



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Student of the week

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

Foundation: Abby

Year 1/2: Zara

Year 3/4: Annabella

Year 5/6: Frazer



Upcoming Dates



MAY	25th	Get 'Em Going playgroup recommences—9.30 am
	26th	School photos

Parents and Friends

At the recent School Board meeting the following individuals were endorsed by the board for Parents and Friends:

Jackie Rethus, Jamie-Lee Jupp, Carol Case-Hassall, Maree Moll, Alicia Alexander and Janine Grover.

Any additional parents or friends of Nhill Lutheran School are welcome to be involved in P&F, as they support the school through fundraising and community building activities. Keep an eye out for further details regarding the P&F which will be coming soon.

Birthdays

We wish the following student a very happy birthday:

Sophie Blackwood: Monday
24th May



From the Principal

Pentecost

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday where Christians remember the disciples receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit emboldened the disciples to teach people about Jesus. The 5/6 class led a Pentecost chapel this week. Next week our chapel focus shifts to the Fruits of the Spirit and we look forward to the 1/2 class leading chapel next week.

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:4)

School Photos

Next Wednesday is school photos. All students are to wear their formal winter uniform for the day.

NAPLAN

Well done to the Year 3 and 5 students for their efforts in the NAPLAN tests which are now completed. Our tests were all completed online, except for the Year 3 Writing test, and we are grateful we have the technological capability to complete the tests online. Results will be received later this year. Thank you to Miss Attiwill for coordinating the tests.

Every blessing for your week.

Damon Prenzler

LLL interest

The lovely people at LLL are keen to update passbooks with the annual interest, which will be added on 31st May. Could all LLL passbooks be delivered to the front office by Friday week so that we can send them to Adelaide in one package.

Jeffrey the Bear

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



Mastering Reading

Congratulations to Savior on completing the MultiLit Reading Tutor Program.



Working Bee

There will be a working bee to complete some maintenance jobs around the school on Saturday 29th May beginning at 9 am.

If you are able to attend, please contact Darryn Rethus on 0438 913 189 so we have an idea of numbers.

Devotional Thought

Hope for the parched soul

I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs (Isaiah 41:18).

[Read Isaiah 41:17-20](#)

We begin with a bleak, parched spiritual picture. Perhaps some of us are feeling this way spiritually right now? We have all the signs of looking as though we have come out of a difficult time in our country; life almost looks normal but isn't. Around the world, we see a raging pandemic, wars, political unrest. Have we been drinking enough life-giving water, coming to the well? Or are we focusing on the wasteland, our own troubles, and feeling as though there will be no end to it?

It's time to refocus on our prayer lives, to pray for this restoration and renewal of our relationship with the Lord. Worldly troubles aside, we can receive this hope and restoration today.

Pray over this passage, and visualise your own spirit being renewed by the Holy Spirit, bearing fruit and bringing glory and honour to the Lord. Pray for renewal of your vigour for the Lord, the energy to plant and sow new fruit bringing life and hope to others. Let's share our thirst-quenching hope with those around us who don't know how to find their way to the oasis in the desert and need it more than ever. While our earthly troubles are here for now, we have the promise of much peace and hope for the parched soul.

Almighty God, some of us might be parched, searching for hope. Others of us are refreshed, our thirst quenched, ready to share the hope of restoration and renewal with others. Meet us where we are at, Lord, and may we see and know the works of your hand. Show me today, Lord, who I can encourage and help for them to be brought to a deeper knowledge of you and to find spiritual refreshment. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Worship News

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

Sunday 16th 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.....

- ♦ Savior Ner Moo and her family
- ♦ Sean, Aaron and Nathan Pedie and their family

Chapel

Chapel each week is held in the Multi Purpose Room on a Friday at 9am.

Next week Chapel will be led 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 \$15.00 was collected and will go to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. So far this year, \$362.10 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.

Karen sharing

During assembly last week students were able to share what they had learned in Karen classes this year.



Year 3/4 excursion

On Thursday Pastor Carl led the Year 3/4 students on a tour around St Paul's Lutheran Church. The students are currently learning about how Christians worship.



Year 1/2 Science

During this Term the year 1/2 students have been investigating how living things live in different places in Science. The students have had a particular focus on birds, and what they need to survive. As the students were designing and creating their bird feeders, they needed to include all the elements that a bird needs to survive; these being food, water and shelter.

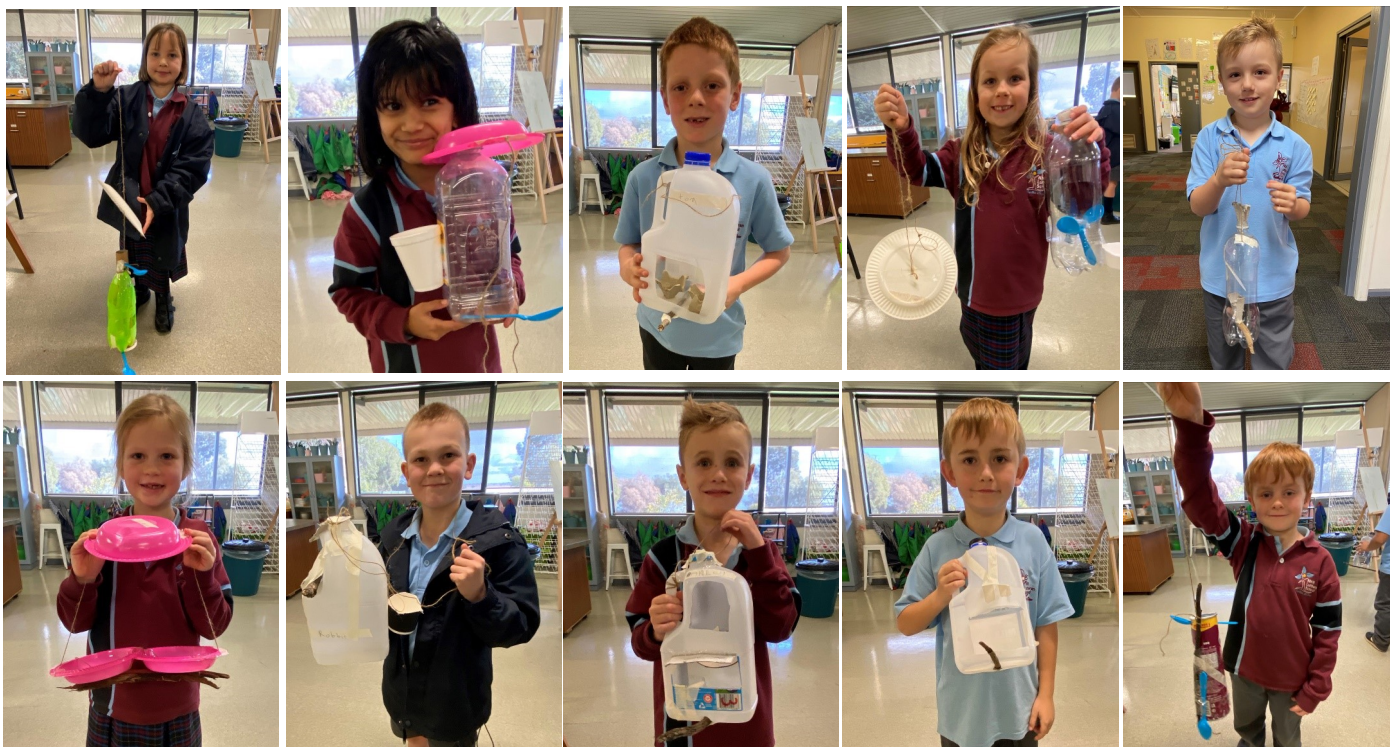
Construction phase



Presentation to the class



Completed



SRC Activities

Thank you to Miss Lindsay and the SRC for organising the Wednesday activities and hot chocolates. Needless to say, the students will be looking forward to lunch time next Wednesday.



School photos

The school photo order forms are being sent home with students today. Please make sure they are returned to the office by Wednesday 26th May at the latest.

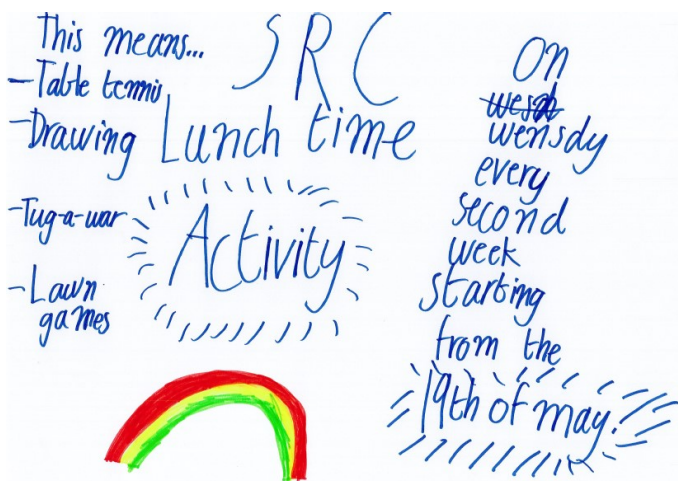
Packages can be paid for by cash, cheque or online. See the forms for details.

Family portraits are also available. Please contact the front office if you would like an order form for family photos.

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.

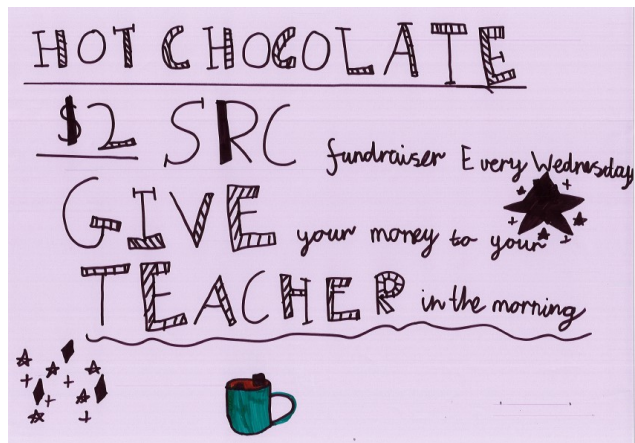
Entries close 11th June 2021.



For Sale

We currently have a number of computers that we no longer require. They are HP Compaq 8200 Elites and are for sale for \$100 each.

If you are interested in purchasing one of the computers, please contact the front office.



Breast screening—finding cancer early could save your life

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17 - 28 May 2021

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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.



National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday the whole school took part in National Simultaneous Storytime. This year the text was 'Give me some Space!' by Philip Bunting. We joined Una on her adventure and we all had a blast!

The students were especially excited to see when the astronaut let go of the book, how it floated in zero gravity. Students have also enjoyed completing associated learning tasks in Library and Technology lessons.



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.

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)

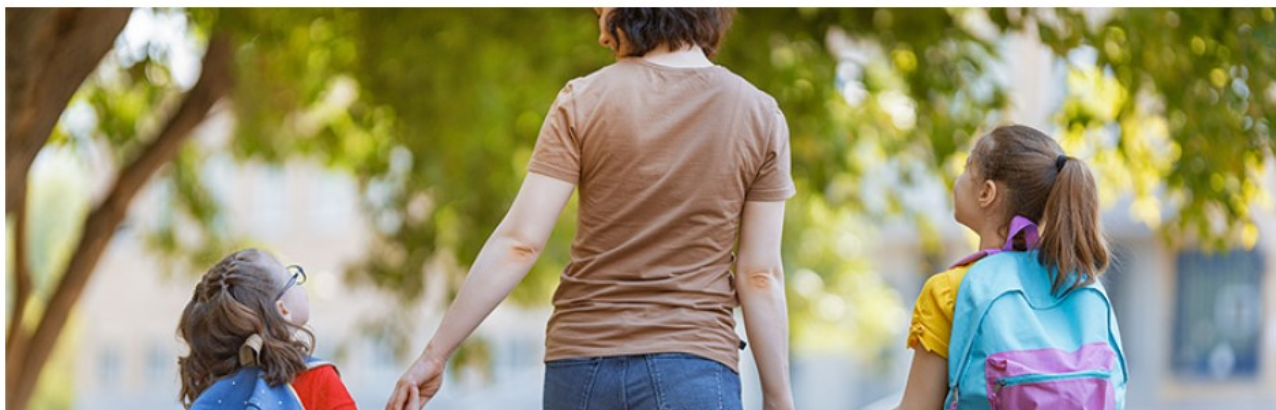
Many people are facing financial anxiety at the moment and the uncertainty of knowing what the future looks like. Jan, a financial counsellor, shares her experiences in working with people to find hope and a way forwards.

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.

INSIGHTS

On time, every day



During the current COVID-19 pandemic parents are rightfully urged to take a cautious approach and keep children and young people at home if they show symptoms of the virus.

It's a balancing act if you're a parent as one of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time. It sounds simple, but it's true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success. Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools.

According to a report by the Australian Curriculum and Assessment authority nearly 13 per cent of Australian students are missing at least one year of schooling by the time they reach year 10. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It's reassuring to know that you can maximise their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And, of course, regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with no excuse.

As a parent:

- Commit to sending kids to school every day
- Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time
- Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence
- Follow current COVID-19 health guidelines and recommendations
- Consider catching-up on missed work
- Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom, which is where unwell kids should be



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.

ALC Research Seminar

Dr Adam Hensley

31 May 2021, 1:30 – 2.30 pm via Zoom

The Function of Psalms 105–106 in the Psalter

Long recognised as a historical psalm pair, Psalms 105–106 coincide with the end of Book 4 of the Psalter (90–106). Drawing on the presenter's commentary work on Psalms 101–150, this research seminar shares his insights and discoveries on the function of Psalms 105–106 in the Psalter, exploring the thesis that they are voiced by 'David' (cf. 101–103) who intercedes for the people and leads them in thanksgiving.

Couched in a call to thanksgiving, Psalms 105–106 anticipate YHWH's favourable response in Book 5 where the voice of 'David' continues. Among the issues to be addressed are the Book 4/5 division, the relationship of 1 Chronicles 16 to Psalms 105–106, and these psalms' function in the Psalter.



Dr Adam Hensley

Adam Hensley is the Lecturer in Old Testament at ALC, having previously served as Assistant Professor of Theology at Concordia University Irvine, California (2012–2016).

He is the author of *Covenant relationships and the editing of the Hebrew Psalter*, LHBOTS 666 (London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2018), and is currently working on Psalms 101–150 for the Concordia Commentary Series.

Format: Online presentation via Zoom.

RSVP: Email Dr Anna Nuernberger at research@alc.edu.au to receive the Zoom link.

**RSVP by Friday
28 May 2021**

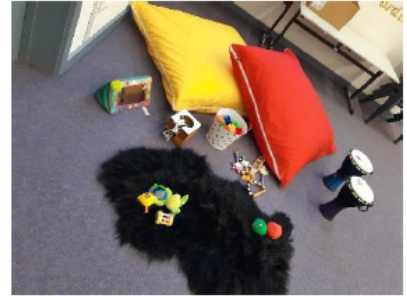
Get 'Em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup is restarting at Nhill Lutheran School after pausing due to Covid. We are excited to again be offering playgroup starting Tuesday May 25, led by Mrs Jade Cattanach. Jade is a mum of two daughters, has been involved in numerous child-related activities and groups, and has recently started as playgroup coordinator and integration aide at NLS.

When?: Tuesday 9.30am – 11.30am (during school term time).

Where?: Nhill Lutheran School, 2 Mackay Street.

Who?: All pre-school aged children and their parents/caregivers.



Get 'em Going Playgroup is offered weekly during school term time, and is available to all pre-schoolers. The program is available to all families in the community and assists with the development of each individual child's mental, emotional, social, and fine and gross motor skills. The program offers the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) and children also get to explore the Library, the Science Room, and the outdoor learning spaces, including the mini-farm.



Get 'em Going is a unique program that allows parents to understand how certain activities stimulate development and growth in their child. When participating in activities at Get 'em Going children are asked to do activities with different hands/feet, different patterns or ways which assists children to make a connection with both sides of the brain. Parents can then use these tools and incorporate it in every day play at home. The PMP program is therefore not only a

learning program for the children, but also gives parents the opportunity to utilise different resources and recognise how their child learns. Parents also become more engaged in their child's learning and notice changes on a weekly/daily basis.

Get 'Em Going also provides a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet and connect with other parents.

The cost of the playgroup is a gold coin donation. Proceeds contribute to the provision of resources for the running of the playgroup.

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