



# TOGETHER WE GROW

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## Upcoming Dates

DEC	Fri 11th	Last Day of School
	Sat 12th	Christmas Carols
JAN	Thurs 28th	First Day of School

## Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Trinity Rethus: Monday 14th December

Sophie Moll: Sunday 20th December

Max Dart: Sunday 20th December



*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called*

*Wonderful, Counsellor,  
the mighty God,  
the everlasting Father,  
the Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6*

## End of Year Service

Our End of Year Service was very different this year—conducted onsite with no parents allowed. We hope that our future services are not governed by such restrictions.

Congratulations to the award winners, the Year 6 graduating students and to all of the students for completing a difficult year.

Award winners:

Maureen Reichelt Memorial Award:

Giana

Archie

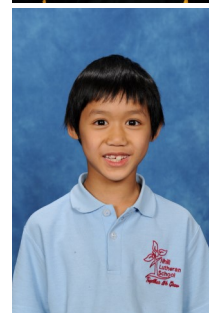
The Spirit of Lions Award:

Savior

Academic Scholarships:

Saad (absent)

Justin



## From the Principal

Over the last week or so time has been spent reflecting on the 2020 school year. Who would have thought this year would happen the way it did? Our students spent the majority of Terms 2 and 3 remote learning, and even when they did return to school it was a school experience shaped by rules, regulations and restrictions, hand sanitising, disinfectant wipes, physical distancing, and more.

I am proud of the way our school community have faced the challenges presented this year. Well done to the staff, families and especially the students. I wish all members of our Nhill Lutheran School community a safe and blessed Christmas, a time to thank God for the many things he gives us, in particular the wonderful gift of Jesus. I look forward to seeing you in 2021.

### End of Year Service

The End of Year Service was held yesterday morning. The service was filmed and a link will be available to families. It was lovely to gather as a whole school (something that was not permitted until recently due to operational guidelines), thank God for the 2020 school year, and to send forth the graduating Year 6 students. We wish Deegan, Maci, Giana, Nate, Archie and Asher every blessing as they transition from primary school into Year 7.

We congratulate the recipients of the following awards that were presented at the service:

Maureen Reichelt Memorial Shield: Archie Zanker and Giana Pohlner.

In The Spirit of Lions Award: Savior Ner Moo

Academic Scholarships: Justin Tu and Saad Fawad.

### School dates and times – Dec/Jan

All staff will be back on site on January 21, with administration staff on site the week prior.

Term 1 commences on Thursday January 28 at 9am.

### Nhill Christmas Carols

A reminder that the Nhill Lutheran School will be participating in the Nhill Christmas Carols at Jaypex Park on Saturday December 12. Students may wear Christmas attire. We are scheduled to sing at 7pm, students are asked to meet Mrs Alexander and other staff by the stage at 6.50pm.

Every blessing for your week.

Damon Prenzler

## Uniform Store

The Uniform Store will be open from the 22nd January 2021. (9 am—3.30 pm)

## 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.

## 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](http://www.alws.org.au).

## Devotional Thought

### **Let's party! He's coming!**

'Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will dwell in your midst, says the Lord' (Zechariah 2:10).  
[Read Zechariah 2:10-13](#)

How are your Christmas preparations going? Do you even feel like celebrating this year?

This has been a year of challenges and uncertainty. I'm sure we have all made plans that ended up being abandoned. Many have had to re-schedule weddings and funerals, family gatherings and holidays. Things that we have always taken for granted, such as attending the Christmas pageant, footy games, or going to the gym have been disrupted or we've missed them altogether. Others may have experienced less impact but may have lived in fear of the virus spreading or of loved ones being infected, or have experienced that undefined fear of the unknown that robs you of sleep in the middle of the night.

And, of course, many have been seriously impacted financially and emotionally. We have seen heroic acts by our first responders to emergencies and by medical staff and those working in aged care. At times, it has seemed that the world has descended into chaos. On the world stage, what was once predictable has become unpredictable.

Things weren't all that terrific in Zechariah's time either. Zechariah has several visions about the future restoration of Jerusalem. In the midst of these, there is the exhortation to sing and rejoice and the promise that the Lord will dwell among the people.

We can take on board both the exhortation and the promise. As Christmas approaches, let's listen to and sing the carols – the ones that tell the story of Jesus' birth and maybe the old and new favourites that recall former Christmases as well. We can take comfort in the memories of the good times. Even more importantly, we can reflect on the promise that our God is dwelling, and will continue to dwell, among us. No matter what happens.

As Christmas approaches, we can reflect on how we want to celebrate Jesus' birth this year. The promise of his birth and subsequent death is the heart and core of our faith. They are promises worth celebrating.

***Lord Jesus, thank you for your great love that led you to become human and spend time on earth. Help us to find comfort and joy in this and to find ways to celebrate your birth once again. Amen.***



## Worship News

Due to COVID restrictions you are welcome to register for any of our following services on **SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER:**

Nhill	9 am
Woorak	9 am
Jeparit	11 am

Register (before Thurs 5pm) via the Parish Office: [nhillpar2@bigpond.com](mailto:nhillpar2@bigpond.com) or 5391 1223

[NhillLutheranParishOnline.com](http://NhillLutheranParishOnline.com)



## Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ All the members of school community, that God would keep everyone safe during the school holidays



## SRC Christmas Activities

Thanks to the SRC for initiating our fun day of Christmas Activities and to the staff for running them.









## 2021 School Fees

The fee structure for 2021 is listed below. Tuition fees have increased by 5% from 2020, with the Composite Fee remaining the same. Students enrolled in Prep (Foundation) automatically receive a fee remission for the Term 1 tuition fee.

Child 1                \$1405.00 per year

Child 2                \$1194.00 per year

Child 3                \$1194.00 per year

Child 4                No Charge

Composite Fee per child: \$250.00 per year

Fee assistance is available to current Nhill Lutheran families who may be experiencing financial hardship. Families requiring assistance are asked to complete a fee assistance form which outlines the procedures to follow in order to request assistance. These forms will be sent to school families upon request. All requests are treated as confidential and will be left to the discretion of the Principal and/or Business Manager. Families will be notified at the start

of the year if they have been successful in securing a bursary. We realise that financial situations change and fluctuate, therefore bursaries are reviewed and offered on an annual basis.

## 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

## 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.

*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](mailto:admin@nls.vic.edu.au) or phone the school.

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## Church times

Registration to attend any of our Parish worship services is essential (at least 2 days prior to the Service) via **email at [nhillpar2@bigpond.com](mailto:nhillpar2@bigpond.com)** or **phone 03 5391 1223** (please provide the names of those attending, which Service, and your best contact phone number).

### **Sunday 20th December - 4th Sunday in Advent**

St. Paul's, Nhill - 9:00am

St. Paul's, Woorak - 9:00am

St. John's, Jeparit - 11:00am

### **Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December**

St. Paul's, Nhill - 6:00pm

St. John's, Jeparit - 8:00pm

### **Christmas Day, Friday 25th December**

Parish Service at St. Paul's Nhill - 9:00am

### **Sunday 27th December - 1st Sunday in Christmas**

St. John's, Jeparit - 9:00am

St. Paul's, Woorak - TBC

St. Paul's, Nhill - 11:00am

### **New Year's Eve, Thursday 31st December**

St. John's, Jeparit - 8:00pm

### **Sunday 3rd January - Epiphany Sunday**

St. Paul's, Nhill - 9:00am

St. Paul's, Woorak - 9:00am

St. John's, Jeparit - 11:00am

### **Sunday 10th January - Baptism of our Lord**

St. John's, Jeparit - 9:00am

St. Paul's, Woorak - 9:00am

St. Paul's, Nhill - 11:00am

### **Sunday 17th January - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

St. Paul's, Nhill - 9:00am

St. Paul's, Woorak - 11:00am

St. John's, Jeparit - 11:00am

### **Sunday 24th January - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

St. John's, Jeparit - 9:00am

St. Paul's, Woorak - 11:00am

St. Paul's, Nhill - 11:00am



**Gifts of Grace**

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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](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

If you are concerned, call the

**Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 (24 hours)**

Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only

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