brightly coloured paper or paste a picture on the lid.

CHOOSE BOY OR GIRL

Age groups are 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14

SHOEBOX LABELS & DONATIONS

You will find a label to paste on your box in our brochure or online.

Donate \$10 for each shoebox you pack. (This covers transport costs).

If you donate online through 'Follow Your Box' you will know where it was delivered.

FILL EACH SHOEBOX WITH SIMPLE GIFTS

Include some things from each of the 6 categories.

Something to wear

Something to play with

Something for school

Something to love

Something special

Something for personal hygiene
Ensure that the box is <u>comfortably packed full</u> of the above gifts.

A list of ideas of what to pack and what <u>NOT</u> to pack can be found on a brochure or

on the web page... operationchristmaschild.org.au

A NOTE, PHOTO

You may like to include a note and a photo of yourself or your family.

DROP YOUR SHOEBOX OFF

Any time before the end of October

Find your nearest Drop Off Point on the web page or contact Ann or Aline.

Contacts: Aline Email: <u>alinevdeckert@gmail.com</u> Ph. 0428 918355 Area Coordinator: Ann Rohde 53812180 / 0467 239493

Website: operationchristmaschild.org.au

Do you need firewood?

Contact Alana on 0409 367 128

