

TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

MAR	Tues 10th — Fri 13th	Book Fair
	Wed 11th	First Wednesday classes for Foundation students
	Wed 18th	Author Mark Carthew visit at Nhill Library
	Fri 20th	Harmony day and dress up day
	Fri 27th	Grandparent's day

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Sean Pedie: Wednesday 11th

March

Shilah Hiscock: Wednesday

11th March





Wimmera Machinery Field Day

The weather held out yesterday and the students totally enjoyed their day at Longerenong.











From the Principal

Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival was held last Friday and students are to be commended for their efforts, their cheering and spirit.

Congratulations to Hindmarsh who was the winning team over Lowan and Mallee. Thank you to the many helpers who made the carnival and our swimming program possible.

Wimmera Field Days

What a fantastic opportunity for our students to visit the Wimmera Field Days on Wednesday. It was lovely hearing other visitors to the Field Days comment on our student's polite manners. Highlights included seeing stunt motorbike riders, a reptile show, entertainment by the Mik Maks and their drumming panda, mini farm, model train ride, getting freebies from stall holders, seeing the shiny machinery, and of course the lolly shop.

Student Representative Council and Sport Captains

Tomorrow the following students will receive badges for their SRC and Sport Captain roles:

SRC: Maddison Page, Zara Rethus, Olive Curtis, Jonas Beattie, Shilah Hiscock, Imogen Hedt, Frazer Wheaton, Charli Rethus, Nate Prenzler, Maci Oliver.

Sport Captains: Archie Zanker, Asher Zanker.

We are thankful for our student leaders and wish them every blessing as they serve Nhill Lutheran School.

Chapel focus

The next three chapels will focus on Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Good Friday. Seeing as the Easter weekend is our last weekend of school holidays these focuses have been brought forward in our calendar.

Every blessing for your week,

Damon Prenzler

Harmony Day



SRC Fundraiser

Casual Dress Day

Friday 20th March 2020

For a gold coin donation wear orange or traditional dress for Harmony Day

> EVETYONE BELONGS www.harmony.gov.au

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

If you have any questions or would like more information on the program please see Mrs Koning at the front office.



Devotional Thought

Saviour

The Lord says to his people, 'I will come to Jerusalem to defend you and to save all of you that turn from your sins'.

(verse 20)

Read <u>Isaiah 59:1-21</u>

Sin is serious business. But it is not the most popular topic of conversation. Preachers don't like talking about it. People in the pews don't like hearing about it. Non-Christians wonder what all the fuss is about.

The fuss is that sin is a reality; it is our human reality. Otherwise, there would be no good reason at all for talking about it. Isaiah defines the problem well: 'It is your sins that separate you from God' (verse 2). Sin drives a wedge between us and our creator. It prevents us living in harmony with God and one another.

Isaiah tells us that because of sin, 'truth stumbles in the public square, and honesty finds no place there' (verse 14). Could we say the same of our modern public squares, our media or parliament?

Public squares reflect private sins. And yet we have a sense that justice and mercy must prevail. That is why God promises a Saviour in whom both justice and mercy do prevail. The Saviour means business. He takes our sin on himself and bears the consequences. He gives us his perfect record in exchange.

Gracious God, thank you for sending a Saviour, your Son Jesus Christ, who came full of grace and truth. Forgive me my sins. Cover me with your grace. Defend me and make me a defender of all that is just and true. Amen.

God knew you needed a Savior.

Worship News

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

Nhill: 11 am

Woorak: 9 am

Jeparit: 9 am

March 11 Lenten service at Woorak: 7.30pm

Church Office: 5391 1223

Prayer of the Week

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

- Cooper Cramer and his family
- Harper Crouch and her family

Chapel

Chapel is held in the Multi Purpose Room on Friday at 9am. This week it will be run by Mr Prenzler. Parents and friends are invited to join us and stay for morning tea and coffee.



Chapel Offering

So far this year, \$111.35 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.

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 and 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 hat are named and maintained in good condition.

Stamps for Mission

Nhill Lutheran School is happy to be a collection point for LCA Stamps for Mission. The sale of used postage stamps raises thousands of dollars to support God's mission in the world. So far, nearly \$447,000 has been raised!

Projects supported by Stamps for Mission include:

- Home of Grace, Thailand
- Ogelbeng seminary in PNG
- Courses on Lutheran Distinctions, Myanmar

If you have used stamps to donate, please send them along to school. If you are unsure of the guidelines, please cut the stamps off the envelope, leaving the postmark clearly visible.

There is a collection box at the front office. Thank you for your help.



Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who braved the cold and swam at the carnival on Friday.



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INSIGHTS

Teach your kids about time and place



My mum used to tell me, "There's a time and place for everything Michael, and this is not the time and place to behave like that!"

My mum's words came back to me as I watched three kids (tweens and early teens) try to out-wrestle and out-shout each other while they waited in an airport queue with their parents. Their noise and wrestling quite obviously disturbed and interfered with fellow travellers, but their parents made no attempt to rein in their behaviour.

I couldn't help thinking that there is a time and place for this type of behaviour and THIS WAS NEITHER OF THOSE!

Time and place is a brilliant socialisation lesson for children of any age or era to absorb.

It starts by asking yourself as a parent: "What does this social situation reasonably require of my children at their age and stage of development?"

In the above case it's reasonable to expect tweens and teens to be able to stand in a queue without disturbing others for the ten minutes that it took to get service. It's should be easy for that age group to show some self-control and consideration for others.

That timeframe maybe a stretch for under fives, but some parental attention to distract them from being bored may do the trick. The principle is the same regardless of age or a child's developmental stage, but the application varies.

Socialising kids

It's a parent's job to socialise your kids. That is, it's your job to develop a sense of OTHER so that they become aware of how their behaviour impacts on others. Many kids have L Plates when it comes to behaving in public so they need your assistance to behave according to the requirements of the situation – or according to the time and place. You do this by:

1. Giving your kids social scripts

There are times when kids don't know what to say or how to act in different social situations. "Here's what you can say when you meet Mrs Smith..." is the type of pre-emptive social scripting that benefits most boys, kids on the autism spectrum as well as kids who need extra help to get on with others.

2. Regular behaviour rehearsal

Practise appropriate social behaviours at home so kids know how to behave around others. For example, you can role-play a restaurant situation by serving your kids' meals at the dinner table and expecting them to use their manners.

3. Just-in-time prompts

It helps to remind in positive terms how kids should speak and act around others before entering a social situation or a special place such as a church, airport or restaurant. "In church most people..."

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4. Teaching good manners

Manners are social guidelines that teach kids how to behave around others. While some conventions change over time, basic good manners such as saying 'please' and 'thank you' never change. They are the basis of a civil society. Kids are never too young to start learning manners.

5. Respectful use of consequences

While the best discipline happens before an event (through behaviour rehearsal, prompts and teaching manners) there are times when the only way to get a message across about time and place is to DO something if the kids' behaviour thoughtlessly or deliberately impinges on the rights of others. And the best action may be WITHDRAWAL from the place or activity that they are doing. That may mean that the kids (and you) miss out on an activity or being in a special place but such lessons are rarely forgotten and reinforce your important messages.

Time and place is a great parenting message for kids to learn. It's about consideration for others; it's about self-control and above all else, it's about fitting into different social situations.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.

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Can you out-limerick a leprechaun & make off with his pot of gold?

Take the Nhill Library's Limerick
Challenge and you could..



The Challenge is to create the most entertaining Limerick on the topic of your choice.

Please keep it to a PG rating.

Two Categories: 1. Adult & 2. Children (up to 15yrs)
Entries open Tues 10th March and close on Thurs 19th
Winners announced on Fri 20th March at 5pm.

Contact Nhill Library on 5391 1684 or nhill.library@wrlc.org.au for further details.





Rules of a limerick poem

This poem, "Hickory Dickory Dock" is a famous nursery rhyme that is a limerick, notice the pattern it uses:



Hickory Dickory Dock, The mouse ran up the clock The clock struck one, The mouse ran down! Hickory Dickory Dock.

Rule no. 1: limericks are almost always 5 lines long

Rule no. 2: the first 4 lines rhyme with the line previous of it

Rule no. 3: the first, second and fifth lines rhyme with each other and have the same number of syllables (typically 8 or 9). The third and fourth lines rhyme with each other and have the same number of syllables (typically 5 or 6).

Rule no. 4: limericks often start with the line "There once was a..." or "There was a "

Rule no. 5: the last line usually rhymes with the first line or shares the same ending word of that line.

START PLAYING



VENUE

NHILL & DISTRICT SPORTING CLUB, Davis Avenue, Nhill

SESSION DAYS & TIMES

THURSDAYS 4PM

START DATE

Thursday April 16, 2020

CONTACT

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