

Upcoming Dates

March

Fri 29th: Good Friday



April

Mon 15th: Term 2 starts

Tues 16th: Board meeting

Mon 22nd to 24th: Year 3/4 Camp

Thurs 25th: Anzac Day (no school)

Fri 26th: Pupil Free Day (Staff PD Day)

Tues 30th & 1st May Parent Teacher Interviews

May

Sat 18th: P&F Quiz Night

Colouring In Competition



Congratulations to siblings Oakley and Koda who have both won prizes from the Wheatlands Museum Warracknabeal colouring in competition. This is the second year the museum have given the students the opportunity to enter. They received a certificate, medallion and a family pass to the Easter weekend museum celebrations.

Birthdays



Happy birthday wishes are sent to the following staff and student:

Karen 31st March

Cooper 4th April

F-2 Excursion to Halls Gap Zoo



On Wednesday the Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 class enjoyed a day at the Halls Gap Zoo. (More photos inside newsletter)

From the Principal

This term has moved very quickly with plenty squeezed in to what was already a shortened term, shortened even more through two school closure days due to catastrophic fire conditions. Reflecting on the term, we can give thanks to God for successful learning at school, and for the numerous extra-curricular activities we have enjoyed: swimming lessons and carnival, leadership camp, Wimmera Field Days, cross country, welcome BBQ, education Sunday, NAPLAN, Harmony Day, F-2 excursion to Halls Gap Zoo, and more.

I hope our students and families have an enjoyable Easter break. May the story of Easter, of Jesus' death and resurrection, fill you with the joy of knowing we are forgiven, and the promise of eternal life in heaven is there for all.

Wimmera Lutheran College, Nhill

Wimmera Lutheran College will officially commence in 2025. Thank you to members of our community who have provided feedback or asked questions. A considerable body of work has gone into this partnership up to this point, and there is still much to do in the coming months. This partnership will strengthen Lutheran education in our region; create efficiencies in areas of governance, finance, and administration; and benefit the education of our students through the provision of additional learning possibilities and the sharing of resources. Parents received an email last Friday, including a question-and-answer sheet, which provides information about the amalgamation. If you did not see this and would like to, please contact Lyn at the front office. Understandably, there will be further questions and information, which will be answered and provided as the process of amalgamating moves forward. If you have any questions about the amalgamation, and what it may mean for our school, you may email me at principal@nls.vic.edu.au.

Building update

A few special tours have happened over the last week or so in our new building: Site Manager Derek led another whole school tour for the students (and some parents/guests), and the school board and P&F were also given a tour. The most common response from people has been "it's a lot bigger than I thought." Solar panels were installed last week on the roof, and this week painters have been busy. It's incredible how the paint makes the areas lighter and brighter and accentuates the natural light entering the spaces. Vinyl floors have also been prepared and laid in various areas.

Uniform

We enter our uniform crossover time with the changing of the seasons. For the first three weeks of Term Two students may wear either summer or winter uniform. Winter uniforms are to be worn from week 4 onwards (from May 6).

Happy Easter! May you have a safe and enjoyable holiday time and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Blessings,

Damon Prenzler



SRC Easter Eggs In The Jar Count....

The students, staff and some community members all tried their luck with guessing the amount of eggs in the jar.....the winning number was

53

Jerome (52) & Toleen (54), they shared the eggs (the odd number egg was given to Derek).

Prayer of the Week

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



- Tricia and her family
- Jed and his family
- Zara & Lexie and their family

Worship News

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



Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Nhill
Good Friday 10am Jeparit
Easter Sunday Jeparit 6.30am Nhill 10am

NhillLutheranParishOnline.com

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.

31st March The God of Easter (John Henderson)

For a lot of people Easter is about having a long weekend and time off to have fun with family and friends. But what is the real story of Easter? John Henderson talks about the life and death of Jesus and what that means for us.

7th April Peace Beyond Reason

Are you at peace? This week Noel Due will be talking about Peace. Not the dream of world peace, but about inner peace. Peace that works even when the world, and perhaps even you, are in chaos.

14th April Disagreeing Well

Are there some people you always seem to have conflict with? How do you respond? Hear Chris Mann, leadership coach and pastor, share his thoughts on disagreeing well.

Devotional Thought

Filling the house with fragrance

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume (John 12:3).

Read [John 12:1-11](#)

Most of us have probably experienced a time when a powerful scent has been able to take us back to another time or place. Each time I smell fresh chestnuts roasting, I remember a special visit to the old produce market with my grandfather when I was a small child. Not only do I remember the smell of chestnuts, but I also remember how safe and special I felt walking through the market with my grandfather as he held my hand as we delivered his farm produce to the market sellers.

Our senses connect us to our world. They not only help to keep us safe, but they also help us to enjoy the world around us. When Mary pours expensive perfume over Jesus' feet, she is honouring him, demonstrating her devotion and worshipping him. The simple sentence, 'And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume', shows how her actions filled the house with honour, devotion, worship and the pure joy Mary had in the presence of Jesus.

And yet, there were other less joyful emotions present at the same time. We hear the voice of Judas condemning her actions by appearing to support the poor while, all along, using his position to fraudulently take money entrusted to him. Crowds of people have come to see Jesus and Lazarus, fascinated by this living proof of Jesus' power over death. However, John also tells us the high priests, alarmed by the support flowing to Jesus, are plotting against both Jesus and Lazarus. There is much happening behind the scenes of this visit to the home of Lazarus that is not evident to those who were present. Jesus reveals that even the perfume used by Mary has another purpose; it was intended to anoint his body after death.

This brief account of a dinner honouring Jesus while visiting his friends Lazarus, Mary and Martha is a joyful event. But John exposes the plotting and danger closing in around Jesus. Jesus knows what is about to happen. Judas knows he is betraying Jesus. Despite this, what remains important is the lingering fragrance of the perfume used by Mary. It is the fragrance of honour, love and worship. It is also an ongoing reminder of Jesus in the lives of all who were present and for all who continue to welcome Jesus into their lives.

Dear Jesus, we welcome you into our lives and thank you for all you have done and continue to do for all people. We ask for your forgiveness for those times we have not honoured you as we should and pray we reflect the joy of your presence in our lives to those around us. Amen.



F-2 Excursion to Halls Gap Zoo

On the cool morning we set off in 2 small buses for the trip to Halls Gap Zoo, our first stop was at Horsham May Park, where the excited students were able to stretch their legs, give the playground an inspection and do what else you do when you stop on your travels. Back on the buses we headed to Halls Gap Zoo, excitement was building, with wondering what animals were going to be seen.

On arrival we were given time to have recess and a play on the zoo's playground, before we were joined by Glen our guide, who had such amazing knowledge of the animals and great talent of impersonating their sounds. Glen mentioned he was very impressed with all the questions and behaviour of the students at the end of the guided tour.

The most memorable moment by the majority of us the NLS visitors, was the cheetahs coming right up to the fence where we were standing and listening to Glen telling us about the amazing facts of the animal, such as how much they eat and how often. To get so up close and personal to this animal (with the safety of the fence) was a moment that never happens often (even Glen was surprised).

We all enjoyed feeding the deer, where they were getting very cheeky stealing the bags and even eating the map. There was so much interest from the students and they enjoyed Glen telling them all about the different animals, but the worms were biting, so after a couple of hours wandering the zoo it was time for lunch and then another play before we headed home, with some tired youngsters on the buses and some tired oldies as well.

It was a great day, perfect weather and organised well by Mrs Webb, thank you.











No parent wants to hear that their child is a bully. It's awful to think that your child maybe inflicting harm on someone.

If you hear that your child is being a bully, resist the temptation to panic or be defensive. Stay composed and begin to gather the facts. These tips will help:

Communicate

Let your child know that you have heard that they are bullying and that you are concerned about this. Let them know that you are worried about them and want to help. This may take many attempts as your child may feel embarrassed, or unhappy that they've been caught. Remain calm and direct and ensure your child that you want to hear their side of the story. Talking through with your child about their situation can help you understand why the aggression is occurring and help you work out what to do about it. Some children due to their age or mental health may not be able to articulate their thoughts. Consider a visit to a health professional for further assistance.

Look ahead

Once you've gained an understanding of the causes of the bullying look ahead and work through with your child how they may act in future situations. Help them understand how their behaviour may have impacted on the other child, and what it would be like if they received that behaviour.

Reflect

Children often copy the behaviours they experience so take the time to reflect on the relationship skills that your child may be witnessing at home. If family members yell, hit or put each other down then look for ways to foster a positive family culture based on kindness, respect and empathy.

Use consequences

Consequences for bullying can be useful if they are related to the behaviour and reasonable in nature. For instance, it's reasonable for a teenager involved in cyber-bullying behaviour to lose their Internet access and phone use privileges as they've failed to stick to the expectations laid down about responsible use. The length of time for loss of privileges depends on the severity of the issue and your child's attitude. As a rule of thumb lengthy loss of privileges can be ineffective as kids cease to care when they're too long.

Restore relationships

'How will you fix this?' is something a child who bullies needs to hear. Discuss with your child how they will make some restitution to the child or young person they've hurt, whether it's through a written apology, playing a game with a child who they've excluded or apologising to a child whom they humiliated in front of their peers.

Monitor the situation

Your child's bullying may be a one-off event, however stay mindful of your child's behaviour, their state of mind and the way they continue to relate to others. Let your child know that you want to help them be happy, to enjoy positive friendships and relate well to others.

Bullying is an emotive term that leaves most of us shaken when we hear it. It helps to think of bullying as a being a behaviour resulting from poor decision-making or poor communication skills rather than as a reflection on your child. The latter is hard to change, however the former is always up for change and improvement.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.



Get 'Em Going Playgroup Returns 16th April

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



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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HOCKEY COME AND TRY SESSION

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 2024

4.30-5.30PM @ DAVIS PARK

Everyone Welcome!

Hot Dogs and drinks to follow.
Hockey Meeting at 6pm.

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT
HELEN ON 0419829272



WEEK 1

APRIL 2024 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 2



MONDAY 1 APRIL

Easter Monday
Public Holiday

TUESDAY 2 APRIL

Cooking with Sharon
Nhill Memorial Community Centre
10am-11.30am

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

Level Up Gaming
Dimboola Library
12pm-4pm

THURSDAY 4 APRIL

CJ Puppet Show
Nhill Memorial Community Centre
10am-11am

Dimboola Library
2pm-3pm

Crafty Art with Danelle
Nhill Library
2pm-3pm

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

STEAM with Jo
Rainbow Library
10am-11am

Cooking with Sharon
Rainbow Library
2pm-3.30pm

STEAM =
Science, Technology,
Engineering, Arts and
Math

MONDAY 8 APRIL

STEAM with Jo
Jeparit Library
10am-11am

Cooking with Sharon
Jeparit Library
2pm-3.30pm

TUESDAY 9 APRIL

Crafty Art with Danelle
Dimboola Library
10am-11am

Cooking with Sharon
Dimboola Library
2pm-3.30pm

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

Crafty Art with Danelle
Jeparit Library
10am-11am

STEAM with Jo
Nhill Library
10am-11am

THURSDAY 11 APRIL

Movie: Kung Fu Panda 4
Nhill Cinema
1pm - 3pm
Free Popcorn and Water provided

FRIDAY 12 APRIL

Crafty Art with Danelle
Rainbow Library
10am - 11am

STEAM with Jo
Dimboola Library
2pm-3pm

scan to register



REGISTER NOW!

Registrations submitted prior to school holidays are much appreciated!

Children under 11 years of age are required to have parent/guardian supervision.

For more information visit
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call 03 5391 4444
or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

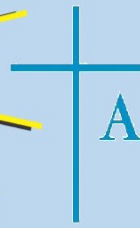


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TANDARA
Lutheran
Camp



Kids Camp 2024

When: 3rd-5th April 2024

Where: Tandara Lutheran Camp

Cost: \$195

Ages 9-12

Theme: Living in the 10 commandments

Registration link:

<https://book.venue.life/tandara/register/kids-camp-2024>

Registrations close Thursday 28th March 5pm





All Roads and Skies Lead To Nhill



Kids Activities



Vintage Displays



Tim's Toasties



Crafter's Fair



Food & Drink



Aerial Displays

Celebrating Aviation, Heritage and Community

Saturday 13th April 2024

Tickets on sale now!

www.nhillairshow.com.au

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- More details on the Nhill Airshow website.