

# TOGETHER WE GROW



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### From the Principal

Our school calendar is filled with many events and opportunities where students learn in different situations, and also to acknowledge and celebrate special days. Please read further about special days we have had, or are going to have.

#### Grandparent's and Special Friend's Day

It was lovely to welcome our grandparents and special friends today, and thank you to those who were able to attend. The children loved leading chapel and singing their special song, and spending time with their special guests.

#### World Teacher's Day

Today is World Teacher's Day and we thank God for the dedicated Nhill Lutheran School teachers, and for educators everywhere. Thank you Miss Attiwill, Miss Schultz, Mr Holt, Mrs Alexander, Mrs Crouch, Mrs Lees and Mrs Clark.

#### **ALWS Day**

On Tuesday students from NLS and St Peter's Dimboola joined for sessions led by Martin from Australian Lutheran World Service. The F-2s learnt about caring for God's world and people, and the 3-6s held a session called Welcoming the Stranger. Lutheran schools have had a close partnership with ALWS for many years, and support the valuable work they do in serving communities where help is needed. One way our community can support ALWS is through the Gifts of Grace initiative and families have received catalogues for this. Further information is found on <u>alws.org.au</u>.

#### F-2 Fun Afternoon

We look forward to hosting F-2 students from all Nhill schools next Wednesday for a fun sport afternoon. F-2 students are to wear their sport uniform on Wednesday.

Every blessing,

Damon Prenzler

#### Special Chapel – November 10

We are holding a special chapel on Friday November 10 at 9am. We would like to invite members of the Lutheran parish and other community members to attend, with the focus of the chapel being an opportunity to thank God for the buildings that have served us so well for many years, and as a way of saying farewell to these sections of the school. It will also be a time where we can look ahead and thank God for the exciting possibilities that the new development will bring, and ask God's blessings on the new building.



Nhill Lutheran School is committed to providing a child safe and child friendly environment, where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and are able to actively participate in decisions that affect their lives.

#### Worship News

Please see below for this week's church service times: Nhill 10am Reformation Sunday Longest Lutheran Lunch



NhillLutheranParishOnline.com

## Prayer of the Week

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



- Jackson and his family
- Xander and his family
- James and his family
- Mrs Leitch and her family



The Year 5/6 class will host Chapel Friday 3rd November, 9am in the multi – purpose room.

### Chapel Offerings

At today's Chapel \$203.80 was collected for the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar. Please consider sending an offering each Friday morning as the children there rely on our help.



#### **Devotional Thought**

## Talk about impossible

Jesus looked at them and said, 'With humankind this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God' (Mark 10:27). Read Mark 10:17–31

For all intents and purposes, this prostrate man was the ideal of what 'good' people sought to be. He knew the commandments. Even more, it reads like he kept them. He was financially successful; perhaps he had a nice nest egg stashed away for retirement or even a second house for weekend getaways. He epitomised the kind of blessings we hope for in life: health, wealth and security.

Yet he still asks the question, 'Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

From an earthly perspective, he had what all people desired. But he wanted it all. And he wanted to earn it. 'What must I *do*?'

We know people like this, right? If I'm honest, this is me, too. Yet Jesus doesn't chastise him. Instead, he looks at him and loves him. The loving thing for Jesus to do was to hold up a mirror to the thing that was blocking the man from experiencing *everything* that God had for him.

CS Lewis says it best in *Mere Christianity*, 'Aim at heaven and you get earth thrown in; aim at earth and you get neither'.

If it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God, it feels impossible for me, too. 'Who then can be saved?' I echo the disciples' question.

I'm not sure what Jesus' expression was at that moment, but I feel like a wry smile might have crossed his lips. 'You can't save yourself, but God can.' Rich or poor, joyful or downhearted, saint and sinner – the good news of the Bible is that God's saving love in Jesus is not just probably or possible, but it is assured! Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. You know the song! With God, all things can be done.

Gracious God, help me to hear your good news and be changed. Because of your great love for the world, you gave Jesus to make life eternal assured. Help me live in a way that reflects your sacrificial love to the world. Amen.

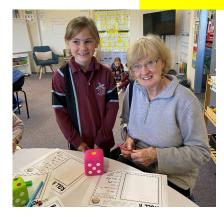




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## Grandparent's and Special Friend's Day Today











The school was filled with excitement this morning celebrating Grandparent's/ Special Friend's Day. Each class had activities happening, where all the generations were engaged and sharing moments that create wonderful memories for everyone. Chapel was lead by all the students, and the morning tea was prepared by the students, the visitors were more than impressed with the confidence and ability of the students.















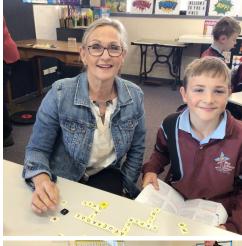






























#### **Position Vacant**



# Nhill Lutheran School

## Classroom Teacher Upper Primary

Nhill Lutheran School is seeking a passionate educator to teach a small class of eager to learn students. The successful applicant should be willing to support the Christian ethos of the school.

For a job description please email principal@nls.vic.edu.au with the subject line of 'Classroom Teacher Position' or view teachers.on.net

Applications to be sent to principal@nls.vic.edu.au or 2 Mackay St, Nhill 3418

#### **Applications close: 17th November 2023**

Position commences 23rd January 2024

## SRC Dim Sim Wednesdays

Our popular "Steamed Dim Sim"

Wednesday is still happening to help raise funds for the SRC, for their various projects

they support and any equipment for the school, which will benefit the students.



\$1 each

### School Fees

Term 4 fee invoices have been emailed to families this week, payments are due by 23rd October. If you are having any difficulties paying, please contact the school or Donna Snowden at HTLC to arrange a payment plan.

NLS 53 912 144

HTLC 53 822 529

## SRC Zooper Doopers

"Zooper Doopers" are back everyday for Term 4, the students will be able to cool down after they have eaten their lunch. \$1 each





Term One: January 30 – March 28 Term Two: April 15 – June 25. Student Free Days: April 26, June 26-28. Term Three: July 15 – September 20 Term Four: October 7 – December 12

## **SchoolTV**



Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource implemented at our school to help support you in the challenges of modern-

day parenting relating to youth mental health and wellbeing. Parenting is a learning journey and SchoolTV supports families by providing credible information from trusted sources with practical strategies to help alleviate some of the challenges being faced by young people today. Watch video interviews with leading wellbeing specialists and browse a library of resources. Each topic is accompanied by factsheets, podcasts, books, articles, apps and other videos. This award-winning resource helps families build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people. It will assist you in starting those conversations on topics that can sometimes be awkward or difficult to tackle.

Parents and caregivers are the greatest influence on a young person's life and SchoolTV focuses on empowering confident parenting.

## Get 'Em Going Playgroup

Get 'Em Going Playgroup meet each Tuesday at 9.30am to 11am.

Each week children will be given the opportunity to participate in physical, social and mental stimulating activities to assist in preparing them for their learning journey ahead. Please bring along the following:

• A water bottle / Fruit snack / Gold coin donation

If you have any questions or would like more information on the program please contact Mrs Fisher at the front office. 53 912 144 or admin@nls.vic.edu.au

Our playgroup session looked different today, due to other activities happening in the multi purpose room so we enjoyed ourselves in the science room. We were shared our morning with the animals, we had Peter rabbit running around, but had to place him in his cage to keep him safe. The fish did their usual thing ("keep on swimming") and swam around, while Peaches watched us from her warm enclosure paste crinkled up crepe paper onto flower drawings. Again playdough was a hit, and building a farm with the lego and the riding the rocking horse.

Thanks Mrs Leitch







## World Teacher's Day





### How to have a great relationship with our kids' teachers

By the time your child graduates high school, they will have spent about 17, 640 hours at school. That's a lot of hours. In fact, on a typical school day, our kids spend 2-3 times as many hours with their school teacher than they spend with us, their parents and caregivers.

Our teachers work hard. On average, Australian teachers work 45 hours a week, with many even working on weekends to keep up with the workload. Yet 71% of teachers feel as though their work is unappreciated, and that their profession is not respected. I don't know about you, but anyone who spends twice as much time with my kids as I do on a regular basis deserves to feel all the appreciation in the world. And while buying a #1 Teacher mug or a box of chocolates as a gift on World Teachers Day certainly helps, there are things we can do all year round to have a great relationship with our kids' teachers, and help them to feel supported and appreciated:

#### Communication

Having open and frequent communication with the teachers goes a long way towards establishing a supportive relationship. This includes taking a proactive approach at the start of the year, where you should share with the teachers any relevant information that may affect your child's performance or behaviour at school. This includes medical conditions, learning difficulties, and even special interests. Then throughout the school year, keep the teacher updated about any changes in your family's or your child's circumstances. Communication can occur through emails or phone calls on an as-needed basis, but also make sure to attend parent-teacher conferences, school events, and any other meetings organized by the school. Frequent contact fosters open communication. Finally, if your child is facing any academic or behavioural challenges, collaborate with the teacher to address any difficulties and identify strategies that you can employ together to support your child's learning.

#### Involvement

Show interest in your child's education by asking them about their day and experiences in class. When you demonstrate an interest in their education, it sends a positive message. If you can, make time to get involved in the school community. Volunteer in your child's classroom as a parent helper, participate in school events, or join the parent council. Getting involved both supports your child's education and eases the burden on your child's teachers. Finally, support classroom rules and expectations. Don't undermine your child's teachers by disrespecting them at home. Encourage your child to take responsibility in the learning process, and follow the guidelines set by their teachers.

#### Respect

I wish this didn't need to be said, but sadly it does: Don't verbally threaten, intimidate, or get physically aggressive with your kids' teachers. It's never ok. Respect goes beyond that though. Treat teachers with kindness and appreciation for their work. Take time to acknowledge and appreciate their efforts and dedication. Be grateful for the time they invest into your children. Make sure you see your child's teacher as a whole person (hopefully as an adult you no longer believe that teachers sleep at the school!), with responsibilities and interests beyond teaching. Avoid contacting them outside of school hours and be patient in awaiting their responses.

Teachers do one of the most important jobs in our society. They are shaping the next generation of



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## Nhill Show– School Entry Prize Winners (continued from last week)





Congratulations to the students that were prize winners at the Nhill Show with their school entries. Every student at school is very talented, and should be proud of their efforts.









Congratulations to our 5 students and a little cousin that were all winners of the Nhill Show Colouring In Competition.



## Messages of hope

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

#### 29<sup>th</sup> October

#### Losing Mike but Keeping Hope (Discussion)

What do you do when your rock, your protector is diagnosed with a brain tumour? How do you cope with the changes in their personality, your relationship and in all the things you used to do together? Jen and



# HORSHAM LEVEL 1 SPORTS FIRST AID COURSES 2023 October 27<sup>th</sup> November 19<sup>th</sup> December 10<sup>th</sup>

10 – 5 PM Up tempo Café (6

Dimboola road Horsham)

Bookings online at :

caseykoschfirstaid.com.au

