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We welcomed back the 5/6 students to onsite learning by planting tomatoes and capsicums in the garden.



Students across the school were enthusiastic to make their own Japanese Sushi rolls. Well done everyone for tasting the sushi, even if a little put off by the seaweed!



Upcoming Dates



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| NOV | 2nd | Melbourne Cup public holiday—no school |
| | 4th | Year 2 Sleepover |
| | 12th | F-2 Excursion to Halls Gap Zoo |
| | 18th | P&F Donut day |
| | 30th | School Concert "When I Grow Up" |
| DEC | 1st | P&F meeting |

Bursaries for 2022

A letter has been distributed to families regarding bursaries for 2022. Applications are confidential and are to be returned by Friday December 3.



From the Principal

There has been a real buoyancy at school this week as we have welcomed all students on site, and with restrictions easing we can plan ahead for upcoming activities and events. It has been wonderful having all students back and seeing them dive into their learning, and enjoy each other's company.

From next Monday, November 1, a number of restrictions for schools ease. This means excursions, sleepovers and concert can happen, although subject to factors including density limits and vaccination requirements.

Whole school gatherings such as chapels and assemblies can again occur, although at this stage limited to students and staff only. Please note that density limits of one person per four square metres operates when visitors are on site. This number includes students and staff.

Visitors and volunteers are permitted to enter the school building. All visitors into the school building must scan in using the QR code, located at the entrance to the school. Visitors must comply with vaccination requirements with full vaccination required by November 29, and show proof of their vaccination. Masks must continue to be worn, and other Covid safe practices such as sanitising and physical distancing must be followed.

Book Week Dress Up and Activity Day

Our Book Week Dress Up and Activity Day was held today and what an array of interesting characters we had. It was wonderful to see favourite book characters and characters fitting with the Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds theme.

2022 Foundation students

Kinder orientation visits can now happen and the three Nhill Schools are currently determining dates. Families of 2022 Foundations will be advised soon what the plans are. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Foundations at school.

World Teacher's Day

Today is World Teacher's Day and I thank God for our dedicated team of teachers.

Reformation Day

October 31 is a special day in the Lutheran Church. On this day, Reformation Day, we remember the act of Martin Luther in 1517 when he nailed 95 statements on the door of the church in Wittenburg, triggering considerable changes in the church. People of Luther's time were buying indulgences, essentially a ticket to heaven as they were led to believe. Luther challenged this practice by showing that buying indulgences or seeking approval from other people is not needed, but that a direct relationship with God through word, faith and grace is what matters. Pastor Carl led a chapel this morning focussing on Reformation Day.

God bless,

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

Please note that the last week in June for 2022 is not a PD week for staff. Staff PD days have been spread across the school year.

Devotional Thought

Do you believe?

When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' (Matthew 9:28a).
Read Matthew 9:27-31

Do you believe? Now that's a question! Yes, I believe. I believe in God. Every Sunday, I stand up in church and say, 'I believe'. Facts. Facts about God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. But to know facts is one thing. To trust those facts and act on them is another. I know at night, when the room is dark, if I go over to the wall and flick a switch, the lights will come on. But knowing that fact and acting on it is something else.

We actually don't know the depth of belief that these men had. They did call Jesus 'son of David', so they did have some concept of who he might be. They knew some facts about the One who had been promised. But those facts didn't just stay in their heads, it led them to trust that this Jesus could bring them sight, and they acted on it. When Jesus asked them whether they believed that he could heal their eyes, their response was simple and categorical: 'Yes, Lord' (verse 28b). That was enough for Jesus.

Recently, I took the funeral of someone whom I described as having a 'simple' faith. That wasn't putting her down or criticising her faith. I was saying that for her, believing was uncomplicated. She just did. She may not have had all the answers to the big questions about God, but she trusted him in her life and death.

What about you? Do you believe in simple, childlike trust that Jesus can bring you out of the darkness that wants to smother you, and take you into a place of light? These two men show us the way. They follow after Jesus, they persevere, and they ask quite simply. And their sight is restored.

Jesus, I call you 'Lord', which means I believe you are Lord over everything and every aspect of my life. Reach out your hand and heal where I am most sick. Amen.

Worship News

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

Sunday 7th November
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.....

- ♦ Will Decker and his family
- ♦ Olivia and Ayden Fritsch 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

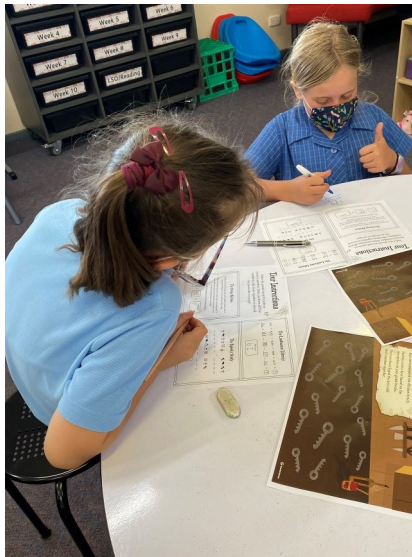
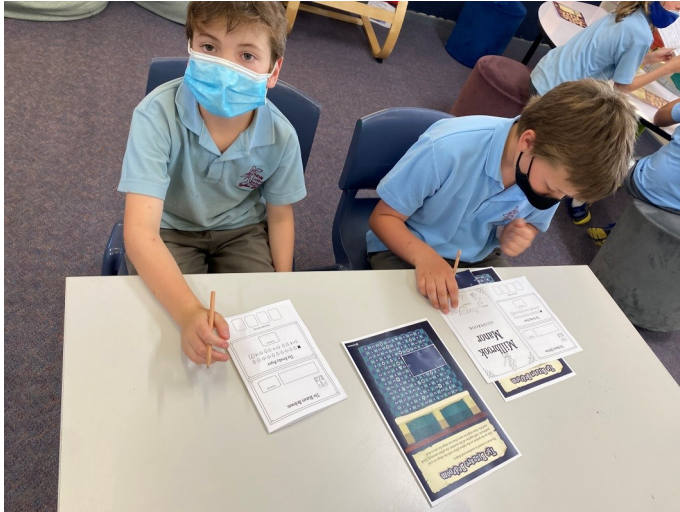
With no visitors onsite, we have had very little money received through the chapel offering for many weeks. Please consider donating. So far this year, \$494.20 has been generously received from Chapel offerings. Thank you for blessing our sister school in Myanmar.

Millbrook Manor Estate

The Grade 3/4 students were sent to the scary Millbrook Manor Estate and were locked inside! They had to use their maths skills, time management and creativity to escape the creepy manor in pairs.

"Did they escape?" You ask.

"Yes of course! We're mathematical geniuses!" They shout.



COVID has kept us too far apart ...

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Book Week

Book Week was a huge success, even though it had to be delayed due to lockdown.

Congratulations to the dress up winners:

Foundation: Lexie & Harper H

Year 1/2: Olivia & Clayton

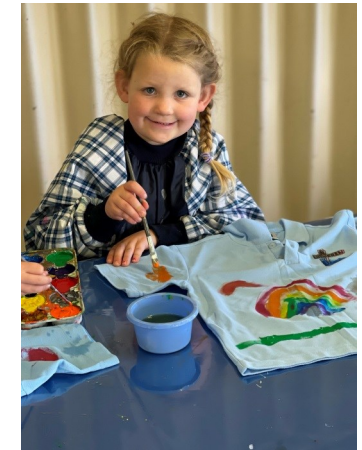
Year 3/4: Savior & Henry

Year 5/6: Shilah & Frazer

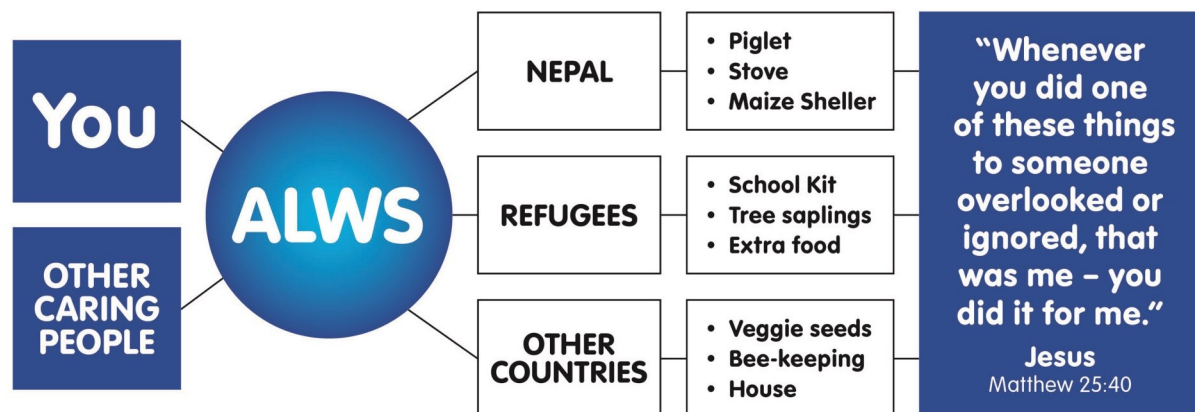
Honourable mentions:

Vidhi, Lawson & Oakley





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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.

7th November Surviving Tough Times (Discussion)

When things are going wrong we often ask why me? And when the tough times seem to just keep coming, how do we make sense of it? How do we cope when life gets tough?

14th November Fighting Fires (Interview)

Bushfires can be devastating. Even when you're well prepared, they have a way of surprising you! Hear stories of what it's like to survive a catastrophic bushfire. How do those on the fire ground make sense of a natural disaster like a bushfire?

21st November Dealing with Stress (Interview)

Life seems to be going 100 miles an hour, people all around us seem to be suffering from burnout and stress. This isn't something new. But what is it that causes us to feel like it's all just getting too much, and what helps us cope?

28th November Letting Go Of Control (Round Table)

Life can be crazy and chaotic at the best of times, even more so when we're in a pandemic. Hear how we can live each day when the future is so uncertain.

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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

How birth order knowledge helps parents



Many parents struggle to make sense of the differences between their children. Same parents, same parenting, same school but completely different interests, strengths and personalities. So what's the difference? The solution can be found in the birth position of each child and understanding how it impacts on how they are raised and their relationship with other family members.

Defining children by their position

Parents tend to define their children according to their family positions. 'He's my eldest' or 'She is the baby of the family' are descriptors that many parents are familiar with. Expectations generally match those defining descriptions.

Just as relevant is how children see themselves in relation to their siblings. Eldest children are only children for a time, which is a treasured position that comes with perks, privileges and parental anxiety. A second child means dethronement, so the child born first will generally spend a great deal of energy keeping their sibling in their place. And so, the sibling dance begins. You now need family leadership skills to compliment the child-rearing skills you've developed that previously focused on raising one child.

Learning that one approach doesn't suit every child

Many parents discover that the techniques that were so successful with the first child can have the opposite effect another child. Parents who successfully develop independence and self-sufficiency in their eldest child scratch their heads as their youngest child turns dependency into an artform. Children often use their position to get their needs met. Many youngest children become expert at using charm and childishness to manipulate their siblings, while older children may push themselves to get approval from their parents.

Seconds and middle children often experience less time alone with their parents, which may be why this group are more likely to look outside their family for a sense of belonging. They generally have wider friendship circles than first borns and are usually the first child to leave the family nest. And first borns, just love to have their parents to themselves as that was how it used to be. Understanding these birth order differences helps parents to better manage, motivate and communicate with each child.

Motivating children

Want to motivate a child to do their best at school, tidy their bedroom or get behind a good cause? Birth order knowledge provides vital clues to help hit the best motivational button for each child. For instance, it may come as no surprise that youngest children are less concerned with gaining parental approval than their siblings. They just want to be noticed. Making a fuss over their accomplishments can do wonders for the achievement and contribution levels of this group. First borns on the other hand, usually yearn for parental approval, which if not carefully managed can cause them to take fewer learning risks.

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Managing children's behaviour

First borns generally don't need a lot of discipline or behaviour management from parents. Limits, boundaries, reasoning and consequences usually do the trick for these rule followers and conformers. But these methods probably won't work with children in other birth order positions. They've had the advantage of having an eldest sibling break their parents in and they've seen most of your management playbook already, so you need to come up with something new.

Doing the sibling shuffle

Sibling rivalry comes with the family territory. It's most intense when there are only two children in a family as it's hard to escape a single sibling. Knowing how to reduce sibling rivalry so it's healthy rather than toxic requires an understanding of birth order personalities, acceptance of individual differences and the ability to build closeness through common purpose, fun and rituals.

In closing

Birth order knowledge is fascinating, providing a rich vein of information to help you raise children to be successful, happy and most importantly, content in their own skins. It's too important to be ignored.

Michael Grose presents: Using birth order knowledge for a parenting edge

Our school has a membership with Parenting Ideas. As part of this membership, you can attend the upcoming webinar 'Using birth order knowledge for a parenting edge' at no cost.

About

In this webinar, Michael Grose explains how birth order position impacts on a child's personality, attitudes and behaviour. He provides insights to help bring out the best in every child, reduce destructive sibling rivalry and increase family harmony.

When

Wednesday 10 November 2021 8:00pm AEDT

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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.