



TOGETHER WE GROW

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End of Year Service

Congratulations to the award winners, the Year 6 graduating students and to all of the students for completing a difficult year.

Award winners:

Maureen Reichelt Memorial Award:
Abdullah & Lanie

The Spirit of Lions Award:
Chelsea

Academic Scholarships:
Lawson & Matilda P



Upcoming Dates



DEC	10th	Last day of school SRC Casual dress day
JAN 2022	24th	Staff PD week begins
	30th	Education Sunday—Nhill Lutheran Parish
	31st	First day of school
Feb	11th	Welcome BBQ

P & F

The P&F would like to extend help and support to anyone in need during this current COVID environment. If you are in need please contact the school and help will be arranged. We can arrange meals, food drops, or a friendly ear to talk to.

Birthdays

We wish the following students a very happy birthday:

Trinity Rethus: Tuesday 14th
December

Sophie Moll: Monday 20th
December

Logan Hickey: Friday 24th December



From the Principal

As we bid farewell to the 2021 school year I wish to thank the entire Nhill Lutheran School community for their support and efforts during the year. With Covid rules and restrictions, it has been a year where we have faced challenges, however it has also been a year where God has blessed us with many good gifts and opportunities.

At our End of Year Graduation Service we were able to reflect on 2021 and acknowledge the great efforts of our students to progress their learning during the year. Congratulations to the graduating Year 6 students and may your lights shine as you continue your educational journey in secondary school.

Congratulations, also, to recipients of the following awards presented at the service:

Maureen Reichelt Memorial Shield: Abdullah Ahmad and Lanie Clark

In The Spirit of Lions Award: Chelsea Bone

P&F Academic Scholarships: Lawson Lynch and Matilda Prenzler

We farewell and wish God's blessings for our departing staff, Miss Leah Noll and Ms Greer Marshman.

On Tuesday we held our Transition Day where students spent time with their 2022 classes and teacher. It was great Mr Marcus Holt, who will join us next year as Year 3/4 teacher, could be here for the day.

Looking ahead, the Nhill Community Christmas Carols are being held on Saturday December 18, having been postponed by a week. All Nhill Lutheran School students who are attending may dress in Christmas attire, and meet Miss Noll and Mrs Mason before singing their Christmas carols: Away in a Manger, Jingle Bells Rock and Once in Royal David's City.

Term One next year starts on Monday January 31 at 9.00am. Staff will be on site the week prior planning and preparing, and undertaking professional development.

May God bless your Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to seeing you in 2022.

Damon Prenzler

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called*

*Wonderful, Counsellor,
the mighty God,
the everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

Congratulations Miss Lindsay



Congratulations to Miss Lindsay for being accredited as a teacher within Lutheran Church of Australia schools. She was awarded with her certificate today (Friday 10th).

Devotional Thought

Coming to town

'Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming and I will live among you,' declares the Lord (Zechariah 2:10).
Read Zechariah 2:10-13

You could say these days, we have the world at our fingertips. As we look into a screen and press a few buttons on our devices, we can transport ourselves across the globe or invite others into our own homes or work environments. This technology has proven invaluable in recent times. But it is not the same as being together in person.

Hugging a loved one, playing with a grandchild, sharing the same air. Connection. But still, cherished moments melt away far too quickly if they only last for a holiday visit.

But when someone comes to stay – to really stay – it's different.

Today's text is one of delight – perhaps relief – and hope. God is coming to town, and he's going to stay! After so much longing and eager anticipation, he will be with his people. Doubt crushed, insecurity gone, relationship as it was always intended. His presence felt and experienced like never before. Together. Shout and be glad, sons and daughters! He is coming! How might this knowledge influence your day today?

Dear Lord, lift my eyes today, above my circumstances, to you. To your love, your promises and the hope I have in you. I thank and praise you for all that you are! In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.



Worship News

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

Sunday 12th December
Nhill— 11 am
Woorak— 9 am
Jeparit— 9 am



Register (before Thurs 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.....

- ♦ All the members of school community, that God would keep everyone safe during the school holidays

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.



Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 students were once again acknowledged at our End of Year Graduation Service and each received a certificate along with a candle holder, made especially for them. Thanks to Wimpy Reichelt for providing these once again.



Year 3/4 Spelling

The Year 3/4 students have achieved the highest honour in karate spelling belts. They have all successfully mastered all 7 coloured belts. A big congratulations to all the Year 3/4 students.

Christmas Carols

The students at school have been practising for the Nhill Christmas Carols. The evening has been postponed until Saturday 18th



Year 3/4 Cooking

The Year 3/4 class enjoyed some Christmas cooking before the end of the year. They made mini Christmas pudding truffles.



From the School Board

Dear Staff, Students, Parents, Caregivers and Volunteers,

To say it's been a hectic year (again!) would likely be a massive understatement. It would almost go down as more complex and disruptive than 2020, with the snap lockdown, partial returns, closures and changes to rules weekly (almost daily sometimes) and a management nightmare—to say the very least!

It's difficult to bring new students into a school environment and to graduate Year sixes into a new school at the best of times. With all of these extra requirements, restrictions and rules to follow (masks, distancing and number caps), it can be confusing, sometimes upsetting and creates a level of anxiety that is different for everyone.

I thank all of the listed above for their understanding, extra care, patience and kindness shown in these extraordinary times we are experiencing.

For us and our house, the absolute comfort and one known constant that we turn to as it never changes, is the word of God. Remember, these things shall pass, as all things shall pass, with the one rock remaining strong and stable in our lives. We can cling to the promises of hope, joy and love on a daily basis, to bring us back to what's important; our relationships with each other and with Christ as our Lord and Saviour, with forgiveness and Grace as his gift for us.

This has been a brief message, time is our friend, and our enemy, but thank you to all the staff and to Damon for his continued efforts and focus during this really challenging year!

Have a great and blessed Christmas with your friends and family!

Matt Miller

(Chairperson of NLS Board)

P & F

At the February P&F meeting we will hold executive position elections. Chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer and 5 extra members will be elected. Please give consideration to these positions. They are a rewarding way to be part of our school. If you would like to nominate for a position please contact Jackie Rethus, Maree Moll or Damon before February.

If you are not interested in filling a position but would still like to be a part of the P&F, all parents of the school are welcome to attend meeting and help at events.

We would like to thank all those parents who have helped in anyway at P&F events throughout the year.

Jackie Rethus

P&F Chair

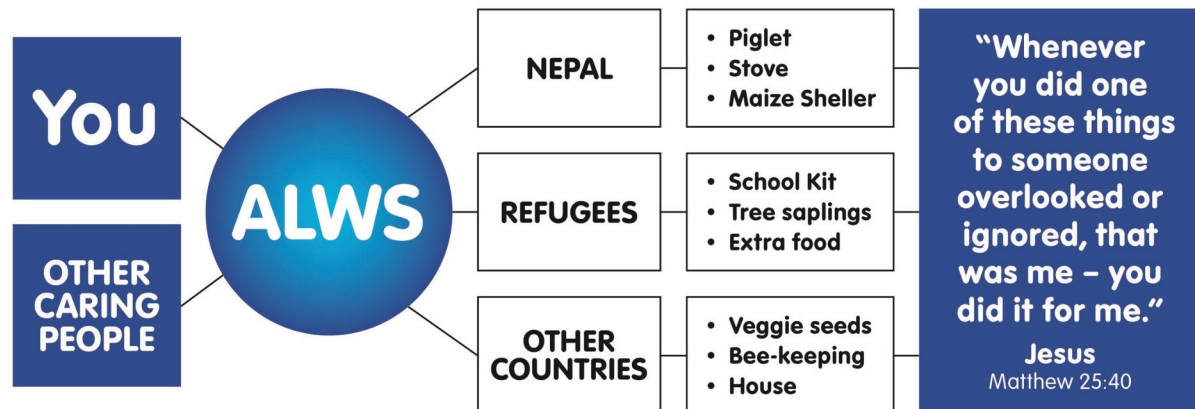
P & F Calendars

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

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



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.

12th December Surviving Family Life (Interview)

How do you find the small blessings when you're just not coping? Hear Amy share what she discovered as a family in isolation during lock-down.

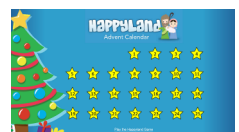
19th December Story of Carols (Richard and Celia)

Christmas time is so well known for it's carols but why do we actually sing Christmas carols? Richard & Celia share messages, meaning and memories of some beloved carols.

26th December Christmas is for Everyone (Bishop John Henderson)

The story of Jesus birth at Christmas is as relevant today as it has been throughout history. Bishop John shares how the story of Christmas is for all people.

ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR



Count up to Christmas by opening stars to reveal Christmas activities, recipes, and videos, along with the story of Christmas. Check out the fund at www.happyland.com.au.

FREE CALENDAR



The Lutheran Media Calendar is full of inspiring competition photos and great for gifts. Order your free calendar/s at www.lutheranmedia.org.au or call on **1800 353 350**. Calendars will be delivered after production at the end of September.

MESSAGES OF HOPE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hope-filled cards for Christmas, with bible verse and greeting. \$5 per pack of 5 cards – variety of Christmas designs. Order yours at www.lutheranmedia.org.au or call 1800 353 350.