



# Wimmera Lutheran College Nhill



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## Upcoming Events

### April

Tues 22nd: First Day Term 2

Fri 25th: Anzac Day (no school)

Wed 30th to Fri 2nd May: Year 3/4  
Camp

### May

Fri 9th : Mother's Day Chapel 9am

Sun 11th: Mother's Day

Tues 13th to Fri 16th: Year 5/6 Camp

Tues 20th: School Photos

Wed 21st: National Simultaneous  
Storytime

Fri 23rd: WLCN Athletics Day

### June

Fri 6th: Donut Day

Mon 9th King's Birthday (no school)

Tues 24th: Freestyle Dance Ministry

### July

Wed 2nd: Last Day Term 3 (3.15pm)

Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th: Student Free Day

Mon 21st: Student Free Day

Tues 22nd: Term 3 starts

## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Student of the Week awards at assembly today: F/1: Wesley Year 3/4: Lexie Year 5/6: James



## Gertrude The Bear

Congratulations to Ruth for receiving Gertrude the Bear. We hope you both enjoy your time together.



## Super Readers Award

Congratulations to the following student who was presented with Super Readers awards at assembly: Xander



## Birthdays



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

Hunter 16th April

## From The Principal

As we wrap up Term One, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our students and staff for a successful start to the year – our first term as Wimmera Lutheran College, Nhill. We are gradually becoming accustomed to our new name, and in the coming months, we look forward to introducing a new logo as part of our exciting journey.

Our Nhill campus has already benefitted greatly from being part of the Wimmera Lutheran College family. Some of the many positive changes and connections we've experienced so far include:

- The WLC maintenance team has been visiting regularly to tackle a range of tasks, and this support will continue throughout the year.
- Mrs. Jacqui North, who supports all three WLC campuses, has been working with our staff on curriculum and pedagogy.
- Our teachers have had the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from Dimboola and Horsham for professional development and training.
- IT support is being integrated into our school systems to enhance learning.  
Relief staff, including Mr. Przibilla, have stepped in to help when our staff have been away.

These and other developments are enriching our Nhill community, and we are truly grateful for the ways in which these connections are enhancing our school. While it's still early days for Wimmera Lutheran College, many exciting initiatives are gaining momentum and will continue to unfold in the coming months.

### Uniform Update

Starting Week 2 of Term Two, students will be required to wear the winter uniform. As part of our SunSmart policy, students will continue to wear hats until the UV rating drops below 3.

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent parent-teacher interviews. We are blessed to have such supportive families who are eager to work together with our teachers for the benefit of our students.

### Looking Ahead to Term Two

We are excited to welcome our wonderful students back for Term Two on Tuesday, April 22.

### P&F Movie Night and Donuts

A big thank you to the Parents and Friends (P&F) group and their helpers for organising a fantastic movie night, as well as for the donut sales at last Sunday's car boot sale. Your efforts are much appreciated and help create a strong sense of community.

### Holiday Painting

During the holidays, the southern section of the school (including the multipurpose hall, library, and staff room) will be receiving a fresh coat of paint. We look forward to the updated spaces when we return in Term Two.

### Happy Easter

Although it's a little early, I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very happy Easter. Easter is a special time for Christians around the world, as we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and celebrate the incredible promise of eternal life.

### ANZAC Day

Our students are invited to participate in the ANZAC Day commemorations on April 25. We will march from the information centre to the memorial where wreaths will be laid.

Every blessing,  
Damon Prenzler





## 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.nhill@wlc.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin.nhill@wlc.vic.edu.au)



We had a fun morning in Get 'em Going this week. It was our last season for term 1 so we did some fun activities for Easter!

The children explored some song and dance using ribbons today. We then had an Easter egg hunt; with eggs hidden around the playgroup toys for the children to find.

For our craft the children chose either a cross, bunny or Easter egg to decorate using cellophane, glitter and sparkles.

We practised a lot of jumping and balancing with the obstacle course. We also celebrated one of the childrens birthdays and they received a sticker and some bubbles.

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and will see you back in term 2; we will be learning all about shapes.

We start back Tuesday 22nd of April.



## Prayer of the Week



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

- Nelson, Luka & Micah and their family
- Esther & Cooper and their family
- Alyssa & Gus and their family
- Tom & Zoe and their family
- Ruby & Freya and their family
- Jackson and his family

## Worship News

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

5th Sun in Lent

Parish Service at Jeparit 10am  
NhiliLutheranParishOnline.com



## Chapel Offerings

At this week's Chapel \$25.00 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](https://messagesofhope.org.au) or on iTunes and Spotify.

6th April	When waters rise	(Interview)
'Life doesn't stop for anything, even a natural disaster'. Listen to Alex's story of how devastating floods impacted her farm and her livelihood. Hear her story of faith and resilience through unimaginable challenges.		

## Devotional Thought

### More testing

They understood that Jesus was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees (Matthew 16:12).

Read [Matthew 16:1-12](#)

A good purpose of a test is to help us recognise what we know and what we need to learn. Neither seems to be the motivation nor intention of the Pharisees and Sadducees. One would think they had heard of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the 5,000 and the 4,000 (men, not counting women and children). Weren't those activities 'signs'? But now they ask Jesus for a sign from heaven – something that can't be disputed.

Growing up on a farm, one learns to read the sky even if one wrongly interprets it. Likewise, as with any survey or interview, the questions asked can determine what is shared, whether it is superficial or goes deeper. The motive behind the question here is wrong and does not arise from faith in God. The 'sign of Jonah' seems a mysterious sign from history, not from heaven or the sky, which Jesus doesn't elaborate on here (see Matthew 12:39,40).

But the disciples were still puzzled. Having forgotten to take some bread with them for lunch, they think that's what Jesus is hinting at. Maybe the disciples had not processed the feeding of the multitudes. Those lessons weren't only about physical bread. Indeed, Jesus has taught us to ask for our daily bread, for whatever is needed to sustain life. We need physical food! But physical food cannot meet our deeper needs. That can take a long time to learn!

Jesus looks beyond the surface to deeper things. Only by trusting him and his many promises, in taking him at his word, can our deeper needs be met in a way that only he can do. Sometimes, we need situations of testing to help us recognise where we are looking for help. It can also take times of waiting patiently before the answers come through. So, it's an opportunity to grow in patience and to rest in trusting our Heavenly Father, who is at work to provide for all our needs.

**Father, we thank you for our daily bread. With deeper needs, we ask you to meet us in that place of need. Thank you!**



## Balloons All Around at WLC Nhill

The creativity of the students has been evident over the last few weeks where they have been collaborating with the designing and creating hot air balloons for the Steam Punk Festival. The finished balloons are to be displayed in the Warracknabeal "The General Store" in the main street. So if you are able to make your way to Warracknabeal to check out the talented students works, they will be displayed from tomorrow.









## Parent & Friends News!

The Movie Night was enjoyed by all those who attended both young and old. The feature film was "Thelma The Unicorn", the humour in the movie crossed the generations, the pop corn was a hit also as usual.



The aroma of the freshly cooked donuts made the patrons at the car boot market on Sunday have to just buy and eat some while they all searched for a bargain at the many car boots!

Thanks to the volunteers that put up their hands on the day to support the school with the valuable funds that the P&F are able to spend on the school resources.

**SRC Dim Sims will return 1st week in Term 2 !!!**

**Wednesday only - \$1 each - steamed**

**send money in envelope with student name & quantity**

### **Cadbury Fundraising Boxes**

**Thank you to those who had taken some boxes home or to the workplace to sell on behalf of the SRC. The money and/or unsold chocolates are due back to the school by Thurs 4th April unless prior arrangements have been made with the school.**

# Supporting Boys in Upper Primary



The upper primary school years are the start of big physical changes and boys can struggle more than girls. Even though some of our boys are growing physically, this time can be challenging, unpredictable and full of big emotions and awkwardness.

Some anxiety can also occur as the end of primary school approaches and some boys can fight with their physiology. Parents need to be mindful to recognise that for many pubescent boys, every day at school feels like going into a war zone because it is so unpredictable.

The following ideas will help to guide you through this time.

## **Have realistic expectations**

Create a calm, predictable environment to counteract the stress many boys may experience. Parents can do this by avoiding asking too many questions and placing too much pressure especially around homework. Especially avoid criticism, nagging and lecturing — they won't improve anything.

## **Keep things light**

Boys appreciate lightness and humour, especially when they may be struggling with anxiety or worry. Maybe you could find some funny, goofy cat or dog videos to show them or share some funny experiences that might trigger the beautiful happy neurochemicals in their brain. Be a bit ridiculous – intentionally.

## **Share developmental changes**

Have brief conversations with your son about the coming brain changes, especially pruning, which is a 'trimming down' process in the teenage brain where irrelevant/unused mental connections from childhood are lost. These conversations can help him understand why he may be struggling with organisation and be forgetting things that he used to remember. Once he knows there is a reason, he'll tend to manage it better — indeed many boys are relieved! Help your son to work out ways to remember important stuff.

## **Make home a welcome base for his friends**

Ensure that you make your home a welcome base for his friends, regardless of gender. The hunger to 'hang out together' is still strong even for our digital natives, and they will always turn up to a place where they are welcome and where there is a familiar space to gather. It's really good to give your son's mates the message that 'our door is always open for you'. We never know when a family conflict becomes too painful for a boy or that just having some calm down time is what the whole family may need.

## **Stoke his spark**

Help your son identify his passion whether sport, games or music that will keep him engaged in the years ahead. Disengagement is very common among boys in early to middle secondary school and those who have an interest they love and are capable at, tend to struggle less. In primary school boys should sample many activities so that they can discover their real interests.

## **Help manage anxiety**

Many boys experience anxiety as they move toward adolescence and the end of the primary school years. Some boys display anxiety through silliness, inappropriate behaviour, an increase in aggression (often toward siblings), disrespectful language towards parents, changes in eating patterns and struggles with sleep. If you have ongoing concerns check in with your son's teacher and seek help.



## Practise kindness

Even though this sounds counterintuitive if you are experiencing some hot moments with your pre pubescent or pubescent son, kindness especially in small unexpected ways has enormous power. Many boys struggle with low self-worth and when they muck up they struggle even more with feeling acceptable and loved.

Above all, reassure your son often that you love him fiercely and unconditionally, no matter what.



Dr Justin Coulson is a dad to 6 daughters and grandfather to 1 granddaughter. 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](http://happyfamilies.com.au).

## SRC Busy Around The School



The SRC members were busy on Wednesday lunch time cleaning and sorting out the sports equipment cage. This will make it easier to close the lid and find what you want to use. Well done team, great effort!



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.



## What's Been Going On At WLCN



F/1 students enjoying the sunshine!

Hot Cross Buns! Baked with expertise by all the students this week, they smelt so good throughout the school.



Year 2 class finishing off their hot air balloon decoration for the Steampunk festival ....to be displayed in the General Store Warracknabeal.





Cross country photos from last Friday  
28th March







On Friday, 28 March, Wimmera Lutheran College, Nhill College, and St Patrick's all went to the golf course to compete in cross country. Year 3-4 ran 2km, and Year 5-6 ran 3km. We all did a good job. Some people moved on to level 2. It was sunny and warm. After the race, some people had hamburgers, sausages, and/or drinks. It was tiring but fun. By Abby





# The Nhill Leo's Club Presents Easter Egg Hunt

## 2025

On Saturday the 19th of April

at 10am, Jaypex Park

**Reserve your spot now!**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nhill-easter-egg-hunt-tickets-1289109664709>

## Golden Egg Hunt

4 golden eggs to find from the

begining of April

Hidden at:

Goldsworthy Park

Jaypex Park

Nhill Lake (Excluding boardwalk)

Davis Park (Footy Oval)



NTC

Nhill Town Committee



The Nhill RSL Sub Branch would like to  
invite any

**interested children with parents**  
to partake in placing flags at the  
**lawn cemetery**

Wednesday 16th April at 5pm.



# SRC Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

To help raise money for our SRC, we are taking part in a Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser. We have got 3 different types of products we are selling in various flavours, these are Easter eggs, Freddo frogs and Natural Confectionary Company lolly bags.

Cadbury Fundraising Easter Carry Box,  
(20 bags) a mix of:

- 114g CADBURY DAIRY MILK Egg Bags
- 117g CADBURY CARAMELLO Egg Bags
- 110g CADBURY CRUNCHIE Egg Bags
- 113g CADBURY CARAMILK Egg Bag

Each bag of eggs are \$4,



**Bags of Easter Eggs are  
available  
after school  
to purchase  
\$4 each**

Freddo and Friend carry box. Contains  
(120)mix of:

- 40x 12g Freddo Milk Chocolate
- 40x 15g Caramello Koala
- 20x 15g Freddo Strawberry
- 20x 12g Freddo Milky Top

Each item in this box is 50c



**Individual Freddos are  
available at  
Lunchtime  
for students to buy @ 50c  
each.**

Natural Confectionary Company lolly bags,  
each box contains (20 bags) a mix  
of:

- 200g Snakes
  - 180g Chews Fruity Mix
  - 180 Party Mix
  - 180g Sours Squirms
- Each bag of lollies is \$3



**Bags of Natural Jellies  
are available  
after school  
to purchase  
\$3 each**

Boxes will be available for families to take home and sell if they would like to, however this is not mandatory. We also have the option of making up mixed boxes with some of each of the products, or making up smaller packs to sell rather than whole boxes. If you would like one of the boxes, or a mixed box to sell, please talk to Mrs Fisher at the front office.

**When we sell all the boxes, the SRC will make over \$1,100 to go towards school improvements!**

Erin Alexander

SRC Coordinator





WEEK 1

# APRIL 2025 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 2



## MONDAY 7 APRIL

**Craft with Ellen - Nhill**

*Nhill Library*

11am - 12pm



## TUESDAY 8 APRIL

**Craft with Jess - Jeparit**

*Jeparit Library*

11am - 12pm



## WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL

**Arts and Craft with Turbo Gallery**

*Turbo Gallery, Rainbow*

11am-12pm



## THURSDAY 10 APRIL

**Soccer Clinic (ages 6-9)**

*Dimboola Recreation Reserve*

10am - 11am

**Soccer Clinic (ages 10+)**

*Dimboola Recreation Reserve*

11:30am - 12:30pm



## FRIDAY 11 APRIL

**Dimboola Skate Lesson**

*Dimboola Skate Park*

10am-11am

**Jeparit Skate Lesson**

*Jeparit Skate Park*

1pm - 2pm

**Rainbow Skate Lesson**

*Rainbow Skate Park*

4pm - 5pm



## SATURDAY 12 APRIL

**Skate Competition**

*Nhill Skate Park*

11am - 2:30pm



## MONDAY 14 APRIL

**Level Up Gaming**

*Mecca Super Room, Rainbow*

12pm-4pm



## TUESDAY 15 APRIL

**Games Day**

*Jeparit Oval*

11am - 12:30pm

Fruit provided



**Make your own Kokedama**

*Jeparit Library*

2pm - 4pm

*Please note registrations  
close Wednesday 9 April at  
9am for this session.*



## WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

**Make your own Kokedama**

*Dimboola Library*

11am - 1pm

*Please note registrations  
close Wednesday 9 April at  
9am for this session.*



**Physics with Bruce**

*Dimboola Vintage*

Session one: 2:00pm

Session two: 2:45pm

Session three: 3:45pm

Session four: 4:45pm



## THURSDAY 17 APRIL

**Movie: Paddington in Peru**

*Nhill Cinema*

1pm - 3pm

Free Popcorn and Water provided



## FRIDAY 18 APRIL

**Good Friday  
Public Holiday**



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.



**Please note:** These activities have limited bookings available. Should they be oversubscribed, preference will be given to residents of Hindmarsh Shire.

For more information visit  
[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events),  
call 03 5391 4444  
or email [youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au).



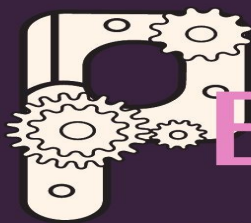
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# SciFiBriar's ECULIAR Science show for kids



presented by  
the science collective



As part of the Wimmera  
Steampunk Festival



45 minute  
shows!

All Tickets  
only \$10!!

Adults at  
kids prices!



Date > < < < < > April 12, 2025

Time > < < < < > 11:00 AM, 12.30 and 2pm

Venue > < < < < > Star Theatre, Dimboola



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- **MONDAY 7TH  
APRIL**
- **WEDNESDAY 9TH  
APRIL**
- **MONDAY 14TH  
APRIL**
- **WEDNESDAY 16TH  
APRIL**

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CHILD MISS  
OUT ON THE  
HOLIDAY  
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UP TODAY!**

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Any questions, please email:  
[OSHC@wwhs.net.au](mailto:OSHC@wwhs.net.au)

**9AM-  
4:30PM**