

Upcoming Dates

November

Sat 18th P&F Quiz Night 7pm

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

Assembly Dates for Term 4
Friday after Chapel AM
1st Dec



December

Fri 1st Pre foundation Visit 9am to 3.15pm

Wed 6th Year 6 Graduation Dinner
@ Little Desert Lodge

Mon 11th End of Year Graduation Service 7pm
(all students expected to attend)
Note: change of date

Wed 13th Last Day Term 4 finish 3.15pm

Thurs 14th Staff PD

Students of the Week



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

Foundation: Cooper

Year 1/2: Connor

Year 3/4: Helena and Nelson

Year 5/6: Henry and Trinity

Bananas the Monkey

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



From the Principal

Joy

Today Miss Schultz's 1/2 class led a chapel about joy. Joy is a fruit of the spirit and is also something we hear about during the Christmas season. We can certainly feel joyful about the many gifts God gives to us.

Student Leadership

Congratulations to Henry, Barrett and Harper who will be School Captains in 2024. This morning in assembly these students presented a speech explaining how they will be worthy leaders in our school. At our end of year graduation service, the 2023 School Captains Imogen and Chelsea, will present our incoming captains with their badges.

The SRC also shared how some of their fundraising efforts have been put to use. Consisting largely of funds through the sales of zooper doopers, dims sims and hot chocolates, the SRC have purchased outside beanbags for our students to use, and also purchased numerous 'gifts of grace' through the Australian Lutheran World Service. The student representatives were able to lead the decision making in these ideas, a great example of student voice coming to fruition.

Building update

As we approach the end of the school year we are beginning to clear some areas of the school, removing and relocating items, in readiness for the removal of the middle section of the school. It's a challenging exercise as we try to keep these areas useful and purposeful for a few more weeks, but also clear spaces so we are not left with too much to do at the last minute. Initial removal of the building will commence in the days after the end of the term, with the next steps being further removal in January, followed by preparation works for the foundation.

Every blessing for your week,

Damon Prenzler

Extra Lions Club Peace Poster Awards Presented at Assembly



Today at assembly Savior and Miss A were presented a gift card from the Lions Club for the essay they wrote and presented with their Peace Poster a few weeks ago.

Imogen received a gift card for her winning poster for the school.

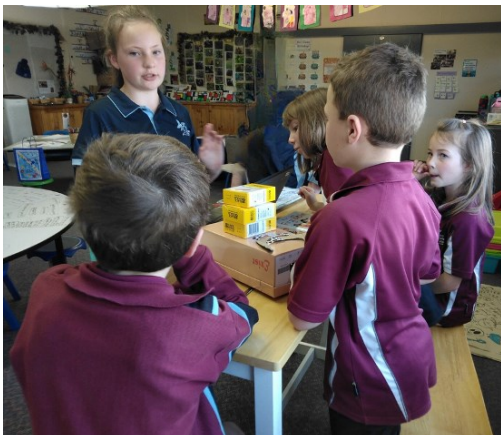
Nhill Lutheran School is committed to providing a child safe and child friendly environment, where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and are able to actively participate in decisions that affect their lives.

Wellbeing Support Officer



Karen has been making connections with the students, one important key to wellbeing is emotions. They are learning to identify and name their emotions, and what they can do when they are feeling a certain emotion. To be able to understand and realise what emotion they are feeling is such a valuable lesson, this lesson can even be difficult for adults. Here the Foundation class are all engaged and participating.

Year 5/6 Class Interviewing Year 1/2 Class



On Wednesday, the Year 5/6 students interviewed the Year 1/2 class, as part of their Business Plan the students are working through different criteria for the Unit of Inquiry.

Worship News

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



Devotional Thought

Be prepared

Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour (Matthew 25:13).

Read [Matthew 25:1-13](#)

How good are we at being prepared? During the 2019–20 bushfires in Victoria, I spent time at an emergency relief centre as a Victorian Council of Churches Emergency Ministry volunteer. My role was to be available to listen to people who were completely dislocated from their normal lives. Over the two days, I spoke with about 20 people. Most had made some fire preparations; some made very little preparation, even though at night, the sky was like an extended red sunset due to the fires. There was one young woman who came in quite distraught. Upon hearing her story, I told her that of all the people I had spoken to, she was the only one who had followed all the recommended preparations.

Despite all the exhortations to prepare, and with the fires raging around the district, in this sample, only one person in about twenty was fully prepared.

In this parable, Jesus says half the young women were prepared. It is interesting to note that initially, there is nothing to distinguish between the women, even to the extent they all fall asleep. But when the bridegroom comes, there is a very big distinction between the prepared and unprepared.

The wise were able to enter the banquet as they had fulfilled the requirements of their task to shine their light for the bridegroom.

The foolish couldn't fulfil their requirements and were blocked from the banquet.

In Matthew 7:21, Jesus says, 'Not everyone who says to me "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.'

I've often thought it was not very 'Christian' of the girls with the oil not to share it with the others. But the journey Jesus talks about is only something we can prepare for; no one else can do it for us. If someone wants to become a doctor, carpenter or priest, they have to do the study and take the exams if they want to qualify – no one else can do it for them.

We all have to discern the will of the Father for ourselves and be prepared.

How prepared are you?

Father, we ask you to help us to be prepared to meet you at the eternal banquet. Make our light shine in this time of spiritual darkness so when our time comes to cry out, 'Lord, Lord', we may enter into your presence. Amen.

Prayer of the Week

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

- ◇ Matilda & Mr Prenzler and their family
- ◇ Trinity, Zara & Lexie and their family
- ◇ Alyssa & Gus and their family
- ◇ Aaron, Nathan & Amber and their family



Chapel

Year 3/4 will host Chapel Friday 24th November, 9am in the multi-purpose room. Everyone from the community welcome.



Chapel Offerings

At today's Chapel \$8.75 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.



Year 5/6 Student's Visit Iona



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 our day was filled with cooking up a storm in the kitchen with the key ingredient – playdough! On the menu was meatballs and spaghetti.

After our bellies were filled we did some repairs to the cars to make sure they are all roadworthy.

Thanks

Mrs Leitch

2024 Term Dates



Term One: January 30 – March 28

Term Three: July 15 – September 20

Student Free Days: Sept 6th

Term Two: April 15 – June 25.

*Student Free Days: April 26
and June 26-28.*

Term Four: October 7 – December 12

Student Free Days: Dec 13th

School Fees and Bursaries 2024

Last year, in recognition of the increasing cost of living pressures faced by families, the NLS Board froze 2023 fees at the 2022 amounts. In 2024 tuition fees will increase by 4%:

Child One - \$1520 per annum, an extra \$15 per term.

Child Two and Three - \$ 1290 per annum, an extra \$12.25 per term.

Child Four – no charge.

Foundation students will not be charged tuition fees for Term One.

The tuition fee includes costs for tuition, textbooks and workbooks, stationery, school magazine (one per family), annual internet usage, and annual printing usage. The composite fee, a one-off fee which covers the swimming program, excursions, visiting performances and other costs, will increase by \$10 to \$260.

There are two voluntary payments families may make towards the building fund and the library fund, and these contributions are tax deductible.

Bursary application forms were sent home last week and are due by December 1. Nhill Lutheran School aims to keep costs down for families, and if families are experiencing financial difficulties they are welcome to have a confidential conversation with either myself or our Business Manager. Our school does not turn away students or their families for financial reasons.



School Rewards

\$5 DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

EVERY TIME YOU BUY A PAIR OF SHOES

Ask one of our FIT experts in-store

Beat's 'n' Piece's Visited The School On Thursday



The whole school enjoyed the presentation Beat's 'n' Piece's. There were lots of dancing and activities happening for that hour. The school is fortunate to be able to get a variety of performances to visit on site.



World Children's Day - the importance of play and letting kids be kids

Bob Ross had a career in the Air Force for 20 years and didn't start painting until he retired. At 41, he became everyone's favourite art teacher.

Colonel Sanders had a hard time holding down jobs, working as a fireman, insurance salesman, and even worked in law. It wasn't until his 40s that he started successfully selling fried chicken.

Martha Stewart worked as a stockbroker. It wasn't until she was 41 that she published her first cookbook.

Albert Einstein was expelled from his school, and his teachers thought that he was mentally handicapped. Yet he went on to win a Nobel Prize and is considered one of the most brilliant minds of all time.

Winston Churchill failed 6th grade. At 63, he became Prime Minister of England.

It's so easy to grow anxious, worried that our children are falling behind or missing out.

We worry that they won't develop their culinary skills if they don't start Mummy and Me cooking classes as toddlers.

We fear that they will never be talented artists if we don't enrol them in the pricey after school art class.

We are concerned that if we don't require them to practice piano daily, they will never develop into talented musicians.

We worry that their low score on their maths test means that they will never go into a STEM course at university.

We anxiously watch on as they struggle to decide which subjects to pursue in high school, worried what careers they are precluding themselves from following.

What we often fail to remember in those moments of anxiety and fear, is that learning doesn't stop when they finish high school or their tertiary education.

As adults we can go back at any time and learn to paint, learn to do complex algebra, learn to be good leaders. We can change career paths again and again, and quickly catch up on the things we missed or have forgotten.

What we can't do is get our childhoods back.

Childhood isn't a time to prepare to be an adult.

Childhood is a time to be a child.

Childhood is a special time where imaginative play feels richer, where friendships are formed over a shared love of digging for worms, and where building a tree house can feel like the most important thing in the world.

Yet we often cut into that time to get them to sit still, learn 'important things', and prepare for their futures. The problem is that the more time that they are engaged in adult-led, structured, future-oriented activities, the less time they have available to engage in the real work of childhood – play.

Play teaches our kids everything that they really need to learn. It fosters physical and motor development.

Play requires socio-emotional skills. It strengthens the imagination and creativity. It builds STEM skills and deductive reasoning.

Play can not be substituted with other activities and still achieve the same outcomes.

Children need the opportunity to play.

To celebrate World Children's Day, let's elevate play to its true level of importance. Let's prioritise it above our own goals for our children. Let's allow our kids to have a day, at least just this one day, to choose their own activities, to play without direction, to engage in the work of childhood without limits.

And if you can, go even further. Start a 30 day play challenge, making sure your kids have at least 45 minutes every day to engage in activities of their own choice.

If it's been a while since they had the opportunity for free play, they might not know where to begin. To avoid those calls of "I'm bored", try setting the stage with these play prompts:

- Pull out the bicycles
- Visit a new playground
- Set up a play dough or clay station
- Get out the chalk
- Turn the hose into a sprinkler
- Go to the beach
- Take a few different balls to a park
- Dust off some board games
- Go to the swimming pool
- Get out the paints and paint brushes
- Go out to a nature reserve
- Visit some rock pools

Then get out of the way. True play is self-directed, intrinsically motivated, and creative.

This World Children's Day (and hopefully every day) let's safeguard childhood, value play, and let our kids be kids.



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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

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.

Birthdays



Happy birthday wishes are sent to the following students:

Lexie 18th November

Tricia 21st November

Cooper C 23rd November



2024 Youth Council APPLICATIONS OPEN

Are you between 12-25 years old? Do you want to improve your community? Are you keen to grow your leadership skills and to meet new people? Want to plan events for young people to enjoy?

APPLY TO JOIN THE HINDMARSH SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL TODAY!

Applications close at 5pm on 19 January 2024.

Visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/our-youth-councillors for more information!

If you have any questions, call us on **03 5391 4444** or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au



scan to apply online!

It's important to us that our Youth Council is inclusive. If you have any questions about inclusivity or accessibility, we'd love to chat to you! Reach out using the contact details above.





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.

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

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SUMMER

SATURDAY
25
NOV
12-4

Jaypex Park, Nhill

ALL AGES EVENT

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Karen Doh Dance Group

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contact: Leah Davies 13 99 72
contact: Nan Da San Bleh Dah 53914 444

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2023

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Gather your family and friends and have some fun

Nhill Lutheran School

Trivia Quiz Night

WITH SUPPORT FROM THE NLS PARENT AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

Groups of 8— Tables can be organised on the night

Saturday 18th November 2023 7pm

NLS Multipurpose Hall, Cnr Queen St and Mackay St

Cost: \$5 adult child (gold coin)

Kahoot style quiz, ipads will be supplied.

Feel free to bring your own lucky ipad or laptop

Fun games and challenges for all ages to enjoy.

Nibbles will be provided. BYO drinks.