



Wimmera Lutheran College Nhill



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Upcoming Events

August

Mon 11th - Fri 22nd BOOKFAIR

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd: BookWeek
"Book An Adventure"

Tues 19th: Book Week dress up parade

Wed 20th: Athletics Day (next level)
@Warracknabeal

Sept

Mon 1st- 5th: Integration Aide
Appreciation Week

Fri 5th: Father's Day Chapel & Footy

Sun 7th: Father's Day

Tues 9th & Wed 10th: 3 Way
Conversations

Thurs 11th: F-2 Naracoorte Caves
Excursion

Wed 17th: Concert Dress Rehearsal

Thurs 18th: Concert @ Community
Centre

Fri 19th: End of Term 3 2.15pm

Oct

Mon 6th: Term 4 starts

Thurs 16th: Nhill Show (no school)

Students of the Week

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



Zoe: Demonstrating critical and independent thinking, compassion to her peers and contributing positively and productively in collaborative tasks.

Sophie: Showing great persistence with her learning, growing in confidence with public speaking, having compassion for others and being a responsible leader.

Xander: Is a responsible class member, curious learner, and takes initiative in the classroom.

Heath: Making wonderful progression with his learning, using the learnt skills with tasks and great at problem solving.

Gertrude The Bear



Congratulations to Zoe for following the 5 rules of the school. We hope Gertrude and you both enjoy your time together.

Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes are sent to the following students & staff this week:

Ms Rutherford 16th Aug Nelson 19th Aug
Koda 23rd Aug Ruby B 28th Aug



From The Principal

Book Week and Book Fair: 'Book an Adventure'

Next week is Book Week, and this year's theme is 'Book an Adventure'! On Tuesday, we'll celebrate with a dress-up day, a costume parade, and a range of Book Week activities. Students are invited to come dressed as a favourite book character or something that fits the adventurous theme.

The parade will begin at 9:15am, and families are warmly invited to join us for this special event.

Kinder Visit

This morning, we were delighted to welcome kinder children and their families to our school. Our student leaders did a great job guiding them on a tour, while the children enjoyed time in the Foundation classroom with Miss Zikos. I also had the pleasure of speaking with families about what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Ghana Beat My Drum

Yesterday's *Ghana Beat My Drum* performance was a vibrant and high-energy experience for our students. It was a joy to share this cultural celebration with the WLC Dimboola students who joined us for the performance.

West Wimmera Athletic Sports

Congratulations to the 17 students selected to represent our school at the West Wimmera Athletic Sports in Warracknabeal next Wednesday.

A big thank you to Mrs Alexander for organising and preparing our team - well done to all!

Visit from Mrs Carter

Last week, we welcomed Mrs Kate Carter, WLC Head of Secondary, to our Year 5/6 class. Her visit was a great opportunity to continue fostering strong connections across our College community.

Exciting News - Congratulations Mrs Launer!

We are thrilled to share the happy news that Mrs Launer and her husband Shannon are expecting a baby in December! We pray for God's richest blessings on their journey ahead.

Wishing you every blessing,
Damon Prenzler

Thank you to Ben Crouch and Ler Law (former student) for the excellent job they did with re-painting the lines on the asphalt. It was certainly being well utilized by the students this week, with all 3 zones being enjoyed.



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.

Super Readers Award



Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Super Readers awards at assembly: Sienna, Ivy, Micah, Xavier, Ollie, Joseph, Silas, Koda and Jerome.

Principal's Day



A belated Happy Principal's Day was celebrated at WLCN last week. Thank you Damon for your passion and vision you hold for our Nhill campus and community.

Book Fair Open til 22nd August



Prayer of the Week

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



- Xander and his family
- Amber and her family
- Jackson and his family
- Helena and her family
- Sophie B and her family
- Harrison and his family
- Lawson and his family

Worship News

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

17th August Nhill 9am Jeparit 11am
24th August Jeparit 9am Nhill 11am
NhillLutheranParishOnline.com



Chapel Offerings



From last weeks Chapel \$53.40 was collected for the ALWS Gifts of Grace.

Please consider sending an offering each Friday morning as the communities there rely on our help.

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.

17th August I Remember When... (Richard Fox)

Remembering who we are is vital to our identity, but what happens when the memories start to fade? Richard reflects on his grandpa's experience living with memory loss.

24th August I am not ready for my parents to be old (Richard Fox)

Society might be living longer, and we hear about an 'ageing society', but when it hits home about our own story of ageing parents, it starts to get personal. Celia and Richard explore the challenges adult children face as their parents get old.

Devotional Thought

God's Treasures

Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys (Luke 12:33b).

Read [Luke 12:32-40](#)

When I moved to Noosa in Queensland from Loxton, South Australia, it was not just a huge move in distance, but also culturally and temperature-wise. There are things that you don't read about when working out what to prepare for with such a move.

One issue in particular has continued to be a challenge: mould. I was not informed of the need to use products like DampRid in all wardrobes, to keep windows open for ventilation, or to maintain consistent airflow throughout the space. I was not advised to keep an eye on leather goods or wipe down wooden furniture with a mixture of clove oil and vinegar.

Additionally, I wasn't warned about the risks of storing damp clothes or allowing curtains to get damp – mould can grow anywhere and everywhere. It damages non-leather shoes and turns leather shoes white. Mould grows in humid environments. Without constant vigilance, it can quickly get out of control.

Just as we must remain vigilant against the mould that grows on our possessions, I believe that mould can enter our lives in different ways. When we're not diligent in joining the fellowship of our congregation, we can become lonely or isolated. When we are not vigilant in reading God's word, we can allow the world's words to enter our hearts and lives. A whole lot of cleaning and diligence is required to get back to God.

God has given many of us so much: possessions, health, work, home and family. But these are all things that must be cared for and nurtured for them to remain healthy.

In the verses above, in Luke 12:32, we are told that God has also given us the heavenly kingdom. The greatest of these treasures is Jesus Christ, who loves us completely, and nothing can take him away. Jesus surpasses any of our worldly treasures.

Jesus came to give us life and help us live lives that are worthy of God's love and that produce the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. I appreciate that mould cannot grow on these gifts. These treasures cannot be kept to ourselves, so let us share and show others the love that has been given to us. Give your heart to God and rely on his heavenly treasures. Be diligent and vigilant!

Thank you, Lord, for the amazing gifts you have given me. Help me to grow the treasures of heaven in my heart and rely on Jesus as my heavenly treasure. Amen.

From The WLC Executive Principal—Jason Przibilla

Staffing Appointments

Over the last couple of weeks, Wimmera Lutheran College has made some exciting announcements regarding its Executive Leadership team.

Mr Craig Young has been appointed as the Director of Business Operations and officially started in his role on Monday 4 August. A brief summary of Craig's work history includes:

Craig is an accomplished executive and Chartered Accountant with extensive senior leadership experience across local government, aged care, disability services, and not-for-profit organisations. He has held CEO, Director, and Company Secretary roles, and brings deep expertise in finance, HR, governance, compliance, enterprise risk, and ICT. Craig has overseen enterprise bargaining agreements, managed the full employee lifecycle, and worked closely with Boards to support strategic planning and regulatory compliance. Craig has worked with Rotary, and is familiar with Child Safe Standards from his government work.

WLC is fortunate to have somebody of Craig's expertise and experience leading WLC and I am pleased to report that he has made a strong start to his role.

Mrs Christina Jacobsen has been appointed as the Head of Primary School in Horsham and will officially start in her role next year. A brief summary of Christina's qualifications, teaching experience and leadership experience is as follows:

Qualifications:

- Graduate Certificate of Business – Leadership Enterprises (Leadership Development Program – Qualification required to lead in Lutheran Schools in Australia)
- Masters of Education – Primary
- Bachelor in Elementary Education
- Diploma in Bible/Cross Cultural Education

Teaching Experience (Combined 14 Years in Lutheran Schools):

- Year 4 Teacher: Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School, Croydon Hills, Victoria
- Year 1 and 4 Teacher: Peace Lutheran College, Kamerunga (Cairns), Queensland
- Year 2 and 3 Teacher: Goroka International School, PNG

Leadership Experience:

- Leader of Learning: Peace Lutheran College, Kamerunga (Cairns), Queensland
- Assistant Deputy Principal Primary: Peace Lutheran College, Kamerunga (Cairns), Queensland
- Director of Primary: Peace Lutheran College, Kamerunga (Cairns), Queensland

Christina is looking forward to joining Wimmera Lutheran College and will be a great asset to our college.

Please keep Craig and Christina in your prayers as they take on these important leadership roles at WLC.

The Addams Family Musical

Last week, across three amazing nights, The Addams Family Musical was performed at the Horsham Town Hall. These performances were the culmination of months of hard work by the cast and crew and was an amazing representation of our talented students. A massive congratulations to everyone who was involved in putting on (what has been described to me by multiple people) the greatest production of a musical they have seen by a group of school students. For those lucky enough to see the performance, you witnessed something equally spectacular and special. On the final night, at the conclusion of the show, I had the opportunity to address the audience and the cast and crew, and I described the immense feeling of pride that I had in our students and staff. This truly was a performance which exhibited talent, hardwork, commitment, vision and leadership. Many people sacrificed many hours of their time to bring this performance to life, and I wish to acknowledge the efforts of these volunteers. Well done to all, you have achieved something truly amazing.

What's Been Going On At WLCN



Last week the Year 5/6 class had Kate Carter (WLC Head of Secondary) visit



The F/1 class have been learning to do procedural writing. Miss Zikos and Ms Rutherford then had to follow the students instructions to make fairy bread, popcorn and playdough. If the students did a good job, they then got to eat the tasty fairy bread and popcorn.



The F/1 class, when making playdough, had to use their math skills to be able to measure ingredients.



Book Week Parade Day Tuesday 19th Aug

School providing FREE sausages in bread for lunch.

Parent & Friends Update

On Wednesday night the P&F meet for the first time this Term. We have less planned for this half of the year but the events we do have planned are sure to be special.

We will be starting with our movie night TONIGHT! These are always a fun night with popcorn, beanbags and relaxing. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Later in Term 3 we will be cooking hotdogs for the annual Father's Day Footy match. We thank the Pereira family for donating the hot dogs again this year. If any Mum's are available to help with the cooking or serving of hot dogs on this day, please let Jackie know.

In Term 4 our big event will be the Colour Run! Friday November 21st. The powder has been ordered so it's time to start getting excited for this fun afternoon.

For our next big fundraiser, we would like to put together and sell a cookbook, and we are ready to start collecting recipes. We are looking for your go to recipes, the recipes 3 out of 4 kids will eat, your lunch box snacks and cooking hacks. We would like this book to be a helper in the kitchen and not another dust collector. Please send you recipes to the P&F email address (pandf.nls@gmail.com), please type them in Microsoft Word as this will make collating them so much easier. More details will be sent home in a note.

As we don't have a lot more planned for Term 3 we have decided to hold our next meeting off until early Term 4, on October 22nd. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Finally, a huge thank you to the ladies who contributed food or time to the catering of the staff training day at the start of this Term. The food was very well received by all who attended, and we appreciate the effort needed to make this happen.

Thank you

Jackie Rethus

WLC-N P&F

SRC Steamed Dim Sims Available !!!

Wednesday only - \$1 each
send money in envelope with student name & quantity



*A great fundraiser for the
Student Representative Council*

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've had a fun few weeks in Get 'em Going playgroup!

Last week we learnt all about the cow. The children enjoyed making their own cow using their handprints and decorating with dot stickers.

We have been exploring a range of different books about farms and animals. Practicing animals sounds and learning the different names.

This week we learnt about the horse. The children made their own horse mask using glitter, glue, sparkles and wool.

We explored a new instrument during our music time called the xylophone! The children enjoyed using their sticks to make the sounds and keeping to the beat of the songs played.



Bullying: A Calm, Practical Guide for Parents



The reality is sobering: Australian children face some of the highest bullying rates in the developed world, with 7 out of 10 kids aged 12-13 experiencing harassment within a year—worse than nearly every other English-speaking country we're compared to.

International studies rank us among the worst performers alongside only a handful of nations. And evidence shows bullying starts in Early Learning Centres and continues right through school. It's not isolated to one age group, or one identity. Bullying is a huge challenge in every learning context throughout this country.

(Note. Many behaviours are unkind, but not all are bullying. Teasing, conflict, being left out, or one-off nasty or unthoughtful incidents—while hurtful—don't meet the definition of bullying.)

Bullying is:

- Repeated
- Intentional
- Aimed at causing distress or harm
- Involves a **power imbalance**

There are four types:

1. **Physical** – pushing, hitting, intimidating
2. **Verbal** – name-calling, mocking, insults
3. **Social** – exclusion, rumours, reputation damage
4. **Cyber** – online harassment via messages, posts, or apps

Is Your Child Being Bullied?

Children often don't speak up about bullying. They might feel embarrassed or fear making things worse. They often feel that when parents and teachers get involved, things blow up.

You can ask your child if they're being bullied. Sometimes they'll say yes. But it can be easier to start broadly with questions like this:

- "Bullying happens at every school—do you see much of it at yours?"
- "Has anyone in your year been picked on or left out?"

This non-confrontational approach helps your child feel safe to talk. If they do open up, stay calm and listen. Bring it closer to home as the conversation progresses. "Have you or your friends been bullied?"

The Best Response

1. **Stay Calm:** As hard as it is, take a breath. Your child needs your emotional steadiness.
2. **Explore Gently:** If your child discloses bullying, recognise their courage. Ask gentle questions to obtain more information. Don't offer solutions. Just listen, understand, and explore.
3. **Obtain Evidence:** If bullying is leading to damage to your child or their property, document it with photos, explanations, and time/date information. If bullying is occurring online, take screenshots as evidence.
4. **Speak With the Responsible Adults:** Bullying will usually be happening at school (or a sport club, church, or other structured context). Approach the teacher, year advisor, wellbeing staff, or responsible adult. Share what your child has told you and ask:
 - "Were you aware that this was occurring?"
 - "What support can we put in place?"
 - "How can we help all the children involved learn from this?"Aim to work *with* the school or organisation, not against it.

5. Support and Coach Your Child: Help them problem-solve. Role-play responses or safe ways to seek help. Older kids might value more autonomy; younger ones may need more scaffolding. Use questions like:

- “What do you think would help?”
- “Is there someone at school you trust?”
- “What would you like me to do?”

6. Don't Rush to Confront the Other Parent: Even if you know them, approaching another parent rarely goes well. It can become defensive or combative, and it rarely solves the problem.

When to Escalate

If bullying continues or the school isn't responding, it's okay to push for more action. Keep records of communication and meetings. Go to [esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au), contact the board, go to the education department. Agitate for a response. Protect your child.

If the environment remains unsafe and you have the resources and options, consider other schooling alternatives. Your child's mental and emotional safety comes first.

If Your Child Is the One Bullying

It can be confronting, but it's also a valuable learning moment. Stay calm. Focus on **teaching**, not punishing. Guide them towards empathy and responsibility. Ask:

- “What happened?”
- “How do you think the other person felt?”
- “What can we do to make this right?”

Handled well, bullying doesn't have to define a child's school experience. With calm, supportive adults guiding the way, kids can learn resilience, boundaries, and compassion. Step in when needed. Step back when it's safe. Most importantly, stay connected.

For more resources, go to **Bullying No Way** - a national week of action uniting schools across Australia.



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.

Premier Reading Challenge

We are a
premier's
victorian reading
challenge
school



A friendly reminder to all students and families that the **Premier's Reading Challenge** is still going strong! We're so proud of the amazing reading efforts happening across the school – keep it up and if you haven't yet, it's not too late to join in!

Whether you're reading at school or at home, every book counts. Remember to **record your books** regularly on the online portal before the deadline. Keeping your log up to date helps us keep track of your progress and celebrate our reading success.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

There will be special certificates and recognition for all students who complete the challenge. So keep turning those pages, discovering new authors, and enjoying the wonderful world of books! Let's keep turning those pages and discovering new stories. Happy reading!

Don't forget: The challenge closes on **Friday 5th September**. If you have any questions or need help logging books, please see Georgie Zikos.

Ghana Beat My Drum Incursion with WLC Dimboola

Wow! what a morning the school had on Thursday, there was dancing, singing, humour and a lot of excitement and positive energy coming from the assembly hall, when Jonas entertained the students from Nhill and Dimboola with his culturally significant music. The students were all engaged and left the performance energized just before recess. The Dimboola students stayed and enjoyed the sunshine at recess.









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.

The **flu** spreads quickly

**Sick kids?
Keep them
home**

Keeping unwell
children at home
helps protect
classmates, staff,
and families during
flu season

 my.gh.org.au/flu

 **Grampians
Health**
Grampians Public
Health Unit

Chapel Dates

Fri 22nd Aug: Year 3/4

Fri 29th Aug: Year 2

Fri 5th Sept: Fathers Day Chapel

Fri 12th Sept: F/1

Fri 19th Sept: tbc

Assembly Dates

Fri 22nd Aug: Year 3/4

Fri 5th Sept: Fathers Day

Fri 19th Sept: F/1



Important Information

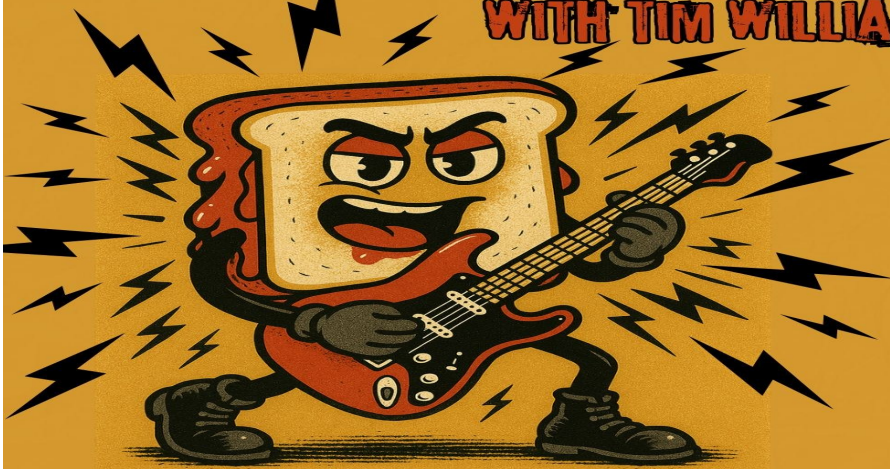
As part of our Book Week activities, students will have an opportunity to add a photo of an adventure they have had in our 'Adventure Book'. If they would like to participate, could they please bring along a photo of themselves having their adventure! It could be a place they have visited, or an experience they have had for example. Please bring the photo to Miss Schultz any time next week.



THE STATION
PRESENTS

JAM SANDWICH

WITH TIM WILLIAMS



LEARN FROM A PRO HOW
TO PLAY AS A BAND

JAM WITH MATES USING
PRO GEAR

2HR WEEKLY SESSIONS PER
AGE GROUP
(10-14YRS & 15-25YRS)

PERFORM SONGS YOU LIKE
ALL ABILITIES AND SKILL
LEVELS WELCOME

FREE

EVERY FRIDAY FROM 15 AUG - 19 SEPT



**SCAN TO
REGISTER**

Do you play guitar, bass, drums or sing?

Learn the tips & tricks to jamming in a band setting.
Jam with musicians your own age and playing level.
Start a band and work towards playing paid gigs.

All music gear supplied or BYO instrument.

Sign up for one, a few, or all of the sessions.

Sessions conducted by Tim Williams of Horsham Music.



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16 PYNSENT STREET
HORSHAM

FACILITATED BY:



Join Us!

MOVIE NIGHT

TONIGHT!

15
August

WLC-Nhill
Multipurpose Room
7pm

Movie to be rated PG

BYO Comfy Seating
Popcorn Provided
Water Only PLease

Wimmera Lutheran College Nhill Presents...

STAR THE UMPIRE STRIKES BACK WARTS

**MAY THE SAUCE
BE WITH YOU!**



Thurs 18th September

Nhill Memorial Community Centre

Doors Open 6.30pm—7pm start

*Gold Coin
Donation*