



Upcoming Dates

NOV	Tues 10th	First Kinder orientation visit
	Wed 11th— Frid 13th	Year 3/4 camp to Portland
	Tues 17th	Second Kinder orientation visit
	Tues 17th— Fri 20th	Year 5/6 camp to Ballarat
	Thurs 19th	Year 2 Sleepover

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Student of the Week awards in their classes last Friday:

Year F/1: Cooper

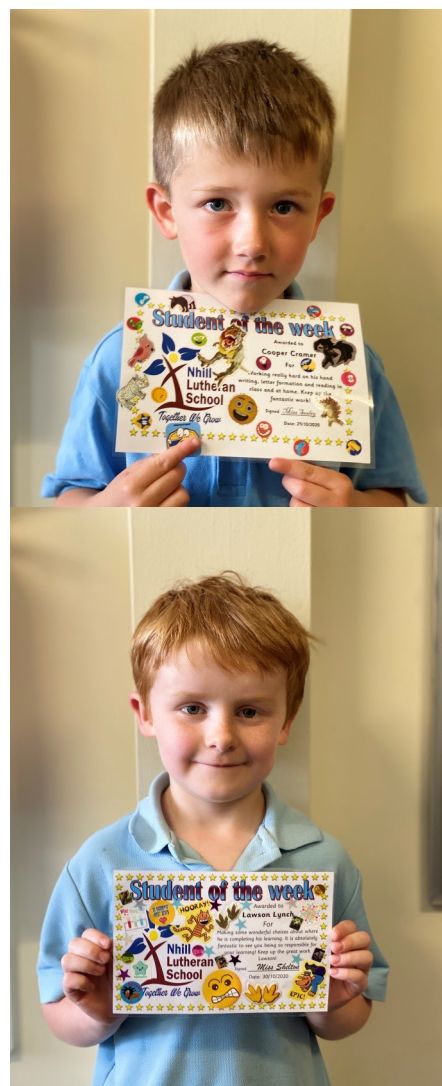
Year 1/2: Lawson

Year 3/4: Annabella

Yearbook



Each year we ask students to help design the cover of our Yearbook. It's almost that time. Students might like to start thinking about their design.



From the Principal

Looking ahead

The writer of Ecclesiastes in the Bible states "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." We are about to enter a 'season' at school where a lot is happening. This is partly owing to numerous activities and events needing to be postponed due to remote learning.

Excursions – the F/1/2 students travel to Roses Gap on Friday for an exciting day of adventure activities. Another excursion is planned for later in the term.

Camps – Next week the Year 3/4 students have their 3 day/2 night camp at Portland. Miss Attiwill, Mrs Woodward and Mr Prenzler will be accompanying them. The following week the 5/6 class have their 4 day/3 night camp at Ballarat accompanied by Miss Lindsay, Mrs Mason and Mr Prenzler. We are thankful that, as a regional Victorian school, we are permitted to hold a school camp, something that looked unlikely for much of this year.

Sleepover – The Year 2 students are having a sleepover at school on November 19.

Kinder visits – we are looking forward to hosting three kinder visits on November 10, 17 and 24.

End of year graduation activities – a dinner for the Year 6 graduates, their parents and staff is planned for December 3 at Little Desert Lodge. This will be a lovely opportunity to acknowledge the graduates and wish them well as they conclude their primary schooling.

The end of year graduation service is still being planned. Under current DET operational guidelines only staff and the graduating students may attend a graduation as we can not hold large gatherings. Hopefully these restrictions will change, but at this stage it may be that the end of year service will be pre-recorded and distributed to families. We will keep you informed of what is happening in regards to this.

Staffing update

Interviews for classroom teachers have now taken place and we are finalising the appointment process. The community will be informed once the process is complete. Information about class compositions for 2021 will also be shared at this time.

Every blessing for your week.

Damon Prenzler

Bursaries for 2021

A letter has been distributed to families regarding bursaries for 2021. Applications are confidential and are to be returned by Friday December 4.

Gifts of Grace

Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) provides the opportunity for people to purchase gifts for communities overseas. The Gifts of Grace catalogue outlines what the gifts are and their cost, and families are encouraged to consider a contribution to ALWS. Nhill Lutheran students will be contributing towards the Gifts of Grace, with the SRC determining what gifts to purchase. More information can be found at www.alws.org.au.

Looking forward to 2021

To assist the school with planning for 2021 could families please inform the school if they will not be part of the school community next year.

Devotional Thought

At God's mercy

'God, have mercy on me, a sinner' (Luke 18:13).

Read Luke 18:9-14

We all know that we're saved by grace through faith. Only grace. So, there's no way that we would be in the category of those who were confident of their own righteousness, is there?

Is there? Don't we feel pretty good about our regular church attendance, our involvement in the local church community, and our good standing? We see and hear the bad way some people act, and, to be honest, we can confidently say that we're not like that. Not even close. And because we can identify those feelings in ourselves, the truth is that, deep down, we look down on everybody else. We'd firmly defend ourselves if anyone brought that accusation, but maybe it's true.

When the pharisee thanks God that he's not like others and doesn't do the things they do, he's probably speaking the truth. But it's that low-down, cheating, traitor-of-a-tax-collector (traitor because he's a lackey for the Romans) who goes home justified before God. Why? Because he knows what God knows – he has no leg to stand on; he's just a sinner. So is the pharisee, but he's too full of himself to acknowledge it.

The tax collector stood at a distance; he would not even look up to heaven. That is humility. It's as though he is saying: 'God, I'm at your mercy!' And now God can do what he loves to do best. He can give his tick of approval – you are right with me!

Living in grace means we can do all the God-pleasing things because we love doing them, knowing that they don't really amount to much if we're trying to earn brownie points with God. We are sinners, every bit of us, but God forgives us and declares us to be saints.

God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Because I am stripped bare, it's hard to lift my head. But I do so that I can see your mercifully outstretched hand, welcoming me. Thank you. Amen.

Worship News

Please note that there will be no worship services until further notice.

Online services can be viewed at:

[https://
www.youtube.com/
channel/
UC2uy0xrShyyQVC4sy0xjOJg](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.....

- ♦ The 2021 Foundation class as they prepare to visit the school next week

Chapel

Chapel will be delivered on site in Term 4. Unfortunately we cannot welcome guests at this time.

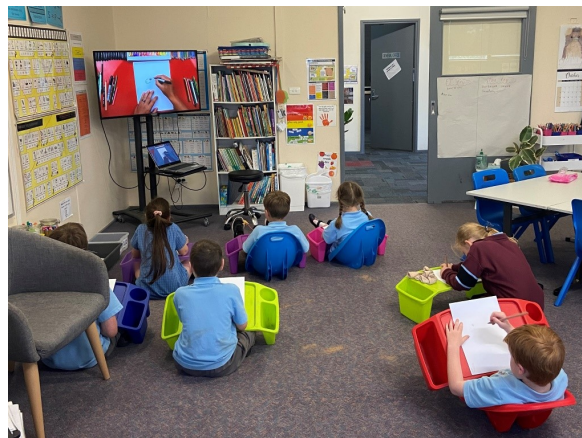


Chapel Offering

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.

1/2 Art

The Year 1/2 class visited Peru last week for our around the world Art unit. We investigated the very mysterious Nazca Lines in the Nazca Desert. The students had a great time creating their very own line art with sand.



Hats

Don't forget hats need to be worn outside.



Parenting Ideas—Webinars and Guides

Our school has a Parenting Ideas membership which enables us to publish articles in our newsletter. I hope you find these articles useful and informative. In addition to the articles, Parenting Ideas also provides support for parents through webinars and eGuides. Parents of Nhill Lutheran School are able to access free webinars provided by Parenting Ideas (usually the cost is \$37). Some of the webinars have already occurred and have been recorded, others are planned for later this year. To gain free access to a webinar simply request a voucher from the school, which will have all the details you need to view the webinar. Upcoming webinars include:

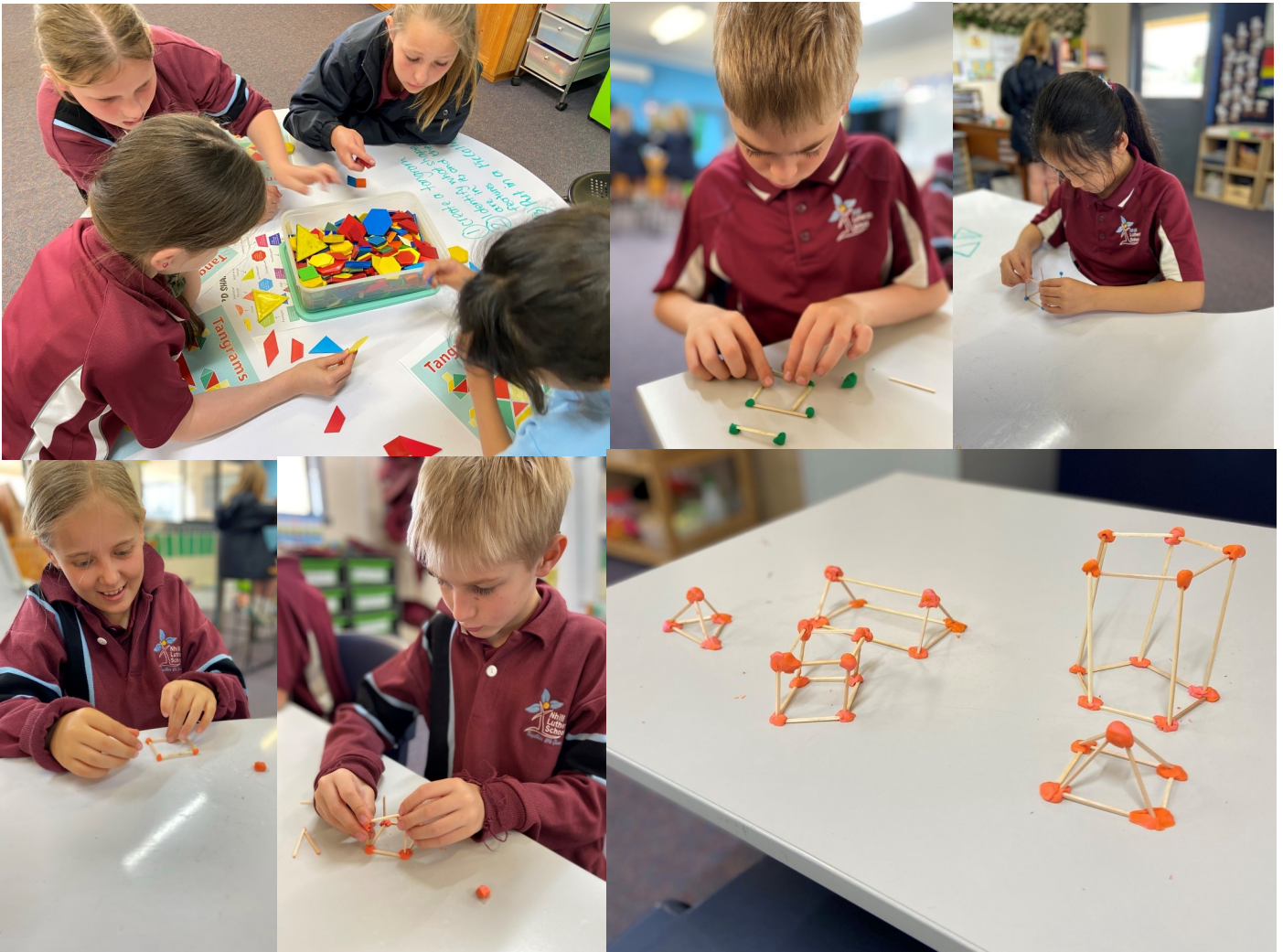
Teaching young people about healthy relationships – September 9 at 8pm, valid to December 9

Parenting like a cat and dog – November 11 at 8pm, valid to December 31

The eGuides are booklets that are also available free to parents. They cover the topics of *optimism, family meetings, friends, coping, understanding children's behaviour, and bring out your child's confidence*. Copies of the eGuides can be sent electronically by the school, just ask via admin@nls.vic.edu.au or phone the school.

Year 3/4 Measurement and Geometry

This week in Maths, the 3/4 class have been learning about two and three dimensional shapes. In Wednesday's lesson, the Year 3s had the opportunity to construct models of three dimensional shapes using plasticine and matchsticks. The Year 4s continued to learn about two dimensional shapes and how they can be used to create other shapes. They explored this knowledge by creating a tangram. Both activities required the students to use problem solving and perseverance. Students displayed their learning in a PicCollage on Seesaw at the conclusion of the lesson.



Water feature

The water feature is a favourite place to play at lunch time.



Year 1/2 Furry Friends

Over the last couple weeks we have had some very cute furry visitors in the 1/2 classroom. Ryan brought in his new kitten, Sophie brought in her new puppy and Henry brought in one of his baby goats! Lots of cuddles, giggles and pats!



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

INSIGHTS

Give kids a thumbs up for the right things



Children of all ages enjoy parental recognition. They like when their parents make a fuss over their behaviour or highlight something they've done well.

Sometimes parents will reward their children's behaviour with a treat, money or a gift. This is okay in small doses, but parental recognition alone is a high enough driver of children's behaviour most of the time.

First borns, in particular, love approval. Youngest children just love that you have noticed them! Second borns can sometimes do things in spite of their parents, but deep down they love the recognition too, even if they don't let on that they do.

The behaviour you focus on expands

If you want your kids to be neater then focus on their neat behaviours. "You've tidied your toys up before dinner. Top job!" You don't have to throw a party, just let them know that you noticed and you approve of their tidiness. You may also let them know how it affects you. "You've tidied your toys up before dinner. It makes my job easier." The behaviours that you notice and comment on will expand.

Noticing kids' tidiness once won't suddenly turn messy kids into exceptionally neat ones, but do it often enough and you'll start to get some turn around.

You can give kids a thumbs up for all sorts of behaviours. Here's some examples.

Being co-operative

Stubborn kids need a pat on the head when they respond on your terms not theirs.

Being brave

Nervous and anxious kids need to have their bravery pointed out to them. It's reassuring and empowering.

Being helpful

Want helpful kids? Then you need to notice helpful behaviours.

Being tolerant

Sometimes older siblings need to be very tolerant of younger siblings. Tolerance is a very giving behaviour and should be promoted.

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Being patient

Something to encourage in boys, in particular. It's often not their strong point.

Being persistent

Let kids know when 'hanging in there' pays off. The link between persistence and success is massive but persistence needs to be promoted. It's also the one factor of temperament that can be affected by parenting.

Being friendly

If your child struggles in social situations then recognise pro-social behaviours such as sharing, initiating contact with another child or taking an interest in another person.

Don't wait until you get perfect behaviour to give recognition, particularly for very young children. Kids have L-plates when it comes to behaving (co-operatively, bravely, patiently) so their attempts and close approximations need to be verified by the significant adults in their lives – their parents.

Recognising kids' positive behaviours is easy to do, but it's also easy not to do. We often get tied up with other things and forget to show appreciation and nurture the behaviours our kids need to develop. It's important to be aware of this. It's the little things such as giving positive recognition that have the biggest impact on kids' development.



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.

Provided as a part of our school's Parenting Ideas membership

parentingideas.com.au

Messages of hope

Listen to Messages of Hope and invite others to do the same. Download or listen online at messagesofhope.org.au.

8th November When God Seems Far Away (Interview)

How does someone with faith reconcile a God who often seems far away? Mark shares his 20 year struggle with depression

15th November One Foot on Earth, One Foot in Heaven (Interview)

Annette shares her life-changing journey through the grief of losing her daughter, and how she found hope to keep moving forwards

22nd November Will My Dog go to Heaven? (Pastor Mark Doecke)

Do animals know God? Do they have a soul? Do animals go to heaven? Mark Doecke looks at many of the questions about Animals and heaven

29th November Losing Mike But Keeping Hope? (Interview)

What do you do when your rock, your protector is diagnosed with a brain tumour? How do you cope with the changes in their personality, your relationship and in all the things you used to do together? Jen and Allie share their story



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 tarrah_w@hotmail.com
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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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