

Student of the week

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

Foundation: Ayden

Year 1/2: Sierra

Year 3/4: Justin

Year 5/6: Eden



 Well done!

Birthdays

We wish the following student a very happy birthday:

Savannah Hedt: Saturday 26th June

Also Miss Morrison:

Wednesday 23rd June

happy
birthday

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

Chapel

Year 3/4 led Chapel this morning, with the theme of Faithfulness.



From the Principal

I would like to wish every member of our school community a safe and happy school holiday time. This term has been a busy and productive one, despite the disruptions of remote learning and consequent restrictions. Thank you to staff, parents/caregivers and especially the students for your efforts this term. I look forward to seeing students return on Monday July 12 for the commencement of Term 3.

Staff PD

Next week the staff are undertaking a week of professional development and learning.

Mid Year Reports

Student progress reports are being sent home today and will provide information about student learning and effort. The Parenting Ideas article included in this newsletter provides information on reading reports and includes some useful suggestions.

Every blessing for your school holiday time. See you in Term 3.

Damon Prenzler

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.



Farewell Tu family

Last Friday we said farewell to Eric, Bethel, Justin and Betty, as they move away with their family. We wish them all the best in their new school.



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).

Devotional Thought

Start or finish every day in God's word

Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how (Mark 4:26,27).

This week's readings employ agricultural imagery to help us understand the mystery of the kingdom of God.

Read Mark 4:26–34

Do you know how a seed sprouts and grows? I am both astounded by the agricultural technology and expertise available today and inspired by the farmers who apply it in their daily work. At one level, we could say that today we know a lot more about seed germination than people did in Jesus' time.

But still today, no-one can produce a seed and make it grow. That is God's work. I have watched friends negotiate the ups and downs of prolonged drought: sometimes crops do pretty well despite minimal rain, and other times, crops are ruined by rain only days before the harvest was due. When it comes to producing a harvest, many things can trump hard work, expertise, materials and technology.

Jesus uses planting and harvesting metaphors to help us imagine what the kingdom of God is like. The strange thing is that in contrast to my skilled and hard-working friends, the farmer in today's parable doesn't seem to be putting in much effort at all. Did the farmer plough the ground before scattering the seed? Does the farmer, in fact, sleep or get up and work? We aren't told. This agricultural account sounds so casual that I wonder if this sort of farmer even deserves to see a good harvest.

And yet the harvest comes, the growth that we cannot guarantee, control or predict. The growth that isn't about us. What kind of kingdom is this?

Dear God, I could spend a lifetime trying to make sense of what you are doing and how you are doing it. For today, I thank you for welcoming me into your kingdom and assuring me of your love and provision. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Worship News

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

Sunday 20th June

Nhill— 9 am

Woorak— 9 am

Jeparit— 11 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.....

- ♦ Frazer Wheaton and his family
- ♦ Eden and Ruby Woodward and their family

Chapel

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

Parents and friends are invited to join us and stay for morning tea and coffee, once restrictions have eased.

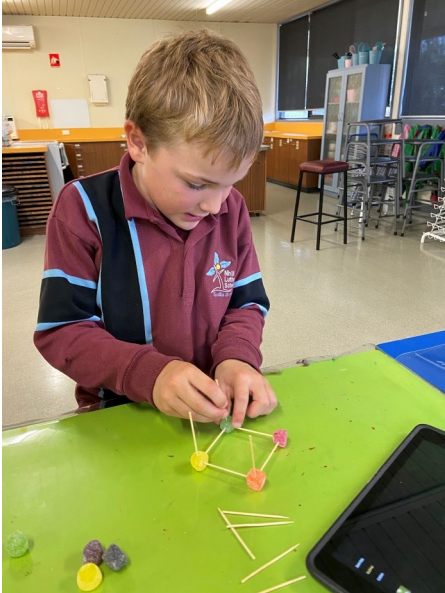


Chapel Offering

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, \$383.20 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.

Year 1/2 Technology

This week in Technology, students explored their mathematical understandings in relation to three-dimensional shapes. They constructed a cube and another 3D shape of their choosing using jubes and toothpicks. Once completed, they shared their learning to Seesaw using Pic-Collage.



Year 1/2 Library



During Library, the 1/2 class have been focusing on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Students enjoyed using skittles to explore how different temperature water can change the state of an object. Students used their iPads to document the processes within this experiment. The best thing was everyone got to eat their skittles at the end!



Foundation Carrot Cake

How does one get a child to eat their carrots?
Put them in a cake!



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.

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.

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!

4th July Being Well (Discussion)

How is your well-being going, especially through these times? Listen to Anna, Celia and Richard talk about well-being and offering insights to help your well-being.

11th July Happiness (Pastor Mark Doecke)

What makes you happy? Mark Doecke will be talking about the pursuit of happiness. Is there a recipe for lasting happiness?

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.

Happyland Stories videos are also available. They make great children's messages.

insights

Reading your child's report

by Michael Grose



Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder . . . always does her best . . . lacks concentration . . . easily distracted . . . a pleasure to teach . . .

Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

- **Focus on strengths.** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths

even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

- **Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.
- **Broaden your focus** away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.
- **Take note of student self- assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- **Discuss the report** with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.



After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. His latest release *Anxious Kids*, was co-authored with Dr Jodi Richardson.

Provided as a part of our school's Parenting Ideas membership

parentingideas.com.au




End of School Holiday Fun!

Instore and outside the Pharmacy

Friday 9th July

10:00am– 12:00pm

On the day FUN!

Show & Tell of the

- **Fire Truck**
- **Ambulance**

- Further demonstrations in store

- See the **Rotary** to buy a ticket in our raffle

- \$2 a ticket

Or

Enter in our Colouring Competition... Prizes to win!

CAPTAIN KOALA AND FRIENDS



All money raised will be divided up and donated to each group.

Meet Stretch



Feeling thirsty?

Come in and buy an **Alliwater!**

All money profited will be put into the donations for the CFA, AV, and Rotary.









Supporting our Community Heroes

WEEK 1

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

WEEK 2**MONDAY 28 JUNE**

Baby Rhyme Time
Nhill Library
10am

TUESDAY 29 JUNE

Cam's Marvelous Experiments
Dimboola Library
10-11am

Nhill Library
2-3pm

WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE

Uniting Level-Up Gaming Event & Other Activities
Dimboola Civic Hub (Library)
12:30-4pm

Lunch provided. Transport available.
email martene.blay@vt.uniting.org to book your place.
11-15 Years. This event aims to support young people who suffer anxiety or who are socially isolated.

Cam's Marvelous Experiments
Jeparit Customer Service Centre and Library
10 - 11am
Rainbow Town Hall Supper Room
2 - 3 pm

THURSDAY 1 JULY

Storytime Nhill Library
10am

Crafty Art with Danelle
Jeparit Customer Service Centre and Library
10-11am

Rainbow Town Hall Supper Room
2-3pm

FRIDAY 2 JULY

Storytime Dimboola Library
10am

Jeparit Movie Night
Jeparit Hall
From 4pm
Dinner provided.

MONDAY 5 JULY

Baby Rhyme Time
Nhill Library
10am

Smartphone Photography
Shire Tour
Pick Up Times

Nhill Customer Service Centre - 8:30am
Dimboola Library - 9:00am
Jeparit Library and Customer Service Centre - 9:40am
Rainbow Customer Service Centre - 10:10am

TUESDAY 6 JULY

Crafty Art with Danelle
Dimboola Library
2-3pm

WEDNESDAY 7 JULY

Sukha Pilates with Janelle
Rainbow Town Hall Supper Room
10-11am
Dimboola Civic Hub (Library)
2-3pm
(Primary to Secondary Aged)

THURSDAY 8 JULY

Storytime Nhill Library
10am

Casey Kosch First Aid Training
Nhill Memorial Community Centre
9-13 Years - 10am-1pm
14-18 Years 2-5pm

Crafty Art with Danelle
Nhill Library
2-3pm

FRIDAY 9 JULY

Storytime Dimboola Library
10am

Harry Potter Double Feature Costume Party
Nhill Cinema
1pm
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
4pm
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

**All School Holidays events are free. Bookings essential- call (03) 5391 4444
or visit one of our Customer Service Centres
ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS**

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

Text
ART

