

Three-way Conversations

Three Way Conversations are planned for October 12-13. These provide opportunities for parents, students and teachers to discuss learning progress and identify goals for future learning. Ideally, we would like to hold these face to face, however will wait until the beginning of Term 4 to see if this is permitted in the schools operations guide. If not, we will explore ways of connecting digitally.



Book Fair

Our Book Fair will reopen at the beginning of Term 4.



Upcoming Dates



SEP	17th	Last day of Term 3 School finishes at 2.15pm
OCT	4th	First day of Term 4
	12-13th	Three-way Conversations
NOV	4th	Year 2 Sleepover
	12th	F-2 Excursion to Halls Gap Zoo

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very happy birthday:

Frazer Wheaton: Friday 17th September

Zara Rethus: Sunday 19th September

Harper Crouch: Sunday 26th September

Will Decker: Friday 1st October

Olivia Fritsch: Sunday 3rd October

Harper Hiscock: Wednesday 6th October

Also to:

Mrs Woodward: Friday 17th September



From the Principal

Thank you and well done to all members of our school community for making it to the end of Term 3, especially our students who have shown remarkable resilience and adaptability during the term. This term, we have had only one full week of face to face learning for all our students, F-2s are concluding their second full week today. Every other week has had at least one day impacted by lockdowns and remote learning. I pray the school holiday period will be an enjoyable time for all families, and hopefully we can see all students in all classes return on site in Term 4.

The Premier has stated that announcements will soon be made about a 'roadmap' outlining easing of restrictions in Victoria, including schools. Once this information has been shared we will have a clearer picture of what a return to school in Term 4 will look like.

Uniforms

We are currently in a changeover period from winter to summer uniform. From Week 2 next term summer uniform must be worn, including hats. As always, please ensure uniform items are named, and if you require any uniform items they are available from the school.

Staff News

I thank God for the many blessings he provides our school through the committed and dedicated staff. Looking ahead to 2022 the following staff changes will take place. Miss Isabel Lindsay will be taking maternity leave, and we wish her and Dale every blessing as they prepare for a new arrival. Mrs Erin Alexander will return to her Specialist Teacher position after her year of parenting leave. We look forward to welcoming her back at NLS, and sincerely thank Ms Greer Marshman for the great work she has done as Erin's replacement this year. Miss Kelsie Attiwill will return to a Classroom Teacher role after serving as Curriculum Coordinator/Specialist

Teacher for the bulk of 2021. Congratulations to Miss Leah Noll who has secured a teaching position at Tarrington Lutheran School, her old stomping ground and a lot closer to her Warrnambool family. We welcome Mr Marcus Holt to our team as a new Classroom Teacher for 2022. Mr Holt is currently teaching at Natimuk PS, has had vast experience in school chaplaincy roles, and is looking forward to serving the Nhill Lutheran School community. As the year continues we will have opportunities to welcome new and returning staff, and farewelling departing staff.

The composition of classes and allocation of teachers to classes is still to be determined.

Fruits of the Spirit

Our Chapels have focussed on the 'fruits of the spirit' with Pastor Carl focussing on 'goodness' this week. Galatians 5 says:

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." (verses 22-23), and "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." (v 25)

I pray that our community will be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Every blessing for the school holidays!

Damon Prenzler

2022 Term Dates

The 2022 term dates for NLS are listed below. The dates mostly match DET school dates with a few minor changes.

Term 1: January 31 – April 8

Term 2: April 26 – June 24

Term 3: July 11 – September 14

Term 4: October 3 – December 14

Devotional Thought

In over our heads

Peter took [Jesus] aside and began to rebuke him

(Mark 8:32).

Read Mark 8:27–38

When were you last 'in over your head'?

I vividly remember the first lesson I ever taught as a teacher many years ago. My class of well-groomed youngsters greeted me politely and waited for the lesson to begin. The room was warm, and the excitement of a new school year was in the air. And like many graduate teachers, I would soon learn what it really meant to be a teacher.

The late nights of marking, the helicopter parents, the minor behavioural issues that come with working with teenagers and so on made me realise that my teacher training had not fully prepared me for the rewarding but very challenging day-to-day work of teaching. As my first parent-teacher interview night approached, I had great anxiety. I feared that parents would clearly see I had absolutely no idea what I was doing and that I was well 'over my head'.

In this Gospel reading, we see Peter declare that Jesus is the Messiah, only to be rebuked by Jesus soon after for not getting what that really meant. Peter was in over his head here. Just as I was an inexperienced and young teacher, so Peter was an inexperienced and young Christian. He forgot – or perhaps failed to grasp – exactly what the fullness of Jesus' ministry meant.

At the beginning of our faith as new believers, we find ourselves well over our heads – unable to fully grasp what it is to live the Christian life. Those who have years of faith behind us can still be like Peter and the first disciples, failing to grasp all of what it is to be a Christian and follower of Christ.

Christ says, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me'.

As we take on the cross of Christ, we must commit ourselves to learn and grow in knowing what this means for us each and every day. Our sinful nature means Jesus will sadly have reason to turn to us and say as he did to Peter, 'You are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things'.

As we step out on our journey, let us diligently seek God's grace, wisdom and guidance as we grow in the knowledge of what it is to take our own cross and follow Christ rather than the world or our selfish desires.

Lord, may we approach your throne with humility and the knowledge that you are the author and perfecter of our faith. Help us grow in knowing what it is to take up the cross of Christ and follow you. Amen.

Worship News

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

Sunday 19th September

Nhill— 9 am

Woorak— 9 am

Jeparit— 11 am



Register (before Fri 9am) via the Parish Office: nhillpar2@bigpond.com or 5391 122

Masks and login via QR code mandatory

Online services can be viewed at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2uy0xrShyyQVC4sy0xJOJg>

NhillLutheranParishOnline.com

Prayer of the Week

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

- ◆ Sienna Alexander and her family
- ◆ Sophie Blackwood and her 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. So far this year, \$492.20 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.

Thank You P & F

How good is having creative play equipment?

Our students loved playing with the new Tonka toys and Connetix. Thank you to our Parents and Friends Association, past and present, for all your hard work in raising funds to benefit our students. Thank you also to Cambrelle's for supplying the Connetix.

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).



Year 1/2 Instructive Writing

This term the Year 1/2 students have been learning procedure writing. They did a great job, especially during remote learning.

On Thursday the students wrote the procedure to make fairy bread and then made it following their procedures.



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:

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.

19th September The day my mum disappeared (Interview)

"I remember just driving around the neighbourhood, relentlessly looking for mum. I was in tears. Where could she be?" Where do you find hope when illnesses like Dementia change the relationship you have with your parents?

26th September Dementia is not the end (Interview)

Gaye has worked in aged care for over 20 years and specialised in Dementia care. Gaye shares some of the misunderstandings around Dementia, including some surprising insights and encouragement.

3rd October Peace beyond reason (Rev Noel Due)

Are you at peace? This week Noel Due will be talking about Peace. Not the dream of world peace, but about inner peace. Peace that works even when the world, and perhaps even you, are in chaos.

10th October It's ok to feel anxious (Anna Doecke)

What's the difference between worry and anxiety and how do we stop being overwhelmed by things we can't control? This week we're talking about worry and anxiety with Anna, a counsellor from Journeez.

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

Nurturing young boys' friendships



There are a couple of factors in helping our kids in the early years at school. One is a warm connected relationship with the teacher or education assistant. The other is having at least one friend they can rely on at school.

Boy friendships are fragile

Since boys often talk later (and less) than girls, little boys can struggle with friendships. I am astounded at the capacity of most little girls to have real conversations that explore things friends have in common, help them play games and negotiate, and experience mutually bonding moments. Girls also tend to have a better grasp on the non-verbal cues of building rapport such as smiling, waving, and hugging.

One of the world's leading boy experts, Dr William Pollack, author of *Real Boys*, believes that while girls communicate more, boys seek connection more indirectly through activities or play. So, for boys to bond they need significant amounts of time spent playing with other boys.

Boys need play to facilitate friendships

'Play dates' are a reasonably recent happening. Years ago, children tended to play for hours either in each other's backyards or at sporting events. Now, less recess and lunch time at school, remote learning, and more emphasis on technology than real play is impacting this key window of building emotional and social skills.

We need to create opportunities outside of school. Finding families in your neighbourhood with kids of similar ages and older is still an excellent way of creating friendships. Yes, it involves some scheduling, but many families still make time to gather maybe one afternoon a week in the same playground with the same grownups and kids to create cohesion.

Play has many benefits other than the obvious one of helping our boys discharge excess energy and stress. Unstructured play helps to create feel-good neurochemicals, especially when it allows kids to follow the often-unspoken randomness of boy play which frequently includes adventures, hunts, and targets. It teaches them to lose, to wait, to take turns and much more.

Coaching young boys

I often share the story of the little boy who at the end of the day at school ran up to his best little mate and punched him in the head. In no way did this little boy mean to hurt his friend however at that moment his actions, which looked confusing to everybody, were an attempt to express how much he liked his friend and how much he was going to miss him.

Helping boys to create (and practice!) welcoming and farewell strategies can help alleviate some of these awkward moments. Giving a high five, having a secret handshake, teaching them to smile and calling out 'hello' using their friend's name are all great strategies to coach and teach.

Having a friend at school can make a huge difference to our boys, but sometimes they need a little help from parents to find their way.



Maggie Dent

Commonly known as the 'queen of common sense', Maggie Dent has become one of Australia's favourite parenting authors and educators, with a particular interest in the early years, adolescence and resilience. She has written seven major books including the bestselling *Mothering Our Boys* and her 2020 release, *From Boys to Men*. Maggie is host of the ABC podcast, [Parental As Anything](#). She is the mother of four sons and a very grateful grandmother. For further details visit maggiedent.com

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parentingideas.com.au

West Wimmera Junior Cricket

Cricket season is fast approaching, and the West Wimmera Warriors are seeking new junior players. The club is aiming to have junior sides for -12s, -14s and -16s this season. This means there will be teams for kids to play in for ages 8-16.

If you are interested, or after more information, please feel free to contact either Mitch Dahlenburg, Tarrah Dodds or Ash Dickinson.

Mitch: Cricket Director
0427 798 347

Tarrah: Under 12s Team Manager
0438 329 042

Ash: Under 14s Coach
0417 587 002



JOIN WITH FRIENDS PLAY TOGETHER

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

JOIN YOUR NEAREST CLUB
Q Play Cricket

LEARN BALL SKILLS

- Easy to join, fun to play
- Inclusive program for all abilities
- Outdoors non-contact

JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT

MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket.
- For kids with basic cricket skills.
- Sign up now for your Master Blasters Kit featuring a drink bottle and cap!



MASTER BLASTERS KIT

JOIN YOUR NEAREST CLUB

<p>Nhill and District Sporting Club</p> <p>Master Blasters Wednesday 4:00-5:30</p> <p>Junior Blasters Wednesday 4:30-5:30</p>	<p>Starting 6/10/2021 for 10 weeks</p> <p>Tarrah Dodds</p> <p>0438329042</p>
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OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM





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Q Play Cricket



Strengthening Parent Support Program



What is the Strengthening Parent Support Program (SPSP)?

It is a program for parents and carers of children who have additional needs, a disability or developmental delay.

This parenting support program provides families with opportunities to participate in peer support groups and establish support networks with other families or carers in the local community.

The SPSP program is run by Uniting in Horsham but also reaches communities in the surrounding regional areas. Please contact the co-ordinator Kate Janetzki for further information.

You can also keep up to date by joining our Facebook page;

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/390018412226828>

Support group activities may include a night out at movies and dinner, an informal lunch and chat or seminars/workshops covering a range of helpful and educational topics.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming 'FIND YOUR THING' sessions:

These will be run monthly on a Friday in Horsham and will give us the opportunity to 'Find our new thing!' Maybe your 'thing' will be a new activity that gives you the space to unwind just for you or perhaps it's a fun activity to teach and enjoy with the family.

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