

Student of the week

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

Foundation: Harshu

Year 1/2: Robbie

Year 3/4: Chelsea

Year 5/6: Oliver



 Well done!

Upcoming Dates



MAY	10th	Interschool Cross Country at Kaniva
	11th	NAPLAN—writing
	13th	NAPLAN—conventions of language and reading
	13th	Ascension Day
	14th	Walk Safely to School Day
	18th	NAPLAN—maths
	19th	National Simultaneous Storytime
	20th	Year 3/4 Excursion to Nhill Lutheran Church
	26th	School photos



Birthdays

We wish the following student a very happy birthday:

Ayden Fritsch: Friday 30th April

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birthday

From the Principal

Thank God for Mums!

I would like to wish all mums a very happy Mother's Day for this Sunday. I thank God for the amazing gift of mothers and hope you get deservedly spoilt on Sunday. For those who attended our Mother's Day chapel I hope you enjoyed it - our students certainly enjoyed preparing for the chapel and doing special things for their mums.

Ascension Day

Next Thursday is Ascension Day in the Christian Church. On this day we remember the story of Jesus ascending in to heaven (Matthew 28, Acts 1). Our chapel for next week, led by Pastor Carl, will focus on this story. Jesus also spoke a promise of immense comfort in this story when he said, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20).

Staffing news – Integration Aide (playgroup)

Welcome to Mrs Jade Cattanach who will be commencing as an Integration Aide (2 days) next week. Jade, Luke and their daughters, Oleara and Sierra, have recently moved to Nhill. Mrs Cattanach will be looking to relaunch and lead our Get Em Going playgroup, so keep your eyes out for further developments regarding playgroup.

Speech screening

Thank you to Tarrah Dodds for conducting speech screening for our Foundation students this week. Year One students will be screened next week. Parents will be informed of any recommendations or further action should that be the case.

Tutor Learner Initiative

This week saw our first tutoring sessions led by Mrs Salt. Students benefit through extra learning support in small group or one-to-one situations. The tutoring provided by Mrs Salt and Mrs Marshman will continue through to the

end of Term Three.

Cross Country

Next Monday, ten NLS students will partake in the interschool cross country at Kaniva. We wish them all the best and hope they compete well. Thank you to parents who are transporting the students.

Every blessing for your week.

Damon Prenzler

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be undertaking NAPLAN testing in weeks 4 and 5. Our students will be completing NAPLAN online. The Literacy test is May 11, Reading and Conventions of Language on May 13, and Numeracy on May 18. Catch up times are planned in the case of a student being absent. NAPLAN provides a snapshot of student capabilities in areas of literacy and numeracy.

Jeffrey the Bear

Congratulations to Shilah who received Jeffrey the Bear at assembly on Friday.



Devotional Thought

God reigns

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations (Psalm 22:28).

Read Psalm 22:25-31

Most of the news that you get via the media is bad news. It is about the pandemic, trade wars, fires, floods, accidents or murders. If you were guided simply by the news, you could only be pessimistic about the future.

Thankfully, we have the Good News as well as the news. The Good News assures us that God has not abandoned the world he has made. Though the world is in a mess brought about by human rebellion against the Creator, God still reigns and has sent Jesus to deal with sin and bring the nations to repentance, faith and obedience.

Here are a couple of songs that can fill us with hope and lift our spirits when things look bleak:

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget,
that though the wrong seems e'er so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring.
God reigns; let the earth be glad.

And:

He is Lord, he is Lord.
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Lord, our God, please bless us with the peace of mind that comes with knowing you are Lord and that whatever happens, we are in your loving arms. Amen.



Worship News

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

Sunday 9th May

Nhill— 11 am

Woorak— 9 am

Jeparit— 9 am



Register using QR code on arrival.

Parish Office: nhillpar2@bigpond.com or 5391 122

NhillLutheranParishOnline.com

Prayer of the Week

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

- ◆ Micheal Merrett and his family
- ◆ Sophie Moll and her family

Chapel

Chapel each week is held in the Multi Purpose Room on a Friday at 9am, however today will be a 2.30pm Mother's Day chapel. Parents and friends are invited to join us and stay for morning tea and coffee.



Chapel Offering

Our chapel offerings go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. So far this year, \$329.10 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.



Around the classes



A visit from Molly

Today Sophie B brought in Molly to meet the students in her class. Molly manages rather well on her three legs and also loves a belly rub.



Playground fun

Maddy and Abby having fun in their cubby made of sticks.



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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.



Short Movie Competition

The Lutheran Media Short Movie Competition has begun. Create an original and engaging movie under 4 minutes that tells an encouraging and inspiring story. Go to www.lutheranmedia.org.au/competition for details.

Entries close 3rd September 2021.



Photo Competition

The Lutheran Media Calendar Image Competition is happening again this year. Send us your best original and inspiring nature or landscape photo. Go to www.lutheranmedia.org.au/image for more details.

Entries close 11th June 2021.



Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 14th May is National Walk Safely to School Day. The event seeks to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and are less likely to be obese or overweight.

Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine.

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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Messages of hope 

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

9th May Foster Parenting (Interview)

There are approximately 40,000 children in Australia needing care. 40% of these are in foster care. Ann shares her unique struggles and joys as a foster parent.

16th May Three Dollars in the Bank (Interview)

Many people are doing it tough financially in the current climate. Kerry shares her story of going from being married with a comfortable house and lifestyle to being a single mum with two young children and only 3 dollars in the bank.

23rd May Worrying About Money? (Richard, Celia and Anna)

Do you stress about your finances? Many people worry about money, especially the lack of it. Richard, Celia and Anna chat about how this affects us and what can help.

30th May Financial Stress (Interview)

Many people are facing financial anxiety at the moment and the uncertainty of knowing what the future looks like. Jan, a financial counsellor, shares her experiences in working with people to find hope and a way forwards.

INSIGHTS

Celebrate the marvel of motherhood, not parenthood!



As Mother's Day approaches it's worth remembering that its mothers and fathers, real women and men, who raise kids. Parenting is a managerial, twentieth century construct.

It's an interesting time for me to write about motherhood. In the last eighteen months both my daughters have become first time mums.

Watching them has refreshed my perspective on motherhood. It's not the techniques and strategies they use that are important rather their desire to connect to their children and fully embrace being a mum that is paramount. All their subsequent parenting springs from the willingness to fully give themselves over to motherhood.

My close encounters with my daughters as mothers has reminded me how emotion-charged being a mum can be. Besotted-ness, fatigue, joy, fulfilment and doubt are just some of the feelings that I have witnessed in my daughters. No doubt any mothers reading this can easily add a few more.

Over the last few months I've conducted a series of parenting seminars on the topic of raising independent children. The main message of raising children to be self-sufficient rather than to overprotect and spoil them has been in some ways at odds with what is seen as good mothering. That's because the notion of protectiveness aligns more with mothering than fathering.

However you can be a protective mum and raise really self-sufficient independent kids – you just need to know when kids need protecting and when they need to work things out for themselves. Mothers attuned to their kids and who are confident in their own abilities and instincts generally get the balance right. In a way, they know when to be a mum and when to be a parent.

Mothering is emotional and instinctive

Being a mother is not always rational, as parenting is often made out to be. The emotion attached to motherhood drives you to fight hard to protect your children, work assiduously to right any wrongs on their behalf, and exhaust yourself looking after their physical and psychological well-being.

As I've been reminded watching my daughters raise their own children mothering is relational rather than rational. You may grow out parenting by making yourself redundant but mothering is something you never grow out of. You are a mum for life.

Kids want their mothers, not their parents

Kids of all ages say, "That's my mum!" They don't say, "That's my parent!" (They may say that when they are annoyed or embarrassed by you, but that's another story.)

Boys and girls of all ages generally love their mothers unconditionally, whereas they merely put up with their parents, particularly during adolescence. They can live without their parents, or so they think, but deep down they know they can't live without the one person who has a blind spot for them, overlooking all their faults. That person, of course, is their mother.

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When kids of all ages get into emotional difficulty or their life becomes too hard, they generally go looking for their mums. They only look for their 'parent' when they want some money, or want someone to get them out of a jam!

As Mother's Day approaches it's worth remembering that it's mothers and fathers, real women and men, who raise kids. Parenting is a managerial, twentieth century construct. That's why we have Mother's Day (and Father's Day) rather than Parent's Day. I hope you have a good one!



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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