



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

SEP	Friday 20th	Last day of Term 3
OCT	Monday 7th	First day of Term 4
	Tuesday 8th	P & F Meeting—7pm
	Thursday 10th	Year 2 Sleepover
	Friday 11th	Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) Awareness Day

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Zara Rethus: Thursday 19th September

Giana Pohlner: Monday 23rd September

Harper Crouch: Thursday 26th September

Shelley Dickinson: Sunday 29th September

Olivia Fritsch: Thursday 3rd October



Students of the week

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Student of the Week awards at assembly last Friday:

Foundation: Clayton

Year 1: Justin

Year 2/3: Aaron

Year 4/5/6: Troye



Little Desert Athletics

Congratulations to all of our students who competed in the Little Desert Athletics competition at Horsham last week.

The following students have qualified to compete at Ballarat in October:

First: Archie—Discus

Second: Giana—Hurdles

From the Principal

Can you believe it is the end of Term 3? All students and staff are to be commended for their efforts this term. There has been rich and deep learning, exciting events such as our Athletics Day and concert, and much more. The holidays provide time for students and staff to rest, refresh and recharge. We give thanks to God for the many gifts and opportunities he gives us.

The X Factory

I hope all who saw The X Factory enjoyed the concert. Students and staff have spent considerable time this term preparing for last night's performance. For some students they were able to let their natural talents shine, for others it was challenging to get out of their comfort zone and perform on stage. There are numerous people to be thanked:

Mrs Erin Alexander—for going above and beyond and then some!

The students—a fantastic effort.

The staff—for all the extras and flexibility you showed.

Mr Jeff Woodward—for helping with sound and lighting.

Mrs Trish Alexander—for filming the performance.

To parents—for helping your children (and maybe for putting up with THAT song for the 100th time!)

Looking ahead

Term 4 commences on Monday October 7 and we look forward to a productive and enjoyable term. We really hit the ground running in Term 4 with the Year 2 sleepover and our ALWS Day happening in the first week. The ALWS Day provides students with an opportunity to learn about the valuable work of Australian Lutheran World Service.

And finally

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Every blessing,

Damon

Sheets

The Year 2 students would like some old bed sheets to help build forts for their sleepover after the holidays. If you can help, please contact the school.

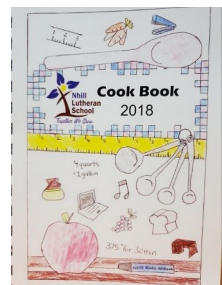
P & F

Tea Towels, Carry Bags & Cookbooks

On behalf of the P & F Association I would like to thank all those who purchased a Tea Towel or Carry Bag to make this a successful fundraiser this term. At this stage we have raised approximately \$764.00. If you are still looking for that last minute Birthday or Christmas gift, there are still a number of Tea Towels available at \$15.00 each and a handful of Carry Bags available at \$20.00 each.

Also if you would like an additional something to add with your tea towel for gift giving, there is a very limited amount of 2018 Cook Books available at \$10.00 each. If you are interested in a Cook Book please see Karen at the Front Office.

Michelle Allen



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.

September/October

Matthew Zanker, Toelwee Htoo, Michael Hall, Canny Johnney Htoo, Chris Rethus, Brad Blackwood, Will Lynch, Aaron McCartney



Devotional Thought

Wash me

**Remove my sin, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness;
and though you have crushed me and broken
me,
I will be happy once again.**
(verses 7,8)

Read [Psalm 51:1-10](#)

In his book *Life Together* Dietrich Bonhoeffer calls the book of Psalms 'the great school of prayer'. The psalms are unique in that they are both word of God and human prayer to God. Perhaps one of our most frequent prayers to God is to beg him for forgiveness.

From the great school of prayer today, Psalm 51 asks God's forgiveness for specific sins. There are times when every Christian commits sin. That is no slight matter, for God despises evil and does not tolerate human sin (as the cross of Christ so starkly shows). That is precisely where God forgives your sin completely. His nature is always to have mercy. He washes you in the blood of Jesus, so that you become whiter than snow—all sin gone. Come to him. It is for this very reason that our Lord died.

**Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on me.
Receive me, wash me, forgive and renew me.
Let me come into your presence with joy and
thanksgiving, or your salvation is great. Amen.**



Worship News

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

Nhill: 9 am

Woorak: 11 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.....

- ♦ All NLS families, that they have a safe and happy holiday.

Chapel

Chapel this week was held today in the Multi Purpose Room. It was run by the Mr Prenzler. Visitors are always invited to join us for chapel and stay for morning tea and coffee.



Chapel Offering

At last week's Chapel \$55.25 was collected and will go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. So far this year, \$951.70 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.

Help needed

We are still looking for another 6 volunteers who can pick up the school lunches from the Wimmera Bakery in Nhill one Friday each Semester.

If you are able to help, please contact the front office.

Principal Appraisal Update

In last week's Newsletter I told you about the appraisal of your Principal, Damon Prenzler, early next term. You'll remember that this is a normal part of each Principal's professional development, aimed to affirm him and guide him as he plans for his future time with you.

I'm a member of the *Principals First* team, contracted by the Lutheran Office, and will look after this appraisal, by talking to Damon and to people in the school community as preparation for my report. As promised last week, here's a brief outline of what will happen:

A number of people in the school community will be invited to talk to me about their feedback about how the Principal is handling his role. These interviews will take place on the second Tuesday of next term, 15th October, both during school hours and after school to try to fit in with people's other commitments. The interviews are quite informal. Please note that all that is said in interviews I keep confidential.

Who is chosen to be interviewed? As well as talking to Damon himself, I will include staff members and some members of the School Council. Parents will be chosen by means of a random sample, to help make sure we get a spread of opinions. Invitations to parents will come out in the first day or two of term 4.

Anyone who is invited to be interviewed will receive the interview questions in advance. If you are invited to participate, we hope you are able to be involved, but you do not have to accept.

Once these conversations have taken place, I will spend time thinking about what I have heard, and a bit later will present the Principal and the Chair of the School Council with my report. A summary of that report goes to members of the School Council.

Remember that this whole appraisal is meant to be a positive means for Damon to reflect on how he is going and to offer constructive feedback from the school community.

If you have questions about the appraisal, feel free to get in contact with Karen Koning, the Office Administrator, so she can let me know and arrange for a response.

It will be good to meet with many of you.

Neil Wright

Consultant, *Principals First*

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Misinformation Apology

At the recent Information Session on Agile Learning held 28th August 2019 statements were made which were inaccurate. I wish to formally apologise for the misleading comments that were made during the information session and regret that they were not corrected at the time. I now wish to duly correct the statements that were given.

The statement that Agile Learning was a "directive from LEVNT" was inaccurate. Consultation with LEVNT confirms that their position on Agile Learning is that it is a strategic implementation into the regions schools and it is not a "push" from LEVNT as stated at the information session. Rather, Agile Learning is encouraged by LEVNT. It is the individual schools that make the decision regarding the implementation of Agile Learning Spaces.

The Principal and I also acknowledge that better and more informative communication to the school community regarding the introduction of Agile Learning into the classrooms could have taken place prior to the changes that were made at the start of term 3. Consultation with parents together with a gradual approach may have made the transition a smoother process. If you have any questions or concerns regarding agile learning and student learning, please speak with your classroom teachers or Principal.

I can only trust that the school community will accept my apology for the misinformation that was given.

Kim Croot

Chairperson, Nhill Lutheran School Council

The X-Factory

Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2019 NLS School Concert: The X Factory. They put on an outstanding performance which the huge audience thoroughly enjoyed.



Rhymetime at Nhill Library

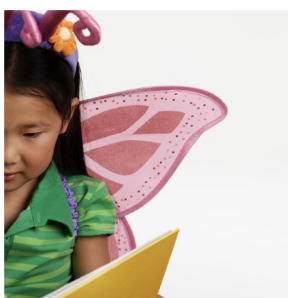
5 Clarence Street—5391 1684

Wednesday mornings at 9.30am

6 week program starting on

August 14th

- Enjoy rhymes, songs and stories
- For 0-3 years but all pre-schoolers are welcome
- Each session runs for approx. 30 minutes
- Join the Free 1000 Books before School Program



GO Tennis Academy

School Holiday Tennis

Thursday September 26th

Nhill Tennis Club

Tennis Programs

8.30 to 9.00am

Red Ball

5 to 6 year olds
Cost - \$10.00
6 Spots available only

9.00 to 9.45am

Orange Ball

7 to 8 year olds
Cost - \$15.00
6 Spots available only

9.45 to 10.30am

Green Ball

9 to 11 year olds
Cost - \$15.00
6 Spots available only

10.30 to
12.30am

Private Lessons

Any Age
group
Cost - \$35.00
30 minutes

For Bookings please contact Grant O'Callaghan on 0417528502

Cricket clinic this school holidays

Featuring Michael Beer of the Melbourne Stars

When: Wednesday 25th September

Where: Nhill & District Sporting Club

Time: 9am to 3pm

Who: girls and boys aged 10 – 16 years

Cost: \$30 including BBQ lunch

Register or more info to: Ashley Dickinson 0417 587 002



Please consider voting for Jennifer Anderson on Australia's Got Talent. The Grand Final is on Sunday night at 7 pm.

Jennifer is related to Shilah and Clayton Hiscock and also to Mrs Koning. She also lived in Rainbow for a number of years.



Date: 26th September
Place: Jeparit Lutheran Church Hall
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm

All Primary aged School children welcome.
 There is no cost for the day. Lunch & snacks provided.
 For more information or to register your child for the HBA Day
 Call. Michelle Pipkorn. 0408 018 202 or
 Jan Reichenbach. 0407 508 181.

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Be there!

Spring School Holidays

**Nhill Skate Park
Competition!!!**



Pop up Youth Event
HENLEY PARK EDENHOPE
Tie Dye and DJ



**BAREFOOT
BOWLS AND
A BARBIE**

Nhill & Edenhope

September 26: Skate Park Competition. 11-4pm. Free. BBQ, music and fun!

Scooter 11am / BMX 12:30 pm / Skateboard 1:30pm at Japex Park, Nhill

October 2: Mr. Snot Bottom. Nhill Library at The Patch 2:45 pm

October 2: Pop up Youth Event. Tie Dye and DJ 2-4 pm. \$10 fee Henley Park Edenhope.



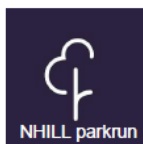
For more information visit HSC Facebook page or call 5391-4440

**Nhill Skate Park
Competition!!!**
 Scoot 11am, BMX 12:30pm, Skate 1:30pm
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 www.freeza.vic.gov.au
FREE ENTRY
**THURSDAY 26
SEPTEMBER**
 Jaypex Park, Western Highway, Nhill

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
 Further details on www.facebook.com/nhillparkrun

Be part of the fun

**TOTALLY
FREE**



The Piggery Lane Players
present
**Captain Hook's
Revenge**
 A very silly pantomime by Richard Coleman

October 19th - Nhill Memorial Community Centre
Matinee Show - 2.00pm
Evening Show 7.30pm
TICKETS ON SALE SOON!
 Follow Us (Arrgh)! <https://www.facebook.com/PiggeryLanePlayers/>