



Wimmera Lutheran College Nhill



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Welcome Foundation Students



Welcome Heath, Spencer, Micah, Ivy, Sienna, Hunter,, Silas, Wesley and Joseph to the Wimmera Lutheran College – Nhill campus.

Reminder: NO SCHOOL for the Foundation students on the following Wednesdays: Feb 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and March 5th.

Birthdays



Happy birthday wishes are sent to the following student this week.

Jessie 3rd Feb

Upcoming Events

Feb

Tues 11th: P&F meeting

Fri 14th: Welcome BBQ

Sun 16th: Education Sunday

Mon 17th/Tues 18th Swimming program

Wed 19th/Thurs20th: NO SWIMMING

Fri 21st Swimming program

Mon24th/Tues25th Year 6 Leadership Camp

Mon 24th to Thurs 27th: Swimming program

Fri 28th: Swimming Carnival

(More dates shown on page 2)

From The Principal

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It has been wonderful welcoming our students for a new school year. They are to be commended for the way in which they have settled quickly into routines and expectations.

New Beginnings

Our chapel theme to start the year is 'New Beginnings'. Obviously, we are starting a new school year which is a new beginning, and this is the first year we are starting in our new school building. We are now Wimmera Lutheran College, Nhill, which is another new beginning in our story. God gives us new beginnings, which is a really good thing. The Bible is filled with 'new beginning' stories, many of these happening as a result of people meeting and/or believing in Jesus. Some of these stories will be explored in our chapels.

Offerings are collected each Friday at chapel, with the money going to worthy charities such as Australian Lutheran World Service. Please consider contributing to our weekly offerings.

Welcome BBQ

A Welcome BBQ is being held on Friday, February 14, starting at 6pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new families to the school and welcome back returning families.

Newsletter, Facebook and website

The newsletter is published weekly and is available via email, hard copy, and is placed on our website. Please read the newsletter as it contains important information about happenings at the school, as well as containing a calendar of upcoming events. The school Facebook page also shares information about the school. Our website is nhills.vic.edu.au and this can also be accessed via the Wimmera Lutheran College landing page, wlc.vic.edu.au

Recent Fires

Thank you to all members of our school and broader community for your efforts in fighting the recent fires, and for the many ways you have provided support. The fires may raise various emotions of feelings in our students, so please feel free to talk to our staff as to how we can support your child and your family at this time.

Get 'Em Going Playgroup

We are thrilled to again provide the Get 'Em Going Playgroup to the community. Bel Rohde will be the coordinator, and brings with her training and experiences in children's services. Playgroup will start on Tuesday February 4 at 9.30am, and it is open to all pre-school aged children. The cost is a gold coin donation.

Every blessing for your week,

Damon Prenzler

Upcoming Events

March

Wed 5th: Wimmera Field Day Excursion for Year 1 to Year 6

Mon 10th: Labour Day (no school)

Wed 12th: First Wednesday for Foundation

Wed 12th to Mon 24th: Naplan testing for Year 3 and Year 5

April

Tues 1st/ Wed 2nd: Parent Teacher Interviews (after school)

Fri 4th: Last Day of Term 1, pick up 2.15pm

Chapel Dates

7th Feb Pastor Carl (bible presentation)

Future dates TBA

Assembly Dates

7th Feb: General

Future dates TBA

Wimmera Lutheran College Nhill 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.

Cyber Safety Agreement And Image Consent

The school has sent home the above forms with your child on Wednesday (the first day). The forms require to be signed and returned to the school by Friday 7th Feb. Thank you to the families who have already returned them.

Anaphylactic/ Asthma Plans

A friendly reminder that it is time to source the above plans from your doctor and provide the school with the plan. This enables us to be able to follow the correct management for your child.

SRC Zooper Doopers

As part of the SRC fundraising activities they sell Zooper Doopers each lunch time for \$1 each, after they have eaten their lunch.

Dental Van Visit Letter

A letter has been sent home today with all students from a visiting dental van. The letter includes information for you about what they do and the consent if you wish your child to have the check done.

Forms will need to be returned to school by Friday 14th Feb.

Term Dates for 2025



Term One: January 29 – April 4. (Labour Day March 10)

Term Two: April 22 – July 2. (Easter Monday April 21, ANZAC Day April 25)

(King's Birthday June 9, Student Free Days July 3-4)

Term Three: July 22 – September 19. (Student Free Day July 21)

Term Four: October 6 – December 11. (Nhill Show October 16)

(Student Free Day December 12)

Get 'Em Going Playgroup

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

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

Prayer of the Week

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



- Zara & Lexie and their family
- Xander and his family
- Helena and her family
- Miss Drisch and her family

Worship News

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

4th Sun after Epiphany
 Nhill 9am
 Jeparit 11am
 NhillLutheranParishOnline.com



Chapel Offerings



At this week's Chapel \$9.30 was collected for the ALWS Gifts of Grace. Please consider sending an offering each Friday morning as the communities there rely on our help.

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

2nd Febr	Life together when apart	(Interview)
How do you keep your relationship together, especially when you are apart? Listen to Jo and Luke share about their challenges and helpful insights as a family when Luke travels away for work.		

9th Feb	Enduring love	(Interview)
When love is supposed to be forever, how does it survive through illness and death? Hear Cheryl Keller share her story of enduring love with her husband, Trevor Keller (former Lutheran Media presenter).		

Devotional Thought

A command of the Lord

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself', you are doing right (James 2:8).

Read [James 2:1-13](#)

Do unto others as you would have them do to you! Many people, whether Christian or not, are using this as a rough guide. The original Christian version of this general rule of thumb has an important precursor: it points us to God, whom we are to love above all else. It is not our choice or ability to 'love our neighbour', but it is through the love of God and his sacrifice for us that we can do this.

I don't know about you, but for me, it is easy to remind myself and others of loving my neighbour when it's convenient for me. I also forget about it quickly when it causes inconvenience. Does that ever happen to you? When I'm already getting the mower out of the shed to help my elderly next-door neighbour keep their lawn looking good, it's a nice pat on the back to confirm that I'm showing love to my neighbour. When I sit in the privacy of my home and feel challenged by people who annoy or frustrate me, I forget about the 'loving my neighbour' bit quickly and can jump to judgement or even unloving action. But loving our neighbour includes not talking negatively about others in and outside our church. It includes praying for God's blessing and protection over those different from us, too.

Throughout the Epistle of James, he repeats the importance of putting our faith in action by caring for and being kind to those who annoy us. This could be those who are shabby-looking, those who are poor, those who drain us of all our energy because they are so needy, those who have different opinions to us – the words of James and his half-brother Jesus are clear:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbour as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on those two commandments (Matthew 22:37-40).

When we experience people talking about a 'command of the Lord' as rules that in their reading of Scripture must be kept at all costs, let us reflect on how these 'commands' are being presented in light of the command on which the whole Scriptures hang: loving God and loving our neighbour with all our heart. The Advent and Christmas seasons are such good times for putting our love of neighbour into action. Let us show the world that the love of Christ reaches beyond this time of celebration into every part of our lives. Let them see Jesus through us.

Loving God, we could never love others without you loving us first. We could never care for or share with anyone if you were not caring for and sharing everything you have with us. You give us so many things in abundance, yet we grumble among ourselves. Give me a grateful heart and pour your love into my heart so I can love my neighbour as myself. Allow me to love those I find hard to love and help others to see Christ through me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Return to School 2025

Year 2



F/1



Year 3/4



Year 5/6



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>

Wimmera Lutheran College - Nhill
Parents and Friends Association
invite all families to our

WELCOME BARBECUE

FEB 14TH | 6.00PM

Meat, bread, coleslaw, green salad
and ice cream provided
BYO Chairs and Drinks

Inquiries/dietary requirements
pandf.nls@gmail.com

Nhill Tennis Coaching Term 1 2025



For more information or to register,
contact:

HELEN CANNELL
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6 week coaching program
from Feb 10th

MONDAY

**3.30pm-4pm Red Ball
Stage**

\$10 per session

**4pm-5pm Orange Ball
Stage**

\$20 per session

**5pm-6pm Green/Yellow
Ball Stage**

\$20 per session

Do you suffer from **asthma** or **hay fever**?

Grass pollen season is here



Thunderstorm Asthma can be life-threatening.
Know the risks. Get prepared. Stay safe.



See your GP
about an asthma
action plan or
hay fever
treatment plan



Avoid
thunderstorms -
go indoors
before and during
thunderstorms.



For forecasts &
alerts, get the
**VicEmergency
app**



Always carry
your medication
in grass pollen
season



Learn
asthma
first aid



Grampians
Health
Grampians Public
Health Unit

Grass pollen season brings an increase in asthma and hay fever. It also brings the chance of thunderstorm asthma. Thunderstorm asthma is thought to be triggered by a unique combination of high amounts of grass pollen in the air and a certain type of thunderstorm. For people who have asthma or hay fever this can trigger severe asthma symptoms.

If you have current, past or undiagnosed asthma or seasonal hay fever you are at risk of thunderstorm asthma. Even if you don't think you have asthma or hay fever, don't ignore symptoms like wheezing or shortness of breath. Thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Know the risks. Get prepared. Stay safe.

Learn more at <https://www.bhs.org.au/services-and-clinics/grampians-public-health-unit/thunderstorm-asthma/>

To our school community

In our mud kitchen we don't have many things that we can use. Our school is asking if you have any old pots, pans, utensils bowls that you would like to donate please send it to us.

Thank you

from
Ruby & Jessie

