



# Wimmera Lutheran College Nhill



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## Upcoming Events

### 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

Tues 16th: No buses running

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)

Fri 24th: Grandparents/Special Friends  
Chapel

Fri 31st World Teachers Days

## Students of the Week

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



**Tom:** Showing greater initiative with his learning and persistence in completing tasks and working collaboratively with your peers.

**Milienke:** Demonstrating resilience, taking responsibility for her learning and using her initiative. Always eager to help others needing support.

**Dakota:** Being organised, thinking critically and willing to take on new challenges is always demonstrated.

**Ruth:** Positive attitude, willingness and eagerness for learning and to always do your best.

## Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes are sent to the following students for this fortnight:

Oakley 7th Sept

Atreyu 12th



## Gertrude The Bear



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

## From The Principal

It's hard to believe we are already over halfway through Term Three. The students are to be commended for how they are approaching their learning.

### Book Week

Our school was visited by the most amazing characters for our Book Week dress up day, and it was great our playgroup kids could join us for the parade. Thank you to all who got into the spirit of the Book an Adventure theme. Our Book Fair was well supported, with the school receiving funds through the purchases. Thank you to Mrs Fisher for overseeing the Book Fair and for creating an amazing display.

### Dirt patch update

You may have noticed a bit of action in the dirt patch at the front of the school. Some edging has been installed and top soil is being spread in readiness for a landscaped garden. Next week, thanks to a Landcare grant, the school will receive an array of plants which will be placed in the middle section of the patch. Additionally, thanks to a Hindmarsh Shire grant, garden beds and supplies will be purchased for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and be placed at the mud kitchen end of the patch.

### Athletic Sports

Congratulations to the seventeen students who represented our school at the West Wimmera Athletics at Warracknabeal. A special mention to Zoe Warner who set a new record in the 100m for her age – great effort! Thirteen students will now represent our school at the next level in Stawell.

### Father's Day chapel and footy

All dads and special males in the lives of our students are invited to our annual Father's Day chapel and footy – September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The students seem pretty keen to win the footy this year! Hot dogs will be supplied after the match, thanks to the P&F.

### Concert: Star Warts – The Umpire Strikes Back

Excitement is building for our upcoming concert. This will be held at the community centre on Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and all community members are welcome.

### Movie Night

Thank you to the P&F for organising the movie night on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and to Jeff Woodward for helping with the sound. The evening was well attended, the movie was enjoyable, and the popcorn was yummy!

### Three Way Conversations

Three Way Conversations are being held on Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>. Families will receive their times via a time slip attached to this newsletter. Three Way Conversations empower students as learners as they share their learning strengths, growth areas and goals with parents.

### F-2 Excursion to Naracoorte Caves

The F-2s are venturing to Naracoorte Caves on Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup>. A separate notice has been distributed to F-2 families.

### Staffing update

As previously announced, Mrs Taela Launer is expecting her first child in December. We will advertise for a replacement Integration Aide for 2026.

Miss Katarina Drisch will conclude her three day a week teaching role at WLC Nhill at the end of the year, and will become full time at the WLC Horsham campus. Mrs Kelsie Webb will teach 3 days per week in 2026, replacing Miss Drisch.

Every blessing,  
Damon Prenzler

#### Assembly Dates

**Fri 5th Sept: Fathers Day**

**Fri 19th Sept: F/1**

#### Chapel Dates

**Fri 5th Sept: Fathers Day Chapel**

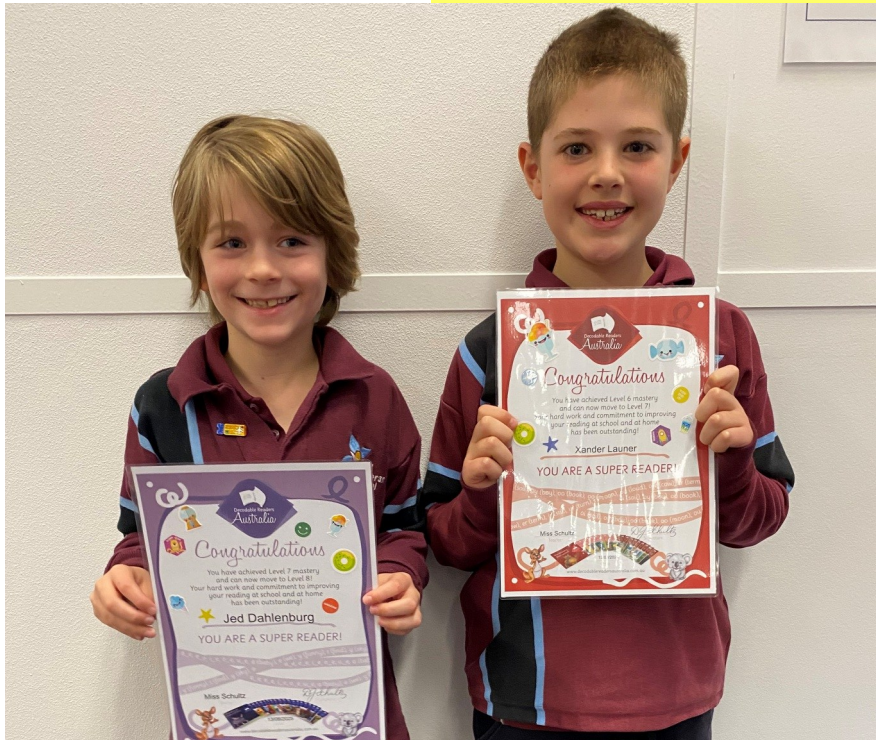
**Fri 12th Sept: F/1**

**Fri 19th Sept: tbc**

***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:

Jed and Xander

## Book Week Celebrated at WLC Nhill



Year 3/4 class parade winners were Connor and Abby.



Year 2 class parade winners were Dakota and Xander.





F/1 class parade winners were Spencer and Heath.



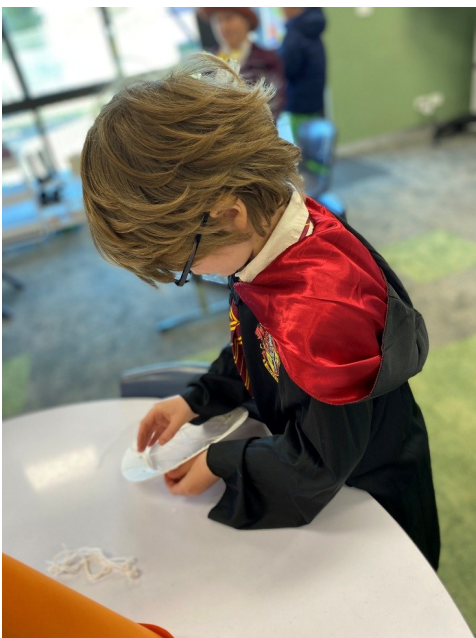
Year 5/6 class parade winners were Oakley and Sophie B.


















## Prayer of the Week

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

- James, Ruth & Joseph and their family
- Zara & Lexie and their family
- Alyssa & Gus and their family
- Ollie and his family
- Matilda and her family



## Worship News

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

31st August Nhill 9am      Jeparit 11am  
7th Sept 100th anniversary of Jeparit 10am  
NhillLutheranParishOnline.com

## Chapel Offerings



From last 2 weeks of Chapel \$81.20 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](http://messagesofhope.org.au) or on iTunes and Spotify.

### 31st August Connected (John Henderson)

Do you sometimes look at the people around you and think 'I wish I could be like them'? Our focus becomes locked on what we don't do, and don't have, and that can make us feel lonely, even if we're surrounded by people who love us. John Henderson talks about loneliness, and how it's cure lies outside ourselves.

### 7th September Homes of Hope - Foster Care part 1 (Interview)

Every child has the right to belong, to be loved, and to have a safe place to call home. Hear from Esther and Casey, foster carers, and foster care family engagement worker Natalie, from Lutheran Care, who are keen to bring hope back into

### Bake Sale Success

Students in the Year 3/4 class raised over \$50 at their Bake Sale!

This wonderful effort means they will be able to purchase two pairs of rabbits for families in Burundi. These rabbits will provide fertiliser for their gardens, helping to grow food and support their community.

The students would like to sincerely thank parents for supporting this Year 3/4 project—it has made a real difference.



## Devotional Thought

### Suffering

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us (Romans 8:18).

Read [Romans 8:18-25](#)

Suffering is not something we enjoy going through in life. We don't want to suffer; we want to be comfortable in the things we do. Many of us hate being out of our comfort zones, and we may hear people tell us to 'push through'. However, sometimes, are we only dealing with first-world problems?

Recently, a question was asked on a local radio station about things that make people suffer. One lady called in and said that the cupholder in her new BMW was too small to fit her coffee travel mug. Another caller said he now had to park one level lower in the underground parking at his workplace, and he couldn't get full phone coverage there.

We might laugh at this, but do we sometimes place too much emphasis on our first-world problems? Yet, in the face of true suffering – in loss and grief, in physical, emotional and mental struggles, in seeing poverty and war – we are encouraged to not even compare them with the glory that awaits us in Jesus.

The same Jesus who holds us now in his love, presence and comfort in his word, is the same Jesus who will come again one day to take us to be with him forever in all his glory.

The old hymn 'It is well with my soul' was written by Horatio Spafford, who lost his four daughters in a shipwreck. Horatio didn't go on the journey, and only his wife, Anna, survived. He received a telegram from Anna after she was rescued, with only two words, 'Saved alone.'

Horatio went to see Anna. As the ship he was sailing on passed the place where his four daughters drowned, he wrote the hymn.

In his grief, he didn't need to compare his suffering with what was to come, for his eyes were on Jesus in faith, knowing he could say, 'It is well.'

Know that in your suffering, Jesus holds you, for in him, all is well in the depths of your soul.

***Dear Jesus, it is well with my soul because you have saved me. You died for my sins, and, in your name, you give me hope and peace, day by day, no matter what suffering I face. You walk with me through it all, and you will take me to be with you forever in the end. Amen.***



## From The WLC Executive Principal—Jason Przibilla

### Strategic Plan Update

Work continues on the development of the Wimmera Lutheran College Strategic Plan. A steering committee has been formed, which consists of all members of the Executive Leadership Team, including: Jason Przibilla, Kate Carter, Damon Prenzler, Millie Dent and Jacqui North. This group is meeting weekly to work on various aspects of the plan. The group continues to be guided by Phil McCredden from Ecclesia Leadership. Phil is conducting face to face workshops as well as virtual meetings with the group and selected sub-committee members. The next face to face workshop day will be held on Wednesday 4 September. Some of the priorities the group has identified includes:

- Unity and Diversity Philosophy

- Identification of key stakeholder groups including; Board, LEVNT, Executive Team, Teachers, Parents and Students

- Gathering of Lutheran School amalgamation stories

- Shared Future Survey (focus for next workshop)

- Focus Groups including; Board, Staff, Parent Advisory Groups and Students

- Key Signposts which will be used to guide strategic direction of the college

- Key areas to focus on including; capital works, finance and budgeting, marketing, innovation and wellbeing

- Logo identification and Brand development

### Branding Proposal

Earlier this week, myself, Kate Carter and Georgia Thomas met with Maree from Mad Mouse Graphic Design who has been entrusted with producing the new WLC Logo and Branding. Maree brings a strong understanding of Lutheran education and school identity having worked with Lutheran Schools for over 14 years. Her experience will ensure alignment with the values and visual expression of Lutheran Education.

The process Maree follows involves:

1. A brand questionnaire to be completed by key WLC Stakeholders (Steering Committee)
2. Research and development of three initial logo concepts
3. Two rounds of revisions, allowing for adjustment of colours and tweaking of elements based on feedback from stakeholders
4. Delivery of logo in multiple formats and comprehensive style guide
5. Additional asset design including letterheads, business cards, slides and signage

The questionnaire will be completed next week and will then be submitted to Maree so that work on the logo can commence. This is an exciting development for WLC and will be a major step forwards in defining the identity of Wimmera Lutheran College. Development of a WLC logo and colours will also allow for important work to commence on the new uniform of the college.

### Work at Wimmera Lutheran College

Planning continues for 2026 with a number of employment opportunities available. WLC currently has the following positions being advertised:

- Dimboola Campus: Administration Officer

- Horsham Campus: Primary School Classroom Teacher

- Horsham Campus: Secondary Woodwork Teacher

- Horsham Campus: Secondary School Generalist Teacher

Please visit <https://www.htlc.vic.edu.au/about/employment> for more information, or contact [recruitment@wlc.vic.edu.au](mailto:recruitment@wlc.vic.edu.au)

### Romans 15:13

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*



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



Book Week celebrated at Get 'Em Going



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

Last week we celebrated Book Week, joining in with the school children for the book week parade. The children did a fantastic job dressing up joining in with the day.

We then made an elephant out of crepe paper and read the story 'Elma the Elephant'.

This week we continued learning about farm animals and focused on the duck.

Each of the children had a chance to make their own paper duck using cut out paper shapes and glue then sticking them onto paper.

We read a story about a duck who was stuck in a hole, and then rescued at the end.

Next week we are having a special morning making some gifts for our Dad's for Father's Day coming up. See you on Tuesday at 9:30am.





Thank you to all the parents and friends of the school who took the time to purchase books at our recent "bookfair". The school was able to secure \$440 worth of resources for the library and classrooms from scholastic.



## **SRC Father's Day Gift Stall**

**Open at lunch times on Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Friday  
Weeks 6 & 7**

**Gifts from \$1 - \$5**

Miss Schultz's Project For All the School Students To Be Part Of.....

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.





# You Find What You're Looking For: Changing the Way We See Our Kids



Have you ever noticed how, when you're thinking about buying a certain kind of car, you suddenly see it everywhere? It's not a coincidence. Psychologists call it selective attention—we tend to notice what we're already focused on.

As parents, we do this with our children.

If you've had a rough day and your child is dragging their feet, mumbling, or rolling their eyes... you start seeing only those behaviours. Before you know it, every interaction feels like a battle. You expect the worst—and that's all you see.

**What you focus on grows.** If we're not careful, we can unintentionally reinforce the very behaviours we're trying to change.

## The Danger of "Pre-Agitated Parenting"

In a recent moment of less-than-ideal parenting, I found myself walking into the living room already annoyed—just because one of my daughters was there. She hadn't done anything wrong in the moment, but it had been a rough day for us. We had endured some conflict. I was pre-agitated. Just seeing her brought back frustration and disappointment. My brain was viewing her through a clouded lens, scanning for faults and finding them... because that's what I was looking for.

The result? Snarky comments. Escalating tension. A disconnection that neither of us wanted—but both contributed to.

## So How Can We Do Better?

The good news is, we can turn this around. It starts with one powerful insight:

### If you look for the good, you'll start to see it.

Even in challenging moments. Even with difficult behaviours. Our kids are more than their eye rolls and messy rooms. But we have to choose to notice the gold flecks—because they're there.

Here are three practical strategies to help:

#### 1. Change the Lens Ask yourself:

What's one good thing I've noticed about my child today?

Maybe it's the way they helped a sibling. Or how they finally put their dish in the sink. Or just the way their eyes lit up when you walked into the room.

Write it down. Say it out loud. Let them hear it.

Positivity is contagious—and when our kids feel seen for their good, they're more likely to repeat it.

#### 2. Avoid "Always" and "Never"

Statements like:

- "You always leave your stuff everywhere."
- "You never listen."

...are never true, and always harmful. They shut down conversations, create shame, and damage connection.

Instead, try:

- "I've noticed the room's still messy—what's your plan for cleaning it up?"
- "I feel like I'm not being heard right now. Can we try again?"

Focus on the behaviour, not the identity.

#### 3. Fill the Bucket Before You Correct

Relationships are like buckets. The water in the bucket represents positive connection. The air is correction and direction. If the bucket is full of air (constant criticism) and no water (connection), it's not a healthy relationship. We don't tend to carry empty buckets around.

So before you correct or direct, pause and ask:

- Have I connected with my child today?
- Have I spent time with them, laughed with them, listened to them?

If not, start there. Fill their bucket first.



### See the Gold

There's an old story about a young man looking for gold in a river. He wanted big nuggets—but only found small flecks in dirty rocks. He gave up... until a wise prospector showed him that those tiny flecks, collected steadily over time, are what real wealth is made of.

Our children are like that.

Yes, they're messy. Emotional. Confusing. And hard work. But if we look closely, we'll see the glimmers of who they really are—kind, capable, resilient, funny, generous humans in the making.

You find what you're looking for.

Let's look for the good.

**Action Step for This Week:** Each night, reflect on one gold fleck from your child's day. Then tell them. You'll be amazed at how it changes the tone of your relationship—and your home.



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).

## Premier Reading Challenge

# We are a victorian premiers' 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.



WWSSA athletics at Warracknabeal







On Wednesday the 20th, 17 students travelled to Warracknabeal to compete at the Western District Athletics. All the students competed respectfully and represented our school well. Every student placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in at least one of their events, which is an incredible effort. We have 13 students that have qualified for the next stage of athletics, which will be held in Stawell on the 10th of September.

Congratulations to all students, and a massive thank you to all the parents who came across to Warracknabeal who helped out and supported all competitors.



### Park Street footpath and Queen Street crossing

Hindmarsh Shire have shared the following information. These works will create a safer environment for our students and families.

1. **Park Street, Nhill**

This project proposes to add a new footpath on the southern side of Park Street in Nhill. It is proposed to extend the pathway from just west of Ramsay Street (including a new crossing on Park Street), heading eastwards across Breda Street (with a new crossing) and continuing for approximately 700 metres until Queen Street, where a new crossing with kerb ramps will be installed on Queen Street.

This pathway will provide a dedicated path link for use by community members out for a walk and for students walking to and from school, particularly to the Lutheran School, and Davis Park.

85% of the travel speeds of vehicles on Park Street were observed to be 82 km/h, which is much higher than the posted speed limit of 60 km/h. This path link will increase the safety of vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists, etc) by allowing them to utilise a pathway at a safer distance away from the road and traffic.

See below the draft proposal of the pathway location:

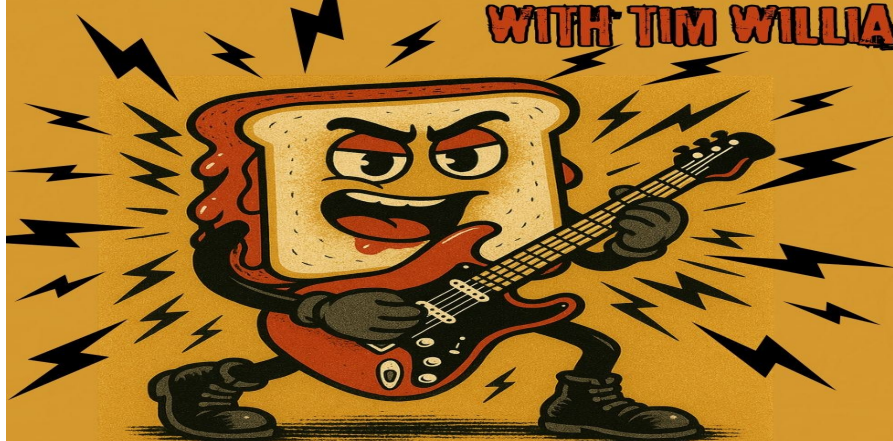




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SEPTEMBER 5TH  
@ NHILL

SEPTEMBER 12TH  
@ DIMBOOLA

BE PART OF THE TOWNS REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL TEAMS  
TO LEARN AND COMPETE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL POSSIBLE

4:30- UNDER 12 BOYS AND GIRLS (2015 - 2017)

5:30- UNDER 14 - 18 GIRLS (2009 - 2014)

6:30 - UNDER 14 BOYS (2013 - 2014)

7:30- UNDER 16 - 18 BOYS (2009 - 2012)

CONTACT US AT  
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FURTHER DETAILS OR RSVP FOR  
THE EVENTS

NHILL BASKETBALL

## AGM MEETING

TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
5.30 PM

NHILL & DISTRICT SPORTING CLUB  
NETBALL CHANGE ROOMS

PRIMARY, SECONDARY, WOMEN'S  
AND MEN'S COMPETITIONS  
FOR PARENTS AND PLAYERS

QUERIES TO EMMA DICKINSON  
0408911664



*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*