

Leader Badges

Last Friday at assembly the School Sports Captains and Student Liaison Officers received their badges.

Congratulations to Eric and Oliver (Sports Captains) and Sean and Eden (Student Liaison Officers).



Upcoming Dates



MAR	Wed 10th— Fri 19th	Book Fair
	Wednesday 17th	First Wednesday for Foundation students
	Friday 19th	Harmony Day
	Monday 29th	Cross Country
	Tues 30th— Wed 31st	Parent-Teacher Interviews
APR	1st	Last day of Term 1
	1st	Cybersafety session for Years 3-6

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very happy birthday:

Sienna Alexander: Sunday 14th March

Ruby Woodward: Sunday 14th March



From the Principal

It has been a joy seeing classes lead our chapels. Last week the 3/4 students shared the story of Noah's Ark and today the 5/6 class shared the story of Isaac and Rebekah. Next week the 1/2 class will lead chapel, and the Foundation class the week after.

Parent teacher interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held Tuesday March 30 and Wednesday March 31. These interviews will provide the opportunity to for parents and teachers to discuss student progress in their academic journey along with other aspects of school life. Please complete the interview booking form and return to school no later than Monday March 22.

Foundations first Wednesday

Next Wednesday marks a special moment in the learning journey of our Foundation students, when they attend school for the very first time on Wednesday. We wish them and Miss Noll all the very best for their first full five day week.

Harmony Day

Next Friday we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Students may wear orange or cultural attire for a gold coin donation, and during the day will participate in Harmony Day activities in their class. Thank you to the SRC for their ideas for Harmony Day.

Cybersafety

During the last week of term renowned cybersafety expert, Susan McLean, is visiting our region. Susan will lead a session with our 3-6 students during the week. She is also running a parent information session for the wider Nhill community so keep an eye out for details about that.

Every blessing for your week.

Damon Prenzler

Jeffrey the Bear

Savannah was pleased to receive Jeffrey at assembly.



Chapel

Thank you to the Year 5/6 class for leading Chapel this morning. Thank you also the visitors who joined us.



Devotional Thought

Despite who you are

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).
Read Romans 5:1-11

The 20th-century theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer explores the concepts of cheap grace as opposed to costly grace. What is meant by those two terms? Maybe we need to start by asking ourselves, what actually does the term 'grace' mean? Before you read on, how would you describe it to someone? Grace is the pure mercy and forgiveness of God extended toward you as a completely free gift without any of your contribution. You see, when God extends a hand out to us, it is completely due to his love, grace and mercy. It is a free gift for us, one that we can't earn and don't even deserve. Wouldn't you say you treat free things often not with the same respect as you treat the things you have paid a lot of money for? Expensive things seem to have a special place and we treat them with a lot of care. If something is just given to us, it often seems a bit more ... disposable. This even applies to activities, not just material items. Wouldn't you agree that if you have paid \$100 for a gym membership, you would try and get your money's worth and attend as often as you can? But when you are offered a full membership for free, you might agree to come and then think it won't hurt if you can't make it for a couple of weeks or so, because there is no loss attached to it on your end. Or so we think. Grace has been given to us freely. If we ponder on the meaning of grace for our life more often, it can help us understand how meaningful a gift it is, one not worth squandering. Cheap grace is like saying, 'God forgives me anyway. It doesn't matter if I keep the commandments, if I bend the rules in my favour a bit or if I intentionally misbehave. God will wait for me with open arms anyway'. Costly grace is realising how much it cost our Saviour Jesus Christ to earn this free gift for us. It cost him his life. It cost God his Son. Grace is beautiful and lovely, but it has been paid for with blood and tears. Even though it's a gift that comes at no cost to us, it cost God everything. It's not free at all. And as we start comprehending that and following intentionally the way of Jesus, we realise that, in fact, it costs us everything too. It costs us our whole life to follow Jesus. And yet God doesn't force us into submitting to him. God gives us the free choice to do it, and he sends the Holy Spirit to work within us so we can respond to him in faith, love and trust. God takes the first step toward you, while you are still a sinner. And God doesn't do that as a once-off; he does it over and over as we also turn back to him. Make today yet another new beginning as you gratefully receive the grace God showers upon you.

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me while I am still a sinner. Help me to please you, and grant me your Holy Spirit day after day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Worship News

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

Nhill: 11 am

Woorak: 9 am

Jeparit: 9 am—AGM



Wednesday 17th March Lenten Reflection:
Jeparit at 7.30 pm

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

NhillLutheranParishOnline.com

Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Harshu Erupilli and her family
- ♦ Saad and Samava Fawad and their family

Chapel

Chapel is held in the Multi Purpose Room on Friday at 9am. Next Friday it will be run by Year 1/2. Parents and friends are invited to join us and stay for morning tea and coffee.



Chapel Offering

At today's Chapel \$45.30 was collected and will go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. So far this year, \$203.30 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.

Student Representative Council

Members of the 2021 Student Representative Council also received their badges at last Friday's Assembly:

Leaders—Abdullah & Saad, Year 5/6—Shilah & Samava, Year 3/4—Harper C & Bethel, Year 1/2—Tom & Savannah, Foundation—Ayden & Harper H



Lost Uniforms

Could all parents please check uniform items to ensure that your child has the correct one.

Please label all items of uniform so that they can be returned.

Get Active Kids Voucher Program

For 2021, the Victorian Government has opened up a voucher program to assist junior players with the cost of memberships, registrations, uniform and equipment. This is called the Get Active Kids Voucher Program and it provides vouchers of up to \$200. Applications are only open from Monday, 1st of March (from 10am) until Sunday, 11th of April. To take advantage of this offer, children must be aged 4 to 18 and named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare card. Applications for the program and further details can be found here: <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>

NLS volunteers

Reading Buddies Program

We are currently seeking some parent helpers to assist with our reading buddies program . Reading buddies involves parent volunteers 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>. Follow the instructions. Use the Enrolment Key: VSC3_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.

Student of the week

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

Foundation: Will

Year 1/2: Darcy, Olivia

Year 3/4: Henry

Year 5/6: Samava



 Well done!

From Ms Marshman

My name is Ms Marshman and I will be teaching Performing Arts and The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program across the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I have enjoyed getting to know all of the students at Nhill Lutheran School and look forward to a great year of learning together.

The students have already planted lots of seeds in the garden – we are hoping to see beetroot, silverbeet, broccoli, carrot, cauliflower and lettuce start to shoot soon. They all enjoyed making 'seed spheres' to plant at home and will delight in the surprises that may grow. In the kitchen, students experienced making muffins – hopefully some of our families have even enjoyed some baking at home using the skills that they developed!

In Performing Arts we have placed a focus on getting to know the students and on learning their interests and strengths. There has already been lots of dancing, experimenting with character, singing and creating music. Each of the grades have been learning to keep the beat using their bodies and instruments. The 3-6 students took inspiration from the Harlem Globetrotters and percussion group Stomp to create their own piece of music in small groups. The Foundation and 1/2 students have been particularly excited to use the percussion instruments to follow the beat of familiar music.

I have also been teaching Science with the Foundation students in the Science Room. They are very interested in the exciting artefacts in the room and have enjoyed exploring the space. We are investigating the way things move by exploring the push and pull forces.



SRC Fundraiser

Casual Dress Day

Friday 19th March 2021

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



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 \$39). 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:

Communicating with teenage boys –
March 24 at 8pm, valid to June 24

Connecting with teenage daughters –
June 23 at 8pm, valid to September 23

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.

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NHILL LIONS COMMUNITY MARKET

**Jaypex Park - Nhill,
Victoria
9 am to 1 pm**

**Sunday 21st March
2021**

Contact: Lesley – 0419 135 132

Email: NhillLionsCommunityMarket@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/NhillLionsCommunityMarket/

INSIGHTS

That's leadership thinking!



My father used to tell me that to be a good footballer I needed to look like a footballer. He always made sure I played with my socks pulled up, boots clean and football jumper tucked in. His attitude was I should at least look the part.

Fast forward a few generations and Dad would probably tell me today that if I wanted to be a footballer I should think like a footballer. His thinking would be right because any significant skill development usually comes before a positive mindset, or at least, a mindset that captures the essence of what's required.

This mindset concept is easily applied to many areas of parenting and family life, including leadership, which is required in school, at work, in the community and in family life. Thinking like a leader comes before leadership action so attending to a child or young person's mindset lays the foundation to real leadership.

The following mindsets are good starting points for developing leadership mindsets in the next generation.

Be accountable

The mark of true leadership whether for adults or young people is the willingness to take responsibility and be accountable for your actions. Responsibility and accountability are features that great leaders share, so encourage children and young people to accept personal responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes and avoid making excuses when things go wrong. For this to happen parents and teachers need to forgive their mistakes and poor decisions so that they feel they can take responsibility without fear of harsh retribution.

Plan ahead

Thinking about what needs to be done, planning ahead and managing time are skills that enable many young people to become effective leaders. The ability to think ahead, strategise and figure out a plan may sound like corporate-speak but it's something that kids of all ages can accomplish. We can plant the planning seed by encouraging them to think ahead and set aside some time to plan before tackling any activity – whether it's a homework project, resolving conflict with a sibling or asking for an increase on their allowance.

Work together

The ability to form, maintain and work in teams is a central leadership capacity. Teamwork refers to a range of skills, including problem solving, working with others, listening and following that enable a team to work towards one purpose. All children are capable of working together, although introverts and pubescent teens can struggle to work collaboratively. Sow the seeds of teamwork by encouraging kids to support their siblings and friends when they struggle and to accept everyone in games and activities.

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Tune in

Emotional intelligence is an essential set of skills that unfortunately many leaders lack. Emotional smarts allows leaders to communicate effectively, relate well and resolve problems when they arise. Develop your child's emotional intelligence by encouraging them to tune in to and regulate their own emotions, and tune into the emotions of others. Help them see behind the behaviour of others and discover the emotions that may be driving behaviour. For instance, a sibling's aggressive behaviour may be driven by anger, annoyance or even sadness.

In closing

Leadership thinking requires kids to be accountable for their actions, plan ahead rather than act rashly, be open to working with others, and to tune into their own emotions and the emotions of those around them. These are mindsets worth nurturing using the tools of modelling, overt teaching (particularly with secondary school students) and providing plenty of descriptive, encouraging feedback.



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.

14th March Finding Connection (Interview)

There are times when the pieces of our life don't seem to be fitting together as they should. Nancy explores how the stress of juggling being a wife, mother and police officer had her feeling disconnected and uncertain.

21st March Finding Hope in South Sudan (Interview)

At a time when our lives have never been so uncertain, Jonathan Krause from ALWS shares what we can learn from people who live with constant challenge and uncertainty.

28th March Living Water (Pastor Noel Due)

Are you thirsting for love? Forgiveness? Approval? Noel Due offers hope to quench those thirsts.

CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES

As coronavirus restrictions continue and some tighten further, there are challenges and changes to navigate. Life looks a bit different and feels uncertain which can make us feel stressed or anxious. For resources to help make sense of what you're going through and give you hope, go to www.messagesofhope.org.au/coronavirus.

LET'S DO THIS

LEARN THE NETBALL BASICS, GET OUTSIDE AND MAKE SOME FRIENDS.
PLAY SUNCORP NETSETGO
AT YOUR LOCAL CENTRE.



VENUE

NHILL & DISTRICT SPORTING CLUB, Davis Avenue, Nhill

SESSION DAYS & TIMES

THURSDAYS 4PM

START DATE

THURSDAY 22ND APRIL, 2021

CONTACT

Casey Hiscock - 0427 227 382.

COST: \$68 incl. pack + club m'ship

Registrations are OPEN, visit PLAY.NETBALL.COM.AU.

Find your nearest centre at play.netball.com.au

