

Upcoming Dates



February

Foundation Free Wednesdays all February

Sun 5th Education Sunday @ Nhill Parish 10am

Fri 10th Welcome BBQ 6pm

Wk/Com Mon 13th Swim Program for 2 weeks, more details will be sent home in near future.

Tues 21st School Board 7.30pm

March

Wed 8th Wimmera Field Day whole school excursion

Mon 13th Labour Day public holiday

Wed 15th to Fri 17th Naplan for Year 3 and 5

Mon 20th to Fri 24th Naplan for Year 3 and 5

Tues 21st School Board 7.30pm

Mon 27th to Tues 28th Year 5/6 Leadership overnight camp @ Tindara

Fri 31st Foundation to Year 2 Roses Gap excursion

April

Tues 4th Parent Teacher Interviews

Wed 5th Parent Teacher Interviews

Thurs 6th Last Day Term pick up 2.15pm

Fri 7th Good Friday

Mon 24th Pupil Free Day

Tues 25th Anzac Day public holiday

Wed 26th Students return for Term 2

Thurs 24th Year 2 Sleepover @ School

May 3rd to 5th Year 3/4 Camp @ MtGambier

First Day of their Education

12 very excited Foundation students have joined us here at NLS. What lovely smiley faces we get to share our love of learning with.



From the Principal

Welcome to 2023! The school year has started very positively and it is great to see the student's smiling faces and see their eagerness to learn.

A special welcome to new families joining our school community, to our 12 Foundation students starting school, and to new staff: Mr Hiscutt, Mrs Leitch and Miss McLean.

Education Sunday/Installation Service

This Sunday is a special occasion taking place in the Lutheran Church on MacPherson Street.

All families are welcome to attend the Education Sunday service at 10am where Mr Hiscutt will be installed as a teacher in a Lutheran school, and staff and students will receive a blessing.

Newsletter and Facebook

The newsletter is published weekly and is available via email, hard copy, and is placed on our website.

Please read the newsletter as it contains important information about happenings at the school, as well as containing a calendar of upcoming events. The school Facebook page also shares information about the school.

Parent-teacher communication

Teachers have sent home a class welcome letter outlining information about the learning happening this term. Nhill Lutheran School highly values and appreciates working with parents and caregivers for the benefit of each child. The Seesaw app is used regularly for home-school communication, along with email and phone. Parents are welcome to arrange face to face chats with teachers, although preferably not immediately before the school day as this is a preparation time.

Parent Handbook

The 2023 Parent Handbook has been emailed to all families. Contained within the handbook is a range of information about the school including uniform, illnesses and absences, fees, grievance procedures and more.

Bible and Badge Presentations

At chapel next Friday Foundation and Year 3 students will receive a new Bible, and the Year 6 student leaders will receive badges. Families are welcome to attend chapel which starts at 9am.

Year 6 tops

Today at assembly our Year 6 students received their special Year 6 tops. The design of the tops was chosen by the students, and the names of each Year 6 appears on the back along with a specially chosen nickname.

Uniform

Last year new uniform items were introduced: polo shirts, blue shorts, skorts and pants. The transition period to the new uniform items continues this year, with all students expected to wear the new uniform items from the commencement of the 2024 school year. It is recommended that the newer version of the uniform item is purchased when requiring new uniform items.

Welcome BBQ

A reminder our annual Welcome BBQ is next Friday starting at 6pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new families to the school and welcome back returning families. Families are asked to provide a salad or sweet to share, unless you are a new family to Nhill Lutheran School. Please RSVP on the invitation that has been distributed so we can have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. Thank you.

Building update

Last year the school successfully applied for funding from the Victorian Government to upgrade our facilities. This is exciting for the school and has been the result of years of planning. Currently we are finalising paperwork in readiness to go out to tender. The school community will be updated regularly on the progress of the building during the year. Some preliminary drawings and a floorplan of the new building are located in the front office.

Get 'Em Going Playgroup

Playgroup will start on Tuesday February 14 at 9.30am, and it is open to all pre-school aged children. The cost is a gold coin donation. Mrs Christina Leitch is the playgroup coordinator.

Please register interest by Monday February 13 on either 53912144 or admin@nls.vic.edu.au.

Every blessing for your week, Damon Prenzler

Devotional Thought

I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them (Isaiah 42:16b).

[Read Isaiah 42:10-17](#)

How much do you like change? It depends on what the change concerns, you might think. Some change is positive, like feeling healthier. A bitter heart that opens up to forgiveness and love again is also great change. But often, the thought of change unsettles us. We are creatures of habit.

We find comfort in being able to predict things and find familiarity in how things are. But in this, we must be careful that we don't become like the Pharisees in Jesus' days. They were so wary of change to what they knew as the ways of God that there was no room for them to accept Jesus.

Jesus opened the eyes of the blind, led the people to the kingdom of God along unfamiliar paths like servanthood, humility and inclusion, and turned darkness into light. When we walk with Jesus, we can be confident amid the changes we face. Unfamiliar paths aren't scary with God. We have his promise: 'These things I will do, I will not forsake you'.

For you, this could mean journeying through a time of illness that changes your everyday life. It could mean embracing changes in relationships with people dear to us. It could mean embracing changes to how we practise ministry in our church. Unfamiliar paths aren't scary with God. God's perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18). God will smooth the rough places and not forsake us as we fix our eyes and hearts on him through all familiarity and change.

What changes are you currently experiencing or foreshadowing in your life?

Loving God, you never change. You are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Yet we are constantly faced with changes around us. Please give me courage. Give me steadfast faith in you so I can prevail along unfamiliar paths through the darkness and in rough places. Yet not I but through Christ in me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Worship News

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

10am at Nhill for Education

Sunday

NhillLutheranParishOnline.com



Prayer of the Week

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

- ◆ Mrs A
- ◆ Esther, Cooper and their family
- ◆ Sienna and her family

Lunch Orders

Lunch Order Menus were sent home to families this week.

Every Friday we make lunch orders available for families who may like to take a break from packing lunches.

Place the money in an envelope or the likes (if you need change that will be returned with the lunch order to the child).

Write the order on the front of the envelope.

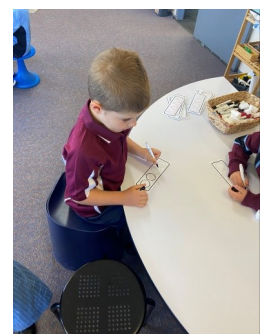
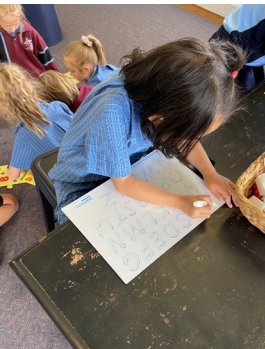
Write the child's name as well.

Please remind your child that they need to place the order in their classroom tubs in the morning.

They get reminded at school as well but sometimes still forget, and it is time consuming having to go the street twice to pick up missed lunch orders.

Thanks Lyn

What Has Happened This Week



Welcome to the new Staff at NLS
Miss Taela McLean, Mrs Christina Leitch and Mr Kevin Hiscutt



Year 6 top presentation at Assembly



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:

parenting * ideas

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.

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

Messages of hope

5th February Love and Romance (Celia and Richard)

Are romance and love the same thing? Does it change when you have a long, established relationship? Listen as Richard and Celia chat about love and relationships.

12th February Reconciling Relationship Conflict (Interview)

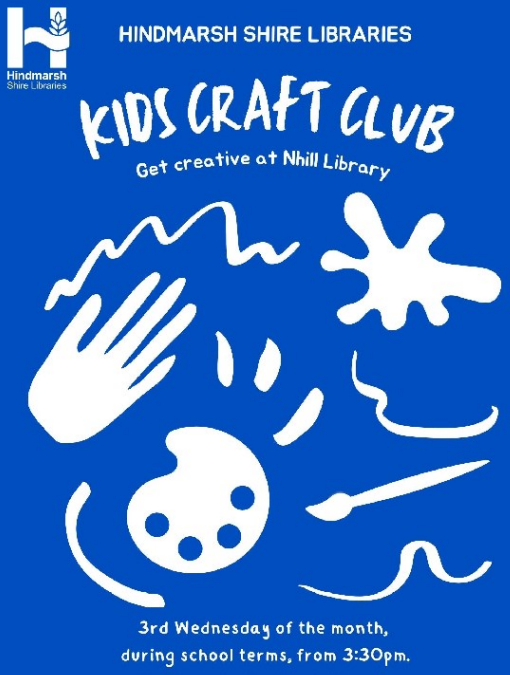
"If I would have known these things earlier, I'd think I'd still be married." Listen to Paul Kerber who has worked in reconciliation. Despite some of the most difficult scenarios, there is hope for your relationships.

19th February Living Amongst Floods (Interview)

"For us to be caught in the floods, the biggest thing was that we couldn't leave." Listen to Charmaine share her story about being trapped in the NSW floods.

26th February Comfort for Tragedy (Interview)

What do you do when you receive a phone call that there is a bushfire in your area? Richard shares how bushfires affected his family and the community he grew up in.



HINDMARSH SHIRE LIBRARIES
KIDS CRAFT CLUB
Get creative at Nhill Library

3rd Wednesday of the month,
during school terms, from 3:30pm.
FREE for all school aged children.



Kids Camp 2023
Araluen Lutheran Camp
April 12-14
Cost: \$195 per/child
Ages 9-12
Registrations close March 31st

the fruit of the Spirit