

Upcoming Dates

August

Fri 30th: Father 's Day Chapel & Footy

September

Sun 1st: Father's Day

Tues 3rd - Wed 4th: 3 Way Conversations

Fri 6th: Yr2 Sleepover (TBC)

Thurs 12th: Little Desert Athletics @ Stawell

Tues 17th: Board Meeting

Thurs 19th: School Concert

Fri 20th: Last Term 3

Jump Rope For Heart "Jump Off "

October

Mon 7th: Term 4 starts

Tues 15th: ALWS Day

Thurs 17th: Nhill Show (no school)

Fri 25th: Grandparents Day

Chapel Dates

Fridays 9am

30th Aug - Father's Day Chapel

6th Sept - Year 5/6

13th Sept - Year 2

20th Sept - Pastor Carl (tbc)

Assembly Dates

*(after Friday Chapel in
the morning)*

6th Sept - Year 3/4

20th Sept - General

P&F Movie Night



Last Friday night, the P&F ran their free movie night with popcorn to be munched while the attendees watched "Inside Out".

Thanks to the P&F for making these wonderful activities available for the school community to get together. Thanks to Jeff for his help with the sound.

Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes are sent to the following student: Ruby B



From the Principal

Book Week

Today we had an array of wonderful characters visit our school. The annual Book Week dress up day saw students dressed as a favourite book character or as something to do with the Reading is Magic theme.

West Wimmera Athletics

Congratulations to all students who attended the West Wimmera Athletics at Warracknabeal on Wednesday. There were many great results and students returning to school wearing ribbons. Many of our squad will now go on to compete at the next level athletics which will be held in Stawell on September 12. Thank you to Mrs Alexander and parents who assisted and supported on the day.

Wimmera Lutheran College update

A letter is being sent today updating the community about Wimmera Lutheran College, containing information about uniforms, fees, advisory committee and introducing members of the WLC Executive Team. You will see that I remain as the Principal of Nhill, but now am part of a larger leadership team. A newly created position is the Assistant Head of Primary Schools: Curriculum and Pedagogy which will benefit our school as an additional person to support staff and students in the teaching and learning program. There has been a significant amount of planning taking place as we head closer to becoming part of a new entity next year.

Movie Night and Paver Fundraiser

Thank you to the P&F for organising our Movie Night last Friday, and provided an enjoyable evening for the children and their families.

Today is the last day for securing a paver as part of the fundraiser. These pavers will be placed at the front of the school.

Upcoming Events

There are a few events in the next few weeks to mark in your calendar:

Friday August 30: Father's Day chapel and footy game.

Tuesday Sept 3 – Wednesday September 4: Three Way Conversations. Further information, including booking forms, have been sent home.

Thursday September 19: an evening concert performance of What a Knight!

Although not an 'event' as such, I will be taking leave for the first three weeks of Term 4. During these weeks, Mrs Erin Alexander will be the Acting Principal, a role she is well equipped to do. Erin is well known in our school community and I thank her for agreeing to step into this role in my absence. Her contact details, if you need to use them, are erin@nls.vic.edu.au.

Every blessing for your week,

Damon Prenzler

Prayer of the Week

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



- Alyssa & Gus and their family
- Roger and his family
- Amber and her family
- Mrs A and her family

Worship News

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

14th Sun after Pentecost
Nhill 11am
Jeparit 9am
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.

25th August Finding Connection

There are times when the pieces of our life don't seem to be fitting together as they should. Nancy explores how the stress of juggling being a wife, mother and police officer had her feeling disconnected and uncertain.

1st September Fathers and Daughters

How can dads find the balance between protecting their daughters and empowering them towards independence? And what can you do when you, inevitably, get it wrong? Matthew shares his story as a dad of 4 children.

Chapel Offerings



At this week's Chapel \$74.40 was collected for the ALWS Gifts of Grace. Please consider sending an offering each Friday morning as the communities there rely on our help.

Devotional Thought

Which voice do people listen to?

So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons ... And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, 'May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean' (Acts 17:17,19,20).

Read [Acts 17:16-34](#)

Technology has brought an unlimited amount of information to us. Even if it were possible to draw a line in the sand and stop any more ever being added to the existing amount of news, stories, background information and possible new ideas, it has been cited several times that it would still take several lifetimes to read and absorb what's out there.

So, where does Jesus fit in? Our world is overflowing with news, ideas and stories. And now, with 'fake news', it's even harder to distinguish between what's real and what's not. No wonder people are confused. It's no wonder people throw their hands in the air, and in their attempts for peace and quiet from all the noise and news, even Jesus gets pushed aside. We need help to know which voice to listen to.

While Paul was in Athens, he noticed a whole bunch of idols and among them one to 'An Unknown God'. And he also had conversations with people who would do nothing but talk about the latest ideas or bit of news. Only an astute evangelist would seize such a moment to talk about Jesus and who this 'unknown God' really was.

For Paul, speaking about Jesus and unpacking the Scriptures was what he was commissioned to do. It is what he lived for. The gospel took him places. The gospel enabled him to meet some very influential people (Governor Felix, high priests and King Agrippa, to name a few) and influence them, too, with the good news of Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

But undergirding his missionary efforts was prayer. No doubt, before he entered a new region, city or town, his endeavours would have been immersed in prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide him to the right people so he could have the right conversations so that Jesus would be heard.

Try limiting the voices you listen to and focus on God's word in that space. Be pleasantly surprised at what God might be saying to you as the Spirit speaks truth into your life.

Holy Spirit, please go before me into my day and conversations so I may speak your truth and enable Jesus to be heard. Amen.



Book Week Celebrations Parade Winners



Year 5/6 Oakley & Harper



Year 3/4 Abby & Ruby



F/1 Freya & Koda



Year 2 Jessie & Zoe

There was so much creativity on parade this morning with all the book characters coming to life, the judges would have liked to give a prize to every student, unfortunately that is not how it works. We made special mention to some families that dressed up as Minions– the Rohde's & the Borgelt's. Even Joy, Angry, Sad & Fear from Inside Out made an appearance with Mrs A, Cooper, Esther & Savannah respectively.







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>

Job Opportunity



Nhill Lutheran School

Classroom Teacher

Full-time (1.0FTE) position for 2025
(with potential to be ongoing)

Nhill Lutheran School is seeking a passionate educator to teach 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: 6th September 2024

Position commences: 22nd January 2025

Slippers & Gumboots

Reminder to all families that there are still slippers in the old school building that will need to be collected by Friday 30th August. The good condition uncollected slippers and gumboots will be given to charity organisations.

Father's Day Chapel / Football Game / Wearing Team Colours & Hot Dog Day

The annual Father's Day Chapel, the football game with parents versus students, and finishing off the morning with a hot dog is just around the corner, all while wearing your favourite sporting teams colours. Save the date and enjoy a great time having fun with the students in a not too serious football game. This event will be held Friday 30th August from 9am til approximately 11am.

Get 'Em Going Playgroup

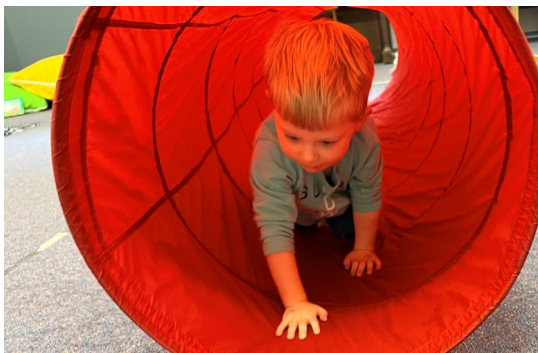
Get 'Em Going Playgroup meet each Tuesday at 9.30am to 11am.

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



We had a fun morning out in Get 'em Going today! We learnt all about the plane.

For our craft the children had lots of fun painting their own feet and then turning them into planes and decorating with clouds and stars. The smaller children also enjoyed this sensory activity.

We enjoyed using ribbons for our songs, practicing actions and listening to instructions.

Lots of balance and hand eye coordination was used for our obstacle course today.

Next week we have a special gift making morning for Father's Day. One not to be missed!



Assistance Required

The school could do with some talented volunteers to be able to make a storage box for the folding plastic tables in the BBQ shed. Every time we have to use them we have to do a complete clean as they are dusty and have some unwanted visitors running over them. We have a pallet which can be used to keep the box up from the ground and we have some wooden trestles here that could be repurposed to build a box with a front door and a lid to make it easier to place and remove the folding trestles. If you or know someone that could do this job please contact the school . Thanks for your consideration on this project.

West Wimmera Sports Athletics

Well done to all of the students who competed, you all showed great determination and sportsmanship. A big thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came along to support and also jump in helping with organising students and measuring for events.







Getting Along With Siblings

If the sounds of “He hit me!” or “She’s hogging the TV!” are echoing through your home, you’re not alone. Sibling rivalry is as common as vegemite sandwiches in households with multiple kids. Sure, having an only child might guarantee peace and quiet, but most of us are raising a whole crew, navigating the inevitable clashes that come with it.

But here’s the thing: some squabbling is perfectly normal. It’s how kids learn to share, compromise, and stand up for themselves. However, it’s crucial to know when those playful tugs-of-war cross the line into something more hurtful.

So, how do you tell the difference between everyday bickering and behaviour that needs parental intervention? Here are some questions to consider:

- 1. Is it one-sided?** If one child consistently hurts, manipulates, or excludes the other, it might be a sign of bullying. Look for patterns of aggression, teasing, or control, especially if the targeted child isn’t instigating the conflict.
- 2. What’s the motive?** Are the children fighting over typical kid stuff like toys or attention, or is one sibling intentionally trying to hurt or humiliate the other? If the motive is malicious, it’s crucial to address the behaviour promptly.
- 3. How old are they?** Young children are still developing conflict resolution skills, so some immature behaviour is expected. However, as they grow, you can teach them healthier ways to express their emotions and resolve disputes.

If you suspect your child is bullying a sibling, here are some steps you can take:

- 1. Model respectful behaviour.** Children learn by watching their parents. Demonstrate calm and respectful communication, even when dealing with conflict.
- 2. Spend quality time with each child.** Unmet needs for attention and connection can fuel misbehaviour. Dedicate individual time to each child to strengthen your bond and make them feel secure.
- 3. Encourage perspective-taking.** Perspective is the root of empathy (and empathy is the key to conflict resolution!). Ask questions like, “How do you think your sister felt when you said that?” or “What could you have done differently?” As they see the impact they have on others (and vice versa), they feel empathy and make changes that are much longer lasting than changes that are forced upon them by powerful parents.
- 4. Teach conflict resolution skills.** Equip your children with tools to resolve disagreements peacefully. This could involve teaching them to take turns, compromise, or use “I” statements to express their feelings.
- 5. Seek professional help if needed.** If the bullying persists or escalates, don’t hesitate to seek guidance from a therapist or counsellor who specialises in children’s behaviour.

Remember, some sibling conflict is normal and even healthy. It provides opportunities for children to learn important social and emotional skills. However, by addressing bullying behaviour early on and teaching healthy conflict resolution strategies, you can create a more peaceful and supportive environment for your children to thrive.



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Year 5/6 Class Presented Their Class Book to the Nhill RSL & Historical Society



Congratulations to the 5/6 class on their special Book Week event - reading their Pte W. H. Miles story book for an audience of the Year2-4 classes, some parents, a grandparent, staff and two representatives of each of the Nhill Returned Services League and Nhill and District Historical Society. Students can be proud of capably reading pages they had illustrated in the story, while their drawings were projected behind them. They had completed the book earlier in the year.

The book is the history of an ANZAC from the Winiam community, who died the day after World War 1 ended. Mrs Clark had written the story, from historical information from the RSL, Historical Society and the web, to help students know one local man who gave his life and for whom we say 'Lest we forget'. The contribution of this small community at Winiam that had 22 volunteers serve in the Great War, seemed like a story that had been forgotten and deserved some memory.

The audience was fortunate to hear from Mr Rhys Webb about the role of the RSL and some of the memorials in this town, before the reading began.



After the reading, the school captains presented a copy of the book to Mrs Scott, of the Historical Society, and to Mr Webb, of the RSL, so that it is available to the wider Nhill community. Students took a copy of the book home in Term 2. A copy will also be sent to the *Ecole Victoria* school in France, near where Pte Miles is buried at the Australian War Memorial Cemetery at Villers-Bretonneux and who take pride in remembering individual ANZACs of the Great War.

Well done everyone.

2024 National Water Week Poster Competition

Water for All, Inspiring Action

Prizes to be won

Money to buy
resources for your
School or
Kindergarten!

Prize pack valued over
\$100 for the winning
student in each category!

Honourable mention prize
packs to be won, plus
every entry gets a certificate
and 2025 calendar



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by 6 September 2024

Enquiries can be sent to
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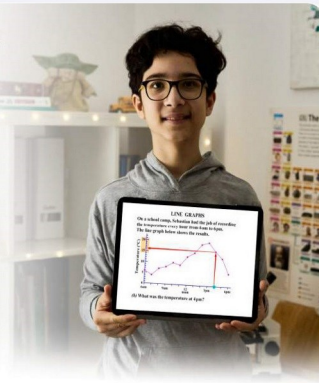
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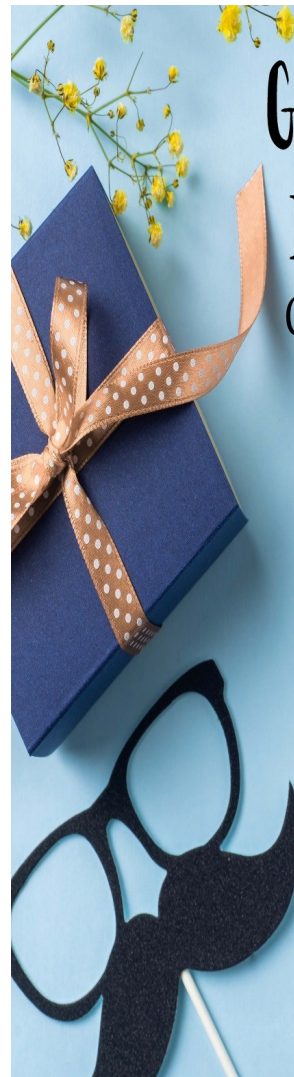
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Get 'Em Going Father's Day Gift making morning

Tuesday August 27th
9:30am

Bring your preschooler
along to make their
Dad or special friend a
creative gift!



Nhill Lutheran School Presents...

What a KNIGHT!



**Camelot's Craziest
Quest!**

19th of September
Nhill Memorial Community Centre
Doors open at 6:30pm - 7pm start
Gold coin donation