



## Upcoming Dates

JUL	FRI 29th	100 Days of Prep
	FRI 29th	P & F Movie Night
AUG	WED 3rd	SRC-Pyjama Day Gold Coin Donation

## Farewell

This week we bid farewell to an amazing person Mrs Karen Koning. Our school is truly going to miss her so dearly. Karen thank you for your time here at NLS we appreciate you and please keep in touch. A few pics below of her send off at assembly.



## Jump Rope for Heart

We are participating in the 40th year of Jump Rope for Heart. Students will learn different skipping techniques during PE lessons and through lunch time activities run by the SRC.

As it is the 40th year of JRFH we have set a school goal of skipping for a total of 40hours! Students are able to set their own skipping goals at [jumprope.org.au/parents](http://jumprope.org.au/parents). Through this link you will be able to donate to this wonder cause and support our students in



## New Addition



We would like to welcome to the world and the NLS community a new baby boy to the Pereira Family. Owen David Pereira, born 12th of July.



## Birthdays

We wish the following student a very happy birthday:

Luka: Sunday 17th of July



## From the Principal

### Welcome to Term 3

Welcome to Term Three! I hope families enjoyed the holiday break. The last time we enjoyed an entire Term Three of face-to-face learning was way back in 2019, so here's hoping we can have a successful and 'smooth flowing' term. Teachers have been busy planning engaging learning opportunities for this term. There are also exciting and important events occurring later this term, including concert, three way conversations, book week and more.

### Covid update

There have been recent changes to Covid rules and these have been reflected in the latest DET Operations Guide:

Staff, visitors and volunteers no longer need to meet COVID-19 vaccination requirements to attend or assist on site.

The Victorian Government is providing up to three further deliveries of rapid antigen tests in Term 3. These will be distributed to families once they arrive at the school.

The current advice on the wearing of face masks is available at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks>. Household contacts over 8 years of age are required to wear a face mask when indoors unless they have a valid exception.

### ACLE Conference

Six NLS staff attended the Australian Conference for Lutheran Education (ACLE) last week, two in Melbourne and four attending virtually. The theme for the conference was 'One Voice Many Paths', and brought together Lutheran educators from across Australia to hear from inspiring speakers, connect with fellow educators, and learn about what is happening in the dynamic and changing world of education.

### Kinder enrolments

Enrolment applications for Foundation in 2023 are to be given to the school by Friday July 29.

### NLS Board membership

Are you keen to contribute to Nhill Lutheran School through serving on the School Board? The Board has governance oversight of the school and provides strategic leadership to the school.

If you are interested or would like to know more about the role, you may speak to either Damon Prenzler, Principal, or Matt Miller, Chair of NLS Board (contact details can be obtained through the school).

### Farewell Mrs Koning

Today we 'officially' farewelled Mrs Karen Koning at our assembly. Karen was provided with a gift of thanks, and the students sang a blessing song to her. Mrs Koning commenced her role as Office Administrator in late 2018 and has diligently and faithfully served our school since. We thank Karen for her valuable contribution to Nhill Lutheran School and wish her God's richest blessings for what lies ahead.

### School TV

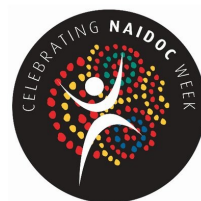
If you are yet to explore SchoolTV I encourage you to do so. There is useful content for all parents about a range of relevant issues that exist in the lives of children – [nhills.vic.schooltv.me](https://nhills.vic.schooltv.me).

Every blessing for your week,

Damon Prenzler

## Naidoc Week

This week in the 1/2 classroom we have been celebrating NAIDOC week. Students have been exploring Dreamtime Stories and using story cubes to deepen their thinking and understanding of the story, looking at the map of Indigenous Australia as well as looking at First Nations art works and having a go at their own dot painting.



## Devotional Thought

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me (Matthew 10:40).

[Read Matthew 10:40-42](#)

'Get out and don't come back! 'Okay, so that's not a very encouraging start, is it? People and relationships are dynamic and complex. Friendships flourish, and friendships fall. Love wows, and love wanes. That's real life. Hmm, still not very encouraging!

'You're welcome! 'Feeling included, encouraged and valued are needs that are etched deep within our human psyche. Simple words offered with a smile are a gift of grace. Rich and generous grace lives through us as we give or receive an authentic sense of welcome. That sounds a bit better, doesn't it?

Where does welcome come from? Why do we share it with others, and how do we know it's real?

Welcome comes from our loving Lord, through Christ. God sends Christ as his gift of grace to welcome everyone into relationship with him. We are welcome in Christ. Living in Christ is not something we need to pursue, earn or choose. He died for us. Everyone. No exceptions. All people are of immeasurable, inherent value to God as one of his created children. The sacraments don't just remind us of this; they welcome us into Christ. Baptism, God's gift of grace, is, in itself, an effective action of God. Human faith does not create the sacrament and does not make it effective. We are baptised 'into Christ'. Human faith merely receives the gift of divine grace. In the words of institution, we hear that the bread and wine are 'given, for you'. Through the sacraments, we are immersed in the saving acts of Christ, that is, in his sacrificial death, resurrection and ascension to sit at God's right hand.

Our loving Lord comes again today through Christ in water, word, bread and wine. It's personal. You're welcome!

***Living Lord, thank you for your gifts of grace today. Thank you for making me truly welcome, so I can fully live in you. Amen.***

## Worship News

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

Sunday 17th July

Nhill—9 am

Jeparit—11 am



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.....

- ♦ Mrs. Alexander and her family
- ♦ Miss Attiwill and her family

## Chapel

The next Chapel will be on the 22/7/22 at 9 am in the Multi Purpose Room hosted by Foundation Class



## Chapel Offering

Please consider sending an offering each Friday morning as the children in Myanmar rely on our help.

## Stephanie Alexander

This week in Stephanie Alexander and Music we celebrated NAIDOC week. The students learnt about cooking techniques used by Indigenous people, and worked together to make damper. They used Aboriginal symbols and gathered items from nature to create artwork, then participated in some Indigenous music and dance.



## Premiers' Reading Challenge

Thankyou to all the students who have commenced their participation in the Premiers Reading Challenge for 2022. Keep up the great work everyone!



## SRC

On Tuesday our SCR met for a meeting and we have some exciting things happening this term:

- \* Hot Chocolates will be available everyday for \$2 - students are to put money in their classroom tubs and write their name on the post it note
- \* On WEDNESDAYS Dim sims will be available to purchase at \$1 each - please write student name and amount of dim sims on an envelope with money that they can then put into their classroom tub
- \* Wednesday 3rd of August we are having a pajama day! Staying nice and warm in our PJ's or casual clothes - gold coin donation

Other fun events this term:

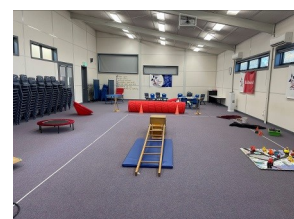
Jump Rope for Heart - lunchtime activities  
Putting in a song request to be played at lunchtime  
Father's Day footy match  
Father's Day raffle

## Get 'Em Going

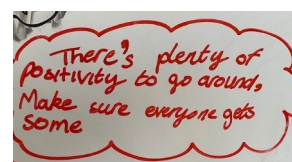
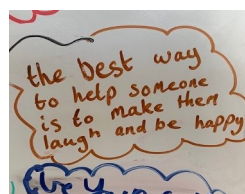
Very excited to announce we are back and hoping you had a restful holidays.

Playgroup will be held next Tuesday the 19/7/22 at 9.30-11am. To register interest please email or phone the school before Monday.

([admin@nls.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@nls.vic.edu.au) or 53912144). Look forward to craft, books and activities.



## Affirmations in the Play-ground



## Grade 5/6 Camp

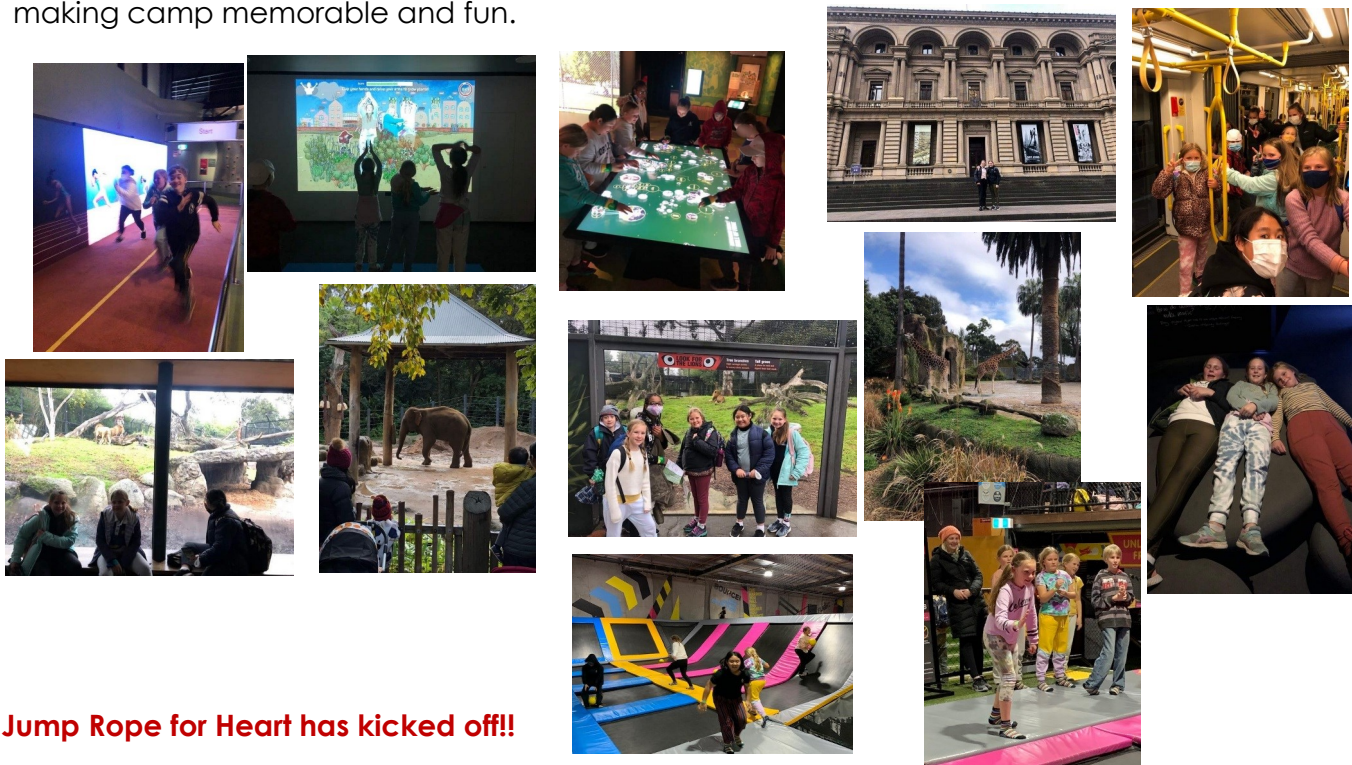
On Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June the year 5/6 students along with Miss Morrison and Mr. Prenzler went on the bus to Ballarat. Mrs. Woodward's bus driving stood the test of time arriving at the train station with three minutes spare to catch our train. It was a rush and the students first taste of catching public transport. Not long later we arrived in Melbourne and dropped our luggage off to our accommodation. We then walked to Sea Life on the Yara River. At first, we thought Miss Morrison had booked the wrong day as the building looked closed, but then our tour guide appeared and gave an exclusive tour. We saw amazing sea life including a 5.5metre crocodile who is the largest in captivity. We saw stingrays, sharks, turtles, penguins and even finding nemo. Next, we had an extremely fast paced walk to Artvo where we captured intriguing photos of the kids surrounded in illusion. There was room after room with different illusions, the talent the artist displayed was incredible. We then returned to our accommodation for tea. Throughout camp we enjoyed all the meals which filled our bellies and gave us energy. Tuesday night we travelled out to Glen Iris Bounce where the students got to explore all the difference equipment and challenges. After a few sore ankles and knees later, we were tucked into bed, resting from a big day out in the big smoke.

Day 2- Wednesday, a bright an early wake up, we took a tram to the shrine of remembrance, here we learnt about WW1, WW2, and Remembrance Day. The Shrine had significant impact to emotions and the students were able to see and hear different stories of war times. We were privileged enough to see the sites of Melbourne from the Shrines balcony. From here we could see the eternal flame which Queen Elizabeth lite in 1926. Next was the Old Melbourne Goal where we heard many horrifying stories which shacked our bones. We then walked to the MCG, where we had a tour around the grounds and were lucky enough to meet and speak to Oscar Baker, in the change rooms who plays for Melbourne Demons. We also got to see the Brisbane Lions footballer's train. Game On and the Sports Museum were to follow, the students spent hours playing sports games and interacting with challenging games. After tea at our accommodation, we took the students for a night walk along the Yara river. As the student were admiring the lights of the city, they were shocked by the flames of the Crown Casino which enlightened the night sky.

Day 3- Thursday we took a tram to the Queen Victoria Markets, the kids were sent off in group to explore the stalls, many came back with exciting trinkets and beautiful jewellery. Mr. Prenzler and Miss Morrison also enjoyed the quiet time sipping on coffee as the kids explored. We then caught a taxi to Scienceworks which was very interactive and full of other schools. Our kids loved learning about sustainability and the new ways of the future. They got to race against Cathy Freeman and interact when building homes and growing plants using body movements. After Scienceworks we booked two taxis to take us to the old Treasury building. The first smaller taxi arrived which Miss Morrison, Eden and Shilah jumped into but unfortunately the maxi taxi didn't turn up at all. So, after an hour and a half wait the rest of our group had to take the train back to the accommodation. For the three people that were lucky to get into the first taxi had a tour of the old Treasury building. We saw where they use to store the gold under the building and explore the room where Daniel Andrews and the Governor Linda Dessau who is the first female Governor meet every Tuesday morning to discuss legislation. Finally, we all met back at our accommodation and got dressed up to go out for tea at La Spaghettata on Lygon St for Miss Morrison's Birthday, for some it was their first time eating at an Italian restaurant. PTO

After tea we got to see the premier of Antarctica at IMAX in 3D. The movie was fantastic and had a significant moving message about climate change.

Day 4 Friday – Our last day of camp we travelled to Melbourne Zoo, unfortunately it was raining all morning and some animals were hiding from the cold. The kids saw a tiger, lions, monkeys, butterfly's, elephants, giraffes, zebras and a lot more we were spoilt. We then collected our luggage and rushed to the train station to catch the train home. When we arrived in Ballarat Mrs. Woodward was waiting for us. We then went to McDonalds for lunch as our last treat. We arrived home at 6:30pm, it was dark, and the kids were tired but excited to tell their parents of their adventures. Thank you especially to Mr. Prenzler for coming on camp and leading us in the right direction, thanks Mrs. Woodward for driving the bus and most of all, the year 5/6s for making camp memorable and fun.



### Jump Rope for Heart has kicked off!!

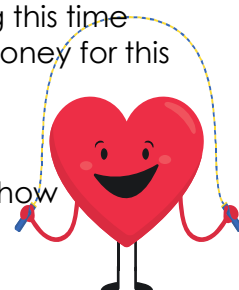
Jump Rope for Heart is a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program that has been run by the Heart Foundation for over 36 years. It's a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills, but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs.

Since Jump Rope for Heart started in 1983, schools like ours have raised more than \$104 million for the Heart Foundation's lifesaving work.

It's important you [register your child online](https://www.jumprope.org.au/parents), so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started.  
[www.jumprope.org.au/parents](https://www.jumprope.org.au/parents)

Students will be skipping throughout the term in PE lessons and lunch break, during this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

We will hold our school Jump Off Day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, this will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills.



Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

## 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:

*Encouraging good behaviour* – June 8 at 8pm, valid to September 8

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](mailto: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](http://messagesofhope.org.au).

### **17<sup>th</sup> July Karl's Dark Secret (Richard Fox)**

Karl was a top bloke. He'd do anything for anyone. But nobody knew the dark secret that Karl was trying to hide away.

Do you have a secret, something you don't want anyone to know about? How do you live with it? Or not live with it?

Join Richard this week as he shares Karl's story, and how he found freedom from his past.

### **24<sup>th</sup> July Why Did I Do It? (Interview)**

We've all experienced times when one innocent thing led to another and all of a sudden we're caught out, embarrassed and wishing we could crawl under a rock somewhere. Jonathan Krause will share a humorous story answering the question, how would you cope if you got caught with your pants down?

### **31<sup>st</sup> July One Foot in Heaven One Foot on Earth (Interview)**

How can you forgive someone who has killed your daughter? Listen to Annette's journey of grief, anger and forgiveness and how God brought healing and hope.

### **JULY APPEAL**

**1 in 3 people are lonely.** Lutheran Media and Messages of Hope is reaching out to people who are feeling lonely.

Join with us in this vital mission to offer the promises, hope, and love of Jesus Christ. You can do this by giving a donation today. Your support provides the messages, resources, and reach so people have hope in Jesus Christ.

Donate today (tax-deductibility available) at [www.lutheranmedia.org.au/donate](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au/donate) or call us on **1800 353 350**.

Thank you for supporting the spread of hope in Jesus Christ to millions of lonely people.



CALLING ALL FAMILIES!

## NLS P&F MOVIE NIGHT

PUT ON YOUR PJ'S, BRING YOUR BEAN BAG OR  
SOMETHING COMFY, AND COME ENJOY MOVIE  
NIGHT

JULY 29TH, 2022  
7.00PM

SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
GOLD COIN DONATION  
POPCORN PROVIDED  
WATER AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

