

Student of the week

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

Foundation: Ruby

Year 1/2: Grace & Nelson

Year 3/4: Barrett

Year 5/6: Abdullah



Birthdays

We wish the following student a very happy birthday:
Robbie Muller: Thursday 17th June



Upcoming Dates



JUN	18th	Last day of Term 2 for students
JUL	12th	First day of Term 3
	16th	P & F Coffee and Catch Up afternoon
	21st	P & F meeting All welcome

P & F News

We will be holding our first general P&F meeting on July 21 at 7.30pm at the school. All families are welcome to attend and we would love to see lots of faces there.

On July 16th we will be having a coffee and catch up afternoon—drop in anytime between 2.30 and 5 pm. This will be a great chance to welcome everyone back for Term 3.

We are also interested in hearing what you want the P&F group to be and to do. What fundraisers would you like to see? Would you like to see more social events and what would you like to do together? This is your group and we want to do things that interest you. Or just come and have a coffee with us.

From the Principal

It has been wonderful to have students return to on site learning after four days of remote learning. Having been through four periods of remote learning over the last year, the staff and I have noticed that upon return to school how great the desire for social interaction and play has been amongst our students. We are fortunate here at NLS, that we have many opportunities for positive social interaction both in and out of the classroom. Our play spaces provide a variety of creative and physical play areas, from the mud kitchen, to the water feature, cubby building, hard courts and oval. There are many examples of cross age play happening with older and younger students often playing together.

Mid Year Reports

Mid year reports will be sent home next week. These will provide information about student academic progress, as well as highlighting other important areas such as effort, social and emotional learning. Parents/ caregivers are welcome to discuss reports with their child's teacher if they wish. Reports provide the opportunity to see the growth and progress of children, as well as identify areas for improvement. It is unhelpful to make comparisons with other students, as children all develop at different rates. Rather look for strengths and encourage your child's effort.

Covid restriction update

Although numerous Covid restrictions have eased in the community, for regional Victorian schools very little has changed. We will continue to operate as we have since students returned from remote learning. This means access into the school building is limited to essential visitors, we are unable to welcome visitors to chapels and assemblies, and the QR code must be scanned.

End of Term 2, Professional Development Week for staff

The last day for Term 2 for students is next Friday, June 18. Finishing time is the usual 3.15pm. Staff return the week after for a week of professional development. Term 3 commences Monday July 12.

Every blessing for your week.

Damon Prenzler

School Stream

Have you used School Stream as a way of notifying the school of your child's absence? We encourage everyone to use this method and hope that it works efficiently for you.

You will now find another form available when you log in to the app. It's a way of notifying the school that your child will not be on the bus for a particular period. It can also be used to inform us of that your child needs to use a different bus (or if they aren't normally a bus traveler, but need to travel on the bus for a certain time).

Soon we will use School Stream for excursion and camp permission forms. Please see Mrs Koning if you are having difficulty installing or using the app.



Devotional Thought

Waiting for the Lord

For with the Lord there is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption (Psalm 130:7).

Read Psalm 130

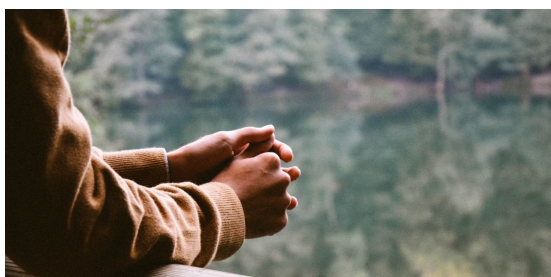
I hate waiting! My family can tell you that if a meeting starts late, or I have to wait to be picked up or meet someone, I can get pretty grumpy.

In our reading today, the psalmist is waiting, but waiting eagerly and with anticipation, because he is waiting for the Lord. The image of the watchmen, walking around, talking, trying hard to stay awake, and then their joy at seeing the first glimmer of dawn gives a good picture of this eager waiting.

Why is the psalmist waiting so eagerly? After all, he says, 'Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord'. We can only imagine the despair and anxiety of these depths. But he trusts in the Lord, and he is certain that the Lord will listen to his voice. Although he acknowledges his sinfulness, he believes God will forgive. God's essence is one of unfailing love and full redemption. God does not say, 'I'll let you wait a while until you grow in faith and love because you are not perfect yet'. No, God forgives and loves his repentant sinners.

I pray that you can have such trust in God's mercy and grace. He may not take away your problems, even your depths of despair, but he will be with you through all of them, walking with you, listening to your cries for help, and showering you with his love. Finally, we eagerly await our journey through death to eternal life with our gracious God.

Lord, give me an eagerly waiting heart, one that trusts in you through the problems of life, and help me to eagerly await finally going to my heavenly home. Amen.



Worship News

Please see below for this week's church service times (pre-registration required):

Sunday 13th June

Nhill— 11 am

Woorak— 11 am

Jeparit— 9 am



Online services can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2uy0xrShyyQVC4sy0xjOJg>

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.....

- ♦ Eric, Bethel, Justin and Betty Tu and their family
- ♦ Tom Warner and his 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 3/4. Parents and friends are invited to join us and stay for morning tea and coffee, once restrictions have eased.



Chapel Offering

With no visitors onsite, we have had very little money received through the chapel offering for many weeks. Please consider donating before the end of June. So far this year, \$367.10 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.

Mastering Reading

Congratulations to Barrett on completing the MultiLit Reading Tutor Program.



Jeffrey the Bear

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



Mastering Art

Congratulations to Eden who won a junior prize at the recent Mastering the Masters exhibition at Central Gallery. Eden was awarded her prize at assembly on Friday. Thank you to Central Gallery for running the exhibition and providing the prize .

Congratulations also to Lanie who received an encouragement award. Thank you to the donor of this prize.



Foundation Fruit Creations

Students made fruit sticks in the kitchen this week. They sliced, peeled, diced and threaded the fruit to make a healthy and delicious snack.



CSEF payments

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

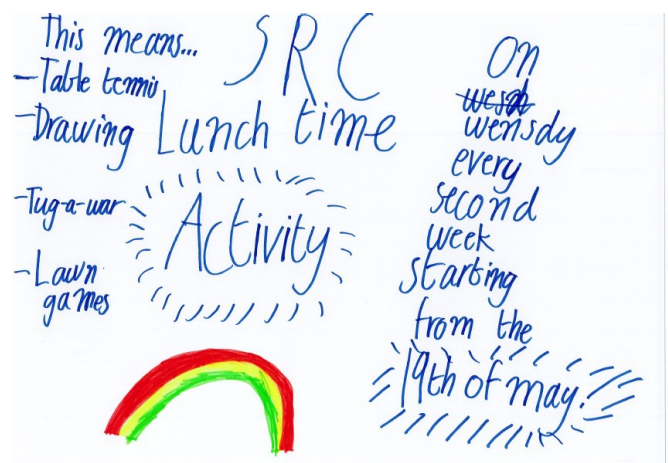
- * swimming camps or trips
- * swimming and school-organised sports programs
- * outdoor education programs
- * excursions and incursions.

Families holding a means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is available for each primary aged student.

Please see Mrs Koning if you did not receive the payment last year and you believe that you are eligible. An application form will be provided to you.

Then bring the form and Centrelink card to Mrs Koning so that she can apply on your behalf.

Those families who received the payment last year do not need to reapply.



Enrolments for 2022

Nhill Lutheran School is accepting enrolments for 2022. If you have a child ready to start school next year, or know of families who are moving to the area, then enrolments may be lodged now. Enrolment forms are available from the front office (5391 2144 or admin@nls.vic.edu.au).

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.

13th June Saying Goodbye (Pastor Richard Fox)

Saying goodbye is one of the hardest things we may ever have to do, especially when it's to someone we love. Changes we're experiencing can also generate grief. Richard shares what has given him hope through this grief.

20th June The Little Things – Conflict in Relationships (Interview)

Sometimes it's the little things that we do (or don't do) that can really have an impact on our relationships. Stella shares her personal experiences and insights from working as a counsellor with couples.

27th June We Could All Do With Some Therapy (Interview)

We all have different styles of communicating. Sometimes this can cause misunderstanding and hurt, especially within couples. Stella, a counsellor, unpacks the differences and shares the benefits of therapy as a preventative rather than just a cure!

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.

FAMILY FUN AT HAPPYLAND.COM.AU

Enjoy the Happyland website game at happyland.com.au. Set up your own character, change them, and take them on an adventure. Go on to the App store and download the Happyland App for iPhone and iPad.

INSIGHTS

Use your words Dad



Seven-year-old Thomas lay crying on his bed wrapped in the arms of his father. Thomas was upset and his dad was trying to find out what was bothering his son. His voice was quiet, and his words were soothing.

Gradually, Thomas opened up, sharing with his father how his best friend had embarrassed him in front of others at school. Unable to articulate his disappointment and anger, Thomas's father did so for him. "I guess you feel let down. I'd be really mad too if that happened to me."

Thomas let out a sigh, relaxing even more into his father's embrace knowing he understood how he felt. Empathy has a soothing effect on upset children.

Popular parenting author Steve Biddulph is correct when he wrote that activity is the main language of fathering. Dads use physical touch and play to build relationships and as a tool to develop self-control, teamwork, fairness, and other values.

However, if activity is the only way a man relates to his children, his impact will be limited. As Thomas's father discovered, physical touch may provide an entry point but it's through talking that we get to the heart of matters that bother children and young people.

Anecdotally, talking with kids about their worries and anxieties is still largely a mother's preserve. Sexuality educators report that mothers do most of the talking when it comes to sexuality, respectful relationships, and consent.

Talking through personal problems with a son or daughter is a new role for many men, especially for a generation whose fathers stoically advised them 'get on with it' when problems emerged. Many males feel more comfortable giving advice rather than solace to kids who are struggling.

The most effective parents are those who adapt to the times in which they live. The COVID-19 era requires parents to be even more patient, calm and focused on children's wellbeing. Parents of both genders need to communicate from their hearts as well as their heads, finding words to support and heal, as well as to advise when children and young people struggle.



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.

A Cuppa with the P&F

Friday
July 16th

We'd love to
catch up with
all of the
parents &
friends of
the school,
and if you
have any ideas
for the year
ahead, bring
them along.

From 2.30-5pm
drop in any time that suits
(Kids welcome)

Multipurpose
Room

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