



Upcoming Dates

AUG	Fri 7th	Athletics Day
	Mon 24th	SRC Father's Day stall

Birthdays

We wish the following student a very Happy Birthday:

Vidhi Brahmbhatt: Sunday
2nd August



Mastering Reading

Congratulations to Maci on completing MultiLit. Well done, Maci.



Students of the Week

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

Year F/1: Savannah

Year 1/2: Harper

Year 3/4: Nathan

Year 5/6: Sean



From the Principal

COVID update

We continue to follow the latest directives from authorities in relation to Covid. As mentioned in last week's newsletter the school is conducting temperature checks if a child presents as unwell. Information regarding the wearing of face masks has been emailed to families earlier today. We will continue to monitor and follow advice if our circumstances change.

Masterplan

Accompanying this newsletter is the 'Introduction to the Masterplan'. Nhill Lutheran School is currently creating a masterplan, in line with our Strategic Plan, to ensure we are well placed for the future, so that our school may continue providing quality Christian education for many years to come in facilities that allow for current and future educational needs.

Hope and Forgiveness

Pastor Carl led our chapel last Friday focussing on the Lutheran Education values of hope and forgiveness. The two values are beautifully connected. Christian people believe in the forgiveness of their sins and confess this in the Creed, a statement of belief. Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive. Christians are hope-filled people. Hope enables us to look forward with confidence, placing our trust and faith in God's provision of the things we need to handle all kinds of situations that occur.

Every blessing for your week,

Damon Prenzler

Student initiative



Some of the students have shown great initiative to help and support others. Some Year 3 students ran a "Jewellery" group to raise money for our sister school in Myanmar. Other students have had a fitness club and many students enjoyed choosing a book donated by Nate.

Facebook, Schoolstream and website

Nhill Lutheran School is now on Facebook. Simply search for and like Nhill Lutheran School to be updated on what's happening at the school.

The Schoolstream app is now being used in place of Flexibuzz due to Flexibuzz discontinuing its service. Information about how to connect with Schoolstream will be provided next week.

Our website is currently being updated. You will notice some changes with further changes on the way.



Devotional Thought

Hopeless!

'Then people go to their eternal home

...' (Ecclesiastes 12:5c).

[Read Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:7](#)

Argh! I can't believe that just happened! This is absolutely hopeless! Have you ever had one of those days where everything you touch, everything you do and everything you say goes wrong? Maybe it went on for longer than a day. Hmm, that sounds a bit like 2020 so far, doesn't it?

It isn't clear how old King Solomon was when he wrote Ecclesiastes, but in this portion of his writing, he shares verse after verse of negativity, despair, death and bold hopelessness. Reading this stuff can be discouraging. Wow, this sense of being completely flattened by something really drains the fuel from your tank. A downward spiral can kick off and seem to accelerate with each moment. Oh no, this is hopeless. So, how do I get out of this?

Subtly, Solomon unveils real, lasting hope. Like a small country town on a long road trip, did you miss it? Solomon certainly needed the assurance of unconditional love in his life. Buried deep in his dreary dilemmas, Solomon proclaims two amazing and awe-inspiring positive truths about our ever gracious and loving Lord. The declaration is so small and yet so mighty that it's worth reading the words again. Go back and check them out. See what you find, and then come back and read on.

Did you spot them this time?

Knowing that God is the giver of all life and that people go to their eternal home guarantees that hope is a gift from God that is alive, vibrant and real. How good is it that hope doesn't rely on us or anything we do or can't do, or mess up or try to fix up! It is all God's work. He comes to us in every moment and authentically understands that life on earth isn't shiny. He gets the ugly stuff. When everything seems lost, he sits quietly in the ashes with us, puts his arms around us and loves us.

Hopeless? No way! God's got you. You are bathed in his grace today and every day. Rest in the comfort of his love.

Lord, I am yours. Thank you for loving me, no matter what. Your unconditional love fills my tank and gives me hope. Lord, let's get into the day together. Amen.

Worship News

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

Nhill: 9 am

Jeparit: 11 am



It is essential that you register your interest to attend worship each week via email or by phoning the parish office.

Online services can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2uy0xrShyyQVC4sy0xjOJg>

Church Office: 5391 1223

Prayer of the Week

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

- ◆ Nelson Rohde and his family
- ◆ Stella and Kelsey Schnaars and their family

Chapel

Face-to-face chapel has commenced. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we are unable to welcome any guests to our chapels at this time.



Chapel Offering

Our chapel offerings over the last two weeks have totalled \$7.80. Thank you to those people who have contributed towards our sister school. We are still a long way behind. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Mrs Koning at the front office.

Did you know?

Round and curved tables promote collaboration and enable purposeful communication. At Nhill Lutheran School you will see students developing these essential skills when learning at round tables. (Don't worry – we have other shaped tables, too).



Athletics Day

Our annual Athletics Day will be held next Friday, August 7. Students are to wear their sports uniform which can be adorned with house colours. The format of our day has been tweaked a little to minimise risks in relation to Covid (eg – we are not running high jump). All students will sanitise regularly through the day at each event, and equipment will be wiped with disinfectant wipes before each group uses it. Primary school sports days are very much about participation and effort, with the opportunity provided for the more talented athletes to be challenged and possibly go on to other regional sporting opportunities. Unfortunately, we are unable to host spectators – this is in accordance to Stay Safe Directions No 7 regarding public gatherings and spectators. We aim to take many photos and videos to share with families.

Beanies

Students are now able to purchase a school beanie if they wish. They are available for \$18 at the front office.

Thank you to Casey Hiscock for all the time she has put into sourcing our new uniform items, and to Cambrelle's for being so obliging.



2021 Term dates

	Nhill Lutheran School	Vic Ed Dept
Term 1	28 Jan – 1 April Staff PD days Jan 21, 22, 25, 27.	28 Jan – 1 April
Term 2	19 April – 18 June Staff PD week June 21-25	19 April – 25 June
Term 3	12 July – 17 September	12 July – 17 September
Term 4	4 October – 10 December	4 October – 17 December

Renaissance painting

Miss Sealey's Foundation / Year 1 class were investigating one of the methods of painting during the Renaissance period. The students enjoyed making their own paint using eggs and chalk.



Alfie visits

The Year 3/4 students loved having Alfie visit. Alfie is Miss Attiwill's new puppy.



Mini farm

Thank you to Ben Crouch and his helpers for upgrading our shelter to accommodate guinea pigs. It looks great. Well done to our Student Representative Council for taking the initiative to plan Mini farm v.1.1—a great example of student voice.

And thank you to the Woodward family for providing our first additions. It looks like the guinea pigs will be very popular.



INSIGHTS

Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child's success



Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.

Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate?

Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

There's no doubt that success in today's world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

Schools are diverse places

Walk into any school ground in Australia and you'll witness diversity firsthand. You're likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You'll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Intolerance breeds bullying

Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are 'different'. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

Tolerance starts at home

Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait.



Here's how:

- **Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued.** When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.
- **Model acceptance.** Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.
- **Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views.** Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruelest things about others. As a parent respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.
- **Answer kids' questions about differences honestly and respectfully.** Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.
- **Respect individual differences within your own family.** Your ability to accept your children's differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.

Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.



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.



Short Movie Competition

Original and creative short movie under 4 minutes long that is engaging, entertaining, and shareable and contains a message of hope to deal with life's challenges.

2 categories – School students and General. Best in each category receives:

1st Prize \$300

2nd Prize \$200

3rd Prize \$100

Every valid entry receives a Lutheran Media gift pack.

Best short movies to be
shared on the internet, social media, in schools and in congregations.

Entries close 11th September 2020

For more information including entry forms, go to
www.lutheranmedia.org.au/competition, or Freecall 1800 353 350.



Ten ways to reduce your risk of coronavirus

- ✚ **WASH** hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. DRY with paper towel or hand dryer.
- ✚ **TRY** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- ✚ **COVER** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- ✚ **ISOLATE** yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies.
- ✚ **PHONE** your GP first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- ✚ **CONTINUE** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep, and now is the time to quit smoking. Call the Quitline 137 848.
- ✚ **DON'T** wear a face mask if you are well.
- ✚ **BUY** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol.
- ✚ **GET** the flu shot (available April).
- ✚ **SHAKING HANDS** is optional!



Find out more

www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

If you are concerned, call the

Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 (24 hours)

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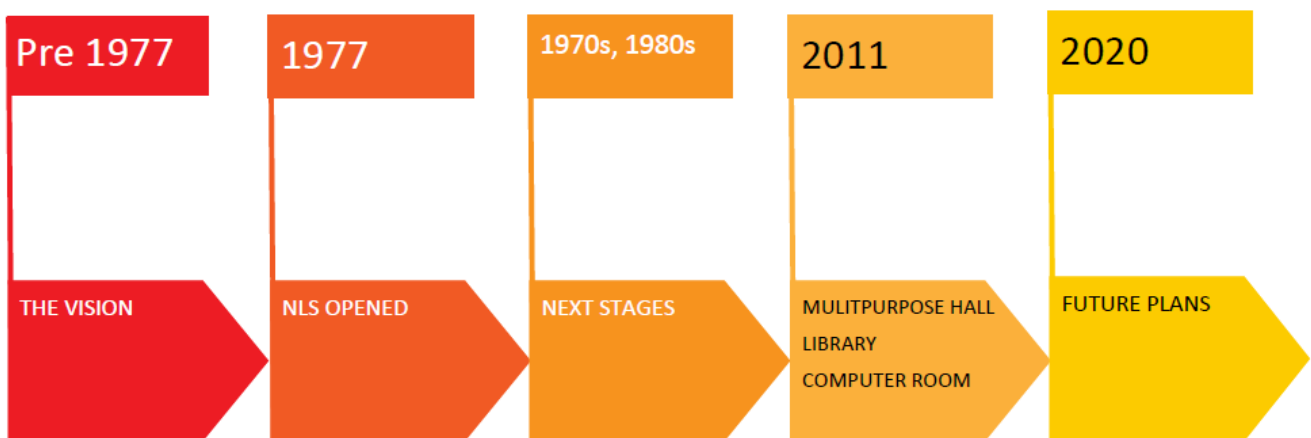


Nhill Lutheran School was established in 1977. On Wednesday 2nd February 1977, the school doors opened for the first time and it was blessed with an enrolment of 31 pupils: 10 boys and 21 girls. Later in the year two more pupils enrolled, making a total of 33 students in the first year.

In 2020, we have an enrolment of 68 students.

Nhill Lutheran School has faithfully served families through the provision of quality, Christian education.

The school founders had a dream. They showed great initiative and courage by starting and developing the school with many continuing to provide encouragement and support to this day.



Nhill Lutheran School is blessed with space and, over the years, the area has changed and evolved into what we now have today.

The facilities and buildings have served the school well since the school's inception almost 45 years ago. Various building projects have occurred since 1977, the most recent being the addition of the Multipurpose Hall, Library and Computer Room opened in 2011 thanks to the Australian Government's Building Education Revolution (BER).



Naturally, over time, the needs and priorities in education evolve meaning that school designs adapt and change.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Recently, the Nhill Lutheran School Strategic Plan 2020-2024 was approved. Within the Strategic Plan the key goal to “maintain and improve facilities where necessary” is supported by the key strategies of “create a masterplan document” and “future proof the school buildings and facilities”. The school is planning to ensure the facilities are designed and equipped for current and future learning needs. The school is preparing to be ready to apply for government funding assistance as it becomes available.

As such, the school has engaged the services of Brand Architects to create a masterplan for the school



**Brand
Architects**

through a consultation process that has so far involved the Principal, Business Manager, representatives of School Council and Staff. The masterplan will provide direction for the future building needs of the school and will be completed later this year.

We are encouraged by the opportunities being presented at this stage of the process and want to share this with the school and parish community. Our intent is to be transparent and adopt a collaborative approach which honours and builds upon the efforts of those gone before us.

We look forward to sharing further information with you as this process unfolds.

We have so much to be thankful to God for and ask you to remember those who are working towards this future goal, keeping them in your prayers.

