

Term 4 Week 5 Issue 33 November 3rd 2023

Birthdays



Happy birthday wishes are sent to the following student:

Miss A 10th November

Bananas the Monkey

Congratulations to Charlotte for receiving Bananas the Monkey at assembly today. We hope you both enjoy your time together.



Students of the Week



Upcoming Dates



November

Mon 6th Year 5/6 Lions Peace Poster display @ Nhill Gallery

Fri 10th Special Chapel 9am

Pre foundation Visit 9am to 11am

Sat 11th Miss Attiwill & Dylan's wedding day 

Fri 17th Pre foundation Visit 9am to 1pm

Sat 18th P&F Quiz Night

Thurs 16th Beats 'n' Pieces Incursion

Tues 21st Board Meeting 7.30pm

Fri 24th P&F Colour Run

Pre foundation Visit 9am to 3.15pm

December

Fri 1st Pre foundation Visit 9am to 3.15pm

Wed 6th Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Tues 12th End of Year Graduation Service 7pm
(all students expected to attend)

Wed 13th Last Day Term 4 finish 3.15pm

Thurs 14th Staff PD

Assembly Dates for Term 4
Friday after Chapel AM
17th Nov, 1st Dec

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Student of the Week awards at assembly today:

Foundation: Gus

Year 1/2: Jackson

Year 3/4: Oakley

Year 5/6: Savior

From the Principal

Special Chapel – November 10

We are holding a special chapel next Friday, November 10, at 9am. All community members and members are invited 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.

The middle section of the school is scheduled to be removed in the days between the conclusion of Term Four and Christmas, so this chapel provides an opportunity for people to visit before this section is removed.

F-2 Fun Afternoon

Nhill Lutheran School hosted F-2 students from St Patrick's and Nhill College for the F-2 fun afternoon on Wednesday. Students were placed in mixed groups and rotated through seven activities, capably organised and led by our Year 5/6 students.

Foundation Showcase of Learning

Presenting learning to an audience has many benefits for student learning, and is something we value at NLS. The Foundation students held a showcase for family members and staff on Wednesday afternoon, and were able to show how their goats could float on a boat, and how bridges could hold the weight of the goat without falling down.

Wedding bells

Miss Kelsie Attiwill is marrying Dylan Webb on November 11. We wish them both God's richest blessings for the wedding day, and more importantly for their marriage. Miss Attiwill will be away for the next two weeks, with the Foundations being taught by a team of teachers. Last Tuesday the whole school sneaked into Miss Attiwill's classroom and held a surprise celebration.

Melbourne Cup Dress Up Day

The SRC have planned a special dress up day for Melbourne Cup next Tuesday. Students may wear clothes as if they are going to the races, or just casual clothes.

ICAS

Congratulations to the following students who received either a credit or distinction in the ICAS competitions earlier this year:

Writing: Toleen Ali (Distinction)

Mathematics: Toleen Ali (Distinction)

Spelling Bee: Lawson Lynch (Credit)

English: Toleen Ali (Credit)

All participants in the ICAS competition received a participation certificate. ICAS will be offered again in 2024, tests occurring in August.

Lions Club Peace Poster Winners

Congratulations to the following Peace Poster winners:

Winner: Imogen Hedt

Highly Commended: Miss A, Trinity Rethus, Harper Crouch, Matilda Prenzler.

Every blessing,
Damon Prenzler

Wellbeing Officer – Karen

Karen, our Wellbeing Officer, has been spending time with our students on Tuesdays since the beginning of this term. Karen has a background in teaching, counselling and providing pastoral care, and part of Karen's role is to support students and their families who may be experiencing challenges or difficulties either at school or at home. If you feel your child is experiencing personal or social challenges, you are welcome to contact Karen at school or via karen@spls.vic.edu.au.

ICAS Certificate Presented

Congratulations to Toleen, Lawson, Savannah and Trinity on taking part in the ICAS competition, they are pictured with their various awards.

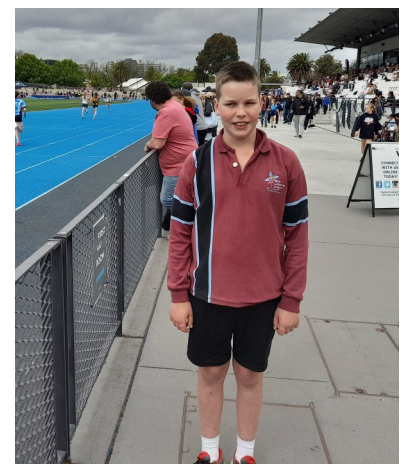


Super Reader Awards Were Presented at Assembly



Congratulations to Gus, Seraph, Xander and Jed on achieving the level of the Super Reader.

Henry Represented NLS And Competed At The State Level Athletics In Discus



Congratulations Henry on qualifying for the State Athletic Championship Albert Park in Melbourne. What a great experience and achievement for you to compete at such a high level of competition. Thanks to Steve and Bron for supporting you with all the travel that has been involved this year.

Worship News

Please see below for this week's church service times:
Nhill 9am
Jeparit 11am
All Saints Sunday
NhillLutheranParishOnline.com



Devotional Thought

Jesus the cornerstone

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes (Mark 12:10,11).

Read [Mark 12:1-12](#)

Normally, when we listen to a story or watch a movie, we think about the characters and make judgements about them. We think about whether they deserve praise or blame, reward or punishment: we want the goodies to win and the baddies to lose. We have this way of thinking right from the beginning when we are children first listening to stories. Although we might become more sophisticated as we grow, our sense of what is right and wrong remains, and we listen to or watch stories ready to make judgements.

In today's reading, Jesus tells a story to the chief priests, scribes and elders who have questioned Jesus about his authority (Mark 11:27,28). In the story, Jesus talks about the tenants of a vineyard, who not only rob the owner of his produce but also mistreat and kill his servants and even his son. Jesus knows that the chief priests, scribes and elders will be able to judge for themselves that the tenants in the story are wicked. Jesus also knows they will eventually understand that he is speaking about them.

It can be a shock for us to realise that, in the story we listen to, we are the ones in the wrong. This is how it is in the Bible: God's word reveals to us that we are sinners, we have acted unjustly, and we deserve condemnation. This would be too much for us to bear, except that Jesus, who tells us stories that reveal our need, is also the one who has gone to the cross to take away our sins. Although Jesus was despised in life – and suffered a shameful death – through his resurrection, he showed that he is the cornerstone of the church and that as God builds us together in him, we can live with humility and hope.

Father, thank you that Jesus is the cornerstone and that through holy baptism, we are built together into the temple that is his body. Give us humility to acknowledge when we sin, and give us hope that you give us new life through your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of the Week

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



- ◇ Lawson and his family
- ◇ Roger and his family
- ◇ Sophie & Lucy and their family
- ◇ Oakley & Koda and their family

Chapel



Pastor Carl will host a "Special" Chapel Friday 10th November, 9am in the multi – purpose room. Everyone from the community welcome.

Chapel Offerings

At today's Chapel \$56.65 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.





Wedding Bells for Miss Attiwill



On Tuesday the whole school surprised Miss Attiwill with an impromptu wedding (without the groom), they gave Miss Attiwill a book with Foundation class dress designs for her to choose for the big day! The lovely hot pink veil was attached to a princess crown, lots of confetti thrown by the students, the bridesmaids held lovely flowers and the wedding cake was shared amongst all the school.

All the planning that Miss Attiwill & Dylan have done for their special day could have been outsourced to the school, which would have saved all the stress and spreadsheets!

Many best wishes to you both.



Messages of hope

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.

5th November Living Water (Pastor Noel Due)

Are you thirsting for love? Forgiveness? Approval? Noel Due offers hope to quench your thirst.

12th November Overcoming Depression (Interview)

Hear David's story of facing depression and finding hope amid guilt and frustration.

19th November Unlocking Ability (Interview)

Rachel has a rare genetic disorder but above all odds, she embraces life with joy. Hear her parents share how life with Rachel has blessed them with determination and hope.

26th November Parenting – Coping with Unexpected Challenges (Interview)

How do you cope with unexpected challenges? What if you knew they would be lifelong? Hear Katrina share how she faced her biggest fear at the birth of her second child.

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

This week at our playgroup session we were practicing being kind by sharing the toys , having a go at climbing over the ladder rungs, jumping on the mini trampoline and hitting the totem tennis ball with the bat. Playing together with the racing cars and emergency vehicles.

See you next week.

Mrs Leitch





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

Nhill Lions Club Peace Poster Project

Congratulations to all the award winners from each of the Nhill schools for 2023.

The award winners from NLS were: Winner- Imogen Hedt.

Highly Commended– Miss A, Trinity, Harper C and Matilda P.

Every poster received will be on display at the Nhill Gallery Central from Monday November 6th.

We encourage all the school families to visit the gallery, to marvel at the many ways the theme "Dare to Dream" has been interpreted by the students.

The posters are judged by a group of people in Horsham.

The winning posters, one from each Nhill school, will be displayed at the Lions District Convention in Geelong during the weekend of November 10-12th. It would be wonderful to think that yet another poster from Nhill could go to the Australian final, but we will have to wait and hope.

We thank the teachers for their commitment to this Lions Youth Project. Without the co-operation of the schools in Nhill and the enthusiastic response each year, our club and your students, would not be able to take part in this amazing international project.

Sincere thanks and kind regards

Shirley Blackwood

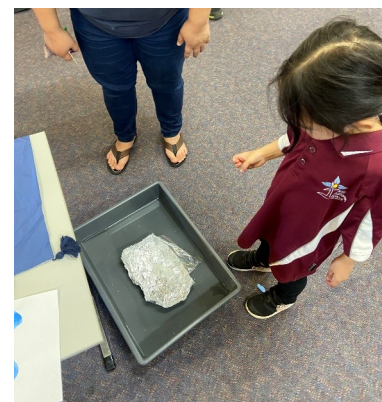
Lions District 201v2 Peace Poster Co-ordinator.



Foundation Class Unit of Inquiry “The Bridge and Beyond” Showcase



The Foundation students showcased their learning with their families, after the culmination of the Unit of Inquiry they have been studying .



F-2 Fun Sports Day



Nhill Lutheran School hosted the “All Nhill Schools F-2 Fun Sports Day”, on Wednesday. The participants were blessed with lovely weather to try out all the different activities. By the end of the day the children were tired after playing tunnel ball, sack races, target throwing, dodge ball and other fun games to play. The Year 5/6 class ran the various events on the day while the teachers took different groups around the oval.

National Kindness Day



Teaching Kids to be Kind

"Say 'please'."

"Give Johnny a turn with the ball."

"Go say sorry to Mia right now!"

"What's the magic word?"

"Now say 'Thank you Miss Kelly'."

We want to raise our children to be kind, compassionate, and thoughtful. But if you've ever been on the receiving end of a scripted apology or a forced 'thank you', you know that having kids parrot back polite words doesn't quite cut it. If we want to raise children who are genuinely kind, we need to realise that micromanaging our kids' interactions isn't the right way to encourage moral behaviour. Instead, we need to take a holistic approach: one that encourages discussion, role modelling, and highlighting opportunities for kindness. As Mr Rogers taught,

"Like many other values our children get from us, compassion is more likely to be caught than taught."

Please and thank you

Politeness and compassion are different, though related, aspects of a bigger personality trait called 'agreeableness'.

Politeness refers to being respectful, having good manners, and abiding by the rules of society. It's definitely something we want to encourage in our kids, but if we want them to internalise politeness, we need to go beyond just reminding them to say "please" and "thank you".

Discuss and reflect on moments when you noticed your child speaking politely. It doesn't need to be a big deal, just simply observe what you saw. "I noticed you saying please when you wanted your sister to share her snacks. I wonder if speaking to her so politely helped her want to share."

Role model politeness, especially to people who are serving you – such as retail staff and waiters. Highlight opportunities by reminding them well in advance to speak politely. For example, if it's your child's first time buying something at the shop or booking their own doctors' appointment, you can role play what to say, which includes saying "please" and "thank you".

Saying sorry

Very few social interactions between kids occur without someone getting hurt, either physically or emotionally. When things go wrong, kind kids don't just say sorry, they are sorry. Being able to emotionally understand what another person feels is called empathy, a skill which can be strengthened with practice. Discuss what others may be feeling, using books as a springboard. How are the characters feeling? Why are they feeling that way?

Role model empathy, by allowing them to experience the type of emotional understanding that you want them to demonstrate. This looks like taking time to understand their feelings, even when they're upset or excited about things that seem trivial. Highlight opportunities to respond empathetically. For example, if their little sister is crying, nudge them towards offering her a hug or a kind word.

Spontaneous kindness

In my opinion, one of the proudest moments we can experience as parents is when we see our children treating others kindly through their own initiative. When our kids are the ones mowing the lawn of the elderly neighbours, or letting the youngest kid on the team have a shot at the goal, or splitting their donut in half to share with their baby brother... these are the moments that fill our hearts. How do we raise kids who are kind without prodding?

- Discuss what it means to be kind, and do it frequently and informally, like on car rides or around the dinner table. You could ask them how they feel when someone is kind to them, and how they feel when they are kind to others.
- Role model acts of kindness, such as taking a meal to a friend who is sick.
- Highlighting opportunities to join you in acts of kindness, or to plan their own experiences. You could let them know that you will be visiting someone at the nursing home and that you would love them to join you. Or maybe you can let them know that you are baking cookies as a gift for their teacher and ask them if they would like to make something too.

Raising kind kids isn't something we accomplish in a day. Much like becoming a firefighter, or a doctor, or a neuroscientist, becoming kind takes time, practice, and mentoring.



AUTHOR Dr Justin Coulson

Dr Justin Coulson is a dad to 6 daughters. He is the parenting expert and co-host of Channel Nine's Parental Guidance, and he and his wife host Australia's #1 podcast for parents and family: The Happy Families Podcast. He has written 9 books about families and parenting. For further details visit happyfamilies.com.au.



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 re-

lating 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.

Explore SchoolTV today - <https://nhills.vic.schooltv.me>

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