

Sports Equipment Cage



A huge thank you to Mr Morrison for constructing a new cage to house our sports equipment. The cage is lockable and will free up the space inside the back doors.

Donut Day

We hope all families have received their letter regarding the Donut Day fundraiser. P&F will be running on the 18th November. Just a quick note of correction - to all who wish to return their Donut Day order form via the P&F email, please note that the correct email address is pandf.nls@gmail.com. If you have already sent an email to the address on the order form, can you please resend it to the correct address above. Sorry for the mix up and any inconvenience.

Maree Moll
P & F

Upcoming Dates



NOV	18th	P&F Donut day
	19th	Kinder Visit 2
	26th	Kinder Visit 3
	30th	School Concert "When I Grow Up"
DEC	1st	P&F meeting

Congratulations Miss Attiwill



Congratulations to Miss Attiwill for being accredited as a teacher within Lutheran Church of Australia schools. She was awarded with her certificate on Friday 7th.

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very happy birthday:

Sierra Cattanach: Tuesday 16th November

Lexie Rethus: Thursday 18th November



From the Principal

Kinder Visits

Today we had the first visit from our 2022 Foundation students, and we look forward to them again visiting over the next two weeks.

Remembrance Day

The students commemorated Remembrance Day with a special ceremony to remember those that have served Australia, and sacrificed much. Students also focused on the significance of Remembrance Day in classes.

Student Reports

End of year student progress reports will be sent home in the final week of term and teachers are currently completing these. This year, Nhill Lutheran School added to the ways in which reporting to parents/caregivers happened. In addition to the mid and end of year reports, and the ongoing sharing of student learning on Seesaw, the parent-teacher interviews and three way conversations were included as meaningful opportunities to share and discuss student progress.

Looking ahead

Thank you to members of our school community for abiding by requirements such as QR scanning, mask wearing and showing vaccination proof. Please be mindful that as we plan for upcoming events, such as concert, graduation dinner, and end of year graduation service, we are to do so following the mandated health directives required of schools.

Staffing for 2022

Staffing for 2022 is as listed below. At the end of this year we farewell Miss Leah Noll and Ms Greer Marshman, and next year we welcome Mr Marcus Holt and welcome back Mrs Erin Alexander. Miss Isabel Lindsay is taking maternity leave commencing in mid-February.

Principal: Mr Damon Prenzler

Specialist Teacher: Mrs Erin Alexander

Year 5/6 Teacher: Miss Georgina Morrison

Year 3/4 Teacher: Mr Marcus Holt

Year 1/2 Teacher: Mrs Jessica Mason

Foundation Teacher: Miss Kelsie Attiwill

Office Administrator: Mrs Karen Koning

Integration Aides: Ms Linda Rutherford, Mrs Michelle Woodward, Mrs Jade Cattannach. Jade is also coordinating playgroup.

A transition day is being planned for the final week of term where students will spend time in their new classes.

May God bless your week,

Damon Prenzler

Buddy bench

The SRC have created a 'Buddy Bench' for students that feel they have nobody to play with. Students can then invite that person to play with them. They also thought of an activity box to be placed underneath for quiet activities such as colouring sheets, whiteboard markers for the whiteboards and chalk for the ground.



Members of the SRC with the new Buddy Bench.

Devotional Thought

Our vulnerable God

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who ... emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness (Philippians 2:5,7).

Read Philippians 2:2—18

What does Jesus teach us about who God is? This is the question that arises when I read the great Christ hymn in Philippians 2. This passage reveals so much to us about who God is in the person of Jesus. We know that God's people expected the Messiah to come in a blaze of glory, seizing power from the authorities. Instead, Jesus empties himself of all power, taking the form of a slave. There is no blaze of glory. There is no seizing of authority. There is no power over the other. Only the desire for love, compassion, mercy, humility and vulnerability. And this vulnerability takes its ultimate form on the cross.

How then might we hear the call to 'let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus'? As a church, we sometimes lament our waning influence on society and our lack of voice in places of power. As we wrestle with this, having 'the mind of Christ' can help us change our focus to how we relate to each other, our community and our world. We are invited to cease striving for power and instead follow Jesus by identifying with the lowly and offering ourselves to the world as humble servants. The great paradox of Jesus emptying himself is that, in doing so, he gave us a much fuller picture of who God is. Not only who God is, but what God does. Our God takes on the form of our humanity, becomes vulnerable and, ultimately, saves us by his vulnerability to death on the cross. God has done all of the work! God's call to us then is to remember our vulnerability and how we can serve others through it, never resting on human power but on our ultimate dependence on God.

Loving God, your son Jesus emptied himself to serve us and save us. Help us to have the same mind as Jesus, serving others and serving you. Amen.

Worship News

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

Sunday 21st 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.....

- ♦ Logan Hickey and his family
- ♦ Shilah, Clayton and Harper Hiscock 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.

Kinder Visits

Today we were pleased to welcome the 2022 Foundation students to the school for the first of three Kinder visits.

The students met their teacher, Miss Attiwill, and were shown around the school. They were also able to try out their artistic skills after listening to the story, The Rainbow Fish.

We are looking forward to seeing the students again over the next two Fridays.



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.



COVID has kept us too far apart ...

... this Christmas, ALWS **Gifts of Grace** can help you come close again. Choose from 21 gifts based on the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:

- **5 gifts under \$10**
(perfect for kids)
- **Packs of 7 Grace Cards**
(recycled from unused cards)
- **FREE African fabric mask**
(for first 500 orders)

Your **Gifts of Grace** help those the world has forgotten. Friends and family know you care. Your Christmas kindness helps love come to life!

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Foundation Technology

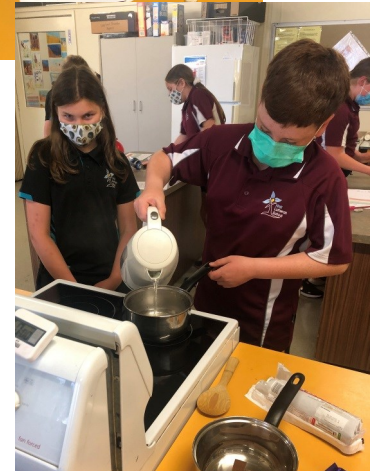
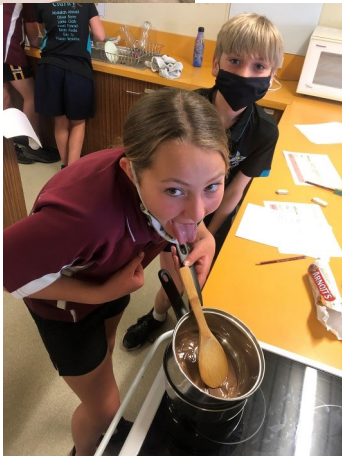
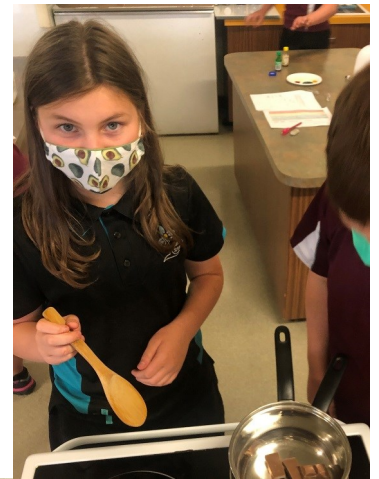
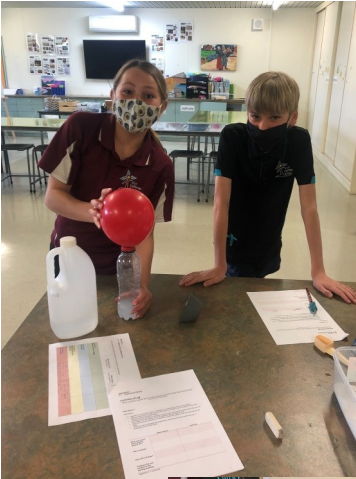
As part of our focus on shortlisted books in our Library lessons, the Foundation students read *There's No Such Thing!* At Nhill Lutheran School, we have a focus on integrating key learning areas. This lesson incorporated both English and Design and Technologies, where students were exposed to a wide variety of materials and asked to construct a monster of their own invention.



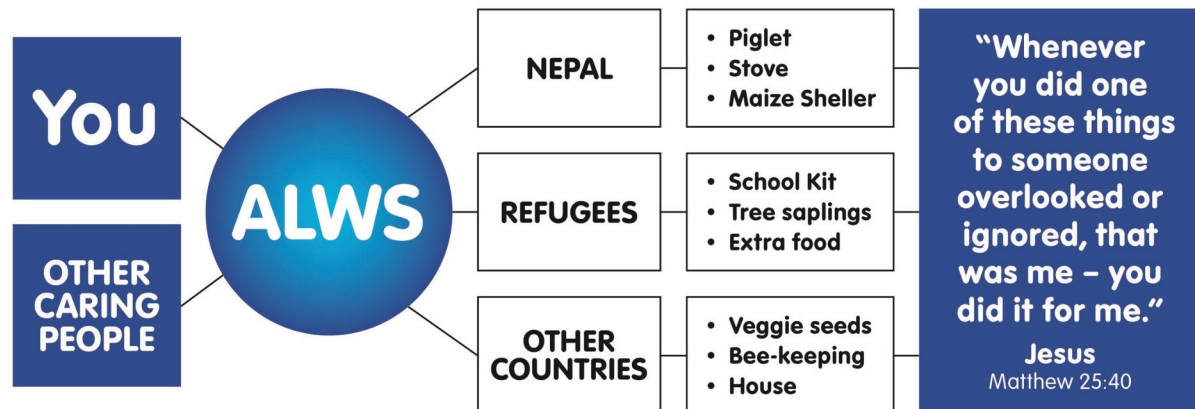
Congratulations to the students on their wonderful discussions and the imagination and creativity displayed.



Year 5/6 Science



HOW YOUR GIFTS OF GRACE shine!



Messages of hope

Listen to Messages of Hope and invite others to do the same. Download or listen online at messagesofhope.org.au.

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.

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

Respond honestly to dishonesty



You enter the kitchen. Your child looks at you like she's hiding something. You see cake crumbs on the bench and the tips of her fingers. 'Did you eat the chocolate cake?' Your child smiles at you, with chocolate stuck in her teeth, and innocently replies, 'No.'

You know your child is not telling the truth. The evidence is everywhere! So, what do you do?

Honesty is an essential value for children and young people to develop as it's central to building trust and community cohesion. Here are some simple, effective ways to encourage your child to be honest.

Remember, telling fibs is normal

Catching your child in a lie can be frustrating, but remembering that it's a normal part of growing up can help you keep calm. While there is a moral aspect to honesty, children in the early years of primary school tend to be very concrete thinkers, responding better to your immediate concerns such as 'I need to know you are telling the truth' instead of the moral aspects of right and wrong. For older primary aged children and teenagers, the broader issues of trust and morality are parts of the conversations you should have.

Don't ask questions if you know the answer

If your son is smeared in chocolate cake, don't say, 'Did you eat the chocolate cake?' Instead try, 'I can see you ate some chocolate cake. You must have been hungry huh?' Then pause and ask, 'Do you think I'm pleased or upset? Why? What should we do next time?' Use the awkward situation as an opportunity to find out more about what your child may need.

Show the truth

If you are a parent of a teenager, you know how easily parent-teen relationships can be harmed by accusations and criticism. If you think that a teenager may have misled you about an area of concern such as not being where they said they were, then it's probably wisest to bring your young person's attention to evidence of the truth rather than back them into a corner with an accusation. "You said you were at Jana's, but her mum said that Jana didn't have any visitors yesterday" is a statement of truth from your perspective that's invites a response from a young person.

Listen to their side

Things often aren't as they seem so if you think your child or young person is not being completely honest, be prepared to listen to their side of a story. This is not to suggest that you let them pull the proverbial wool over your eyes, but there are times when kids may believe they are telling the truth. Alternatively, they may have told a lie to keep themselves safe or to prevent them from following the crowd. Get your child talking, ascertain if they believe they are being truthful, and if they aren't, listen to why they bent the truth.

parenting * ideas

Let the consequences do the teaching

Acknowledge truthfulness when a child or young person owns up to doing the wrong thing. Help them fix the dishonesty and discuss how to do better in the future. Avoid punishment as this will cause more lying in the future. Allowing the consequences to do the work helps keep your relationship intact and ensures that lessons are experienced, and responsibility is taken.

Extract a simple promise

Studies show that children are less likely to be dishonest once they have promised to tell the truth. If they tell you the truth, and then you punish them severely, they will be less likely to tell the truth in the future, promise or not.

Model honesty

Many adults are guilty of social 'white' lies. Such 'little white lies' that conveniently bend the truth to your advantage are commonplace. Children and young people take their cues from parents, so these little white lies show them it's okay to bend the truth in certain circumstances. You don't get away with anything when you are parent – your behaviour is always on show so stick to the truth, even when it's difficult, if you want your kids to do the same

In closing

Honesty takes time and maturity to learn, especially in the face of the clearly tactical advantages of bending the truth. As parents, nurture honesty in kids by modelling, discussing its merits and acknowledging that it's not always easy to be honest. And maybe, avoid keeping the chocolate cake on the kitchen table.



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.

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parentingideas.com.au

P & F Calendars

Did you miss out on ordering a 2022 Calendar in the P & F fundraiser?

If this is the case, contact the school or the P & F (pandf.nls@gmail.com), as there are spare calendars available.





**Safe Seats
Safe Kids**

IS YOUR CHILD TRAVELLING SAFELY?

**FREE CHILD CAR RESTRAINT
FITTINGS & SAFETY CHECKS**



**Nhill Learning Centre together with
the Hindmarsh Shire Council invites
local parents and carers to book in
for a free child car restraint fitting or
safety check!**

WHERE Bongiorno's Car Park, Victoria Street, Nhill

WHEN Saturday 20 November 2021 between 9am – 1pm

HOW Bookings are essential. Parents and carers (including grandparents!) can book in a free child car restraint fitting or check by registering through:

<https://safeseatssafekids.com.au/venues-mec/>

Please note, if you need to have more than 1 child car restraint fitted/checked, you will need to book multiple appointments

WHY 70% of child car restraints are incorrectly installed or used, posing a serious safety risk to children travelling in those restraints. For peace of mind, have a professional fitter check your restraints so you know your child is safe. For more information about the program, please visit kidsafevic.com.au/road-safety/free-child-car-restraint-checking-program

These events are hosted by Kidsafe Victoria in partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, with support by the Victorian State Government.