



Leo The Lion

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



Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes are sent to the following students and staff:
Spencer 28th March
Esther 27th March
Karen 31st March



Students of the Week

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

Esther: Her exceptional level of dedication and resilience in various aspects of learning, particularly Mathematics. Esther is to be credited for her hard work on prime, composite and square numbers.

Eveline: Showing a fantastic understanding of patterns during our math's learning. Demonstrating a great ability to recognise, create, and continue patterns throughout our unit, positive attitude and persistence in the classroom.



Dakoda: Demonstrated excellent responsibility for her learning. She consistently asks thoughtful questions to clarify her understanding and applies what she has learned in class through Nhill her homework.

Silas: Shows care and consideration for his classmates, and willing to share. He is a collaborative learner who demonstrates teamwork. He shows initiative by taking action when he sees something that needs to be done .

From The Principal

NAPLAN

Year 3 and 5 students have been undertaking NAPLAN tests over the last week and a half. Despite a slow start due to nationwide technical difficulties, the students have committed themselves diligently to the tests and are to be commended on their attitude towards what can be a challenging time.

A Milestone for Foundation Students

Last week the Foundation students started attending school on Wednesday, and they now go to school five days a week just like the big kids! Congratulations for reaching this special milestone.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday March 24 and Wednesday March 25. This is a valuable time to discuss your child's progress.

Harmony Day and activities

To celebrate Harmony Day we will be holding Harmony Day activities on Friday March 27th. Students may dress in orange, the colour of Harmony Day, or wear cultural attire. We are blessed at WLC Nhill to have a tapestry of diverse cultures that strengthens our school community.

P&F Movie Night

Who doesn't love a movie night with popcorn? The P&F are hosting a Movie Night for on the evening of the 27th – details are located elsewhere in the newsletter, or check out the posters at the school.

Heave Ho, Off We Go

We are looking forward to a visiting performance next Tuesday – Heave Ho, Away We Go! Students from the Dimboola campus will join us for this time.

Every blessing,
Damon

Super Readers Award

Congratulations to the students who were presented with Super Readers awards at assembly this week. Wesley, Joseph, Silas, Sienna, Ivy and Hailey



Upcoming Events

March

Tues 24th: Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wed 25th: Parent/Teacher Interviews

Fri 27th: Harmony Day P&F Movie Night

April

Thurs 2nd: Last Day Term 1

Fri 3rd: Good Friday

Sun 5th: Easter Sunday

Mon 20th: Term 2 Starts

Sat 25th: Anzac Day

Wed 29th - Fri 1st May: Year 3/4 Camp Warrnambool

May

Fri 1st: WLC Board Meeting

Fr 8th: Mother's Day Chapel

Mon 11th: Little Desert Cross Country @ Kaniva

Wed 27th: National Simultaneous Storytime

June

Fri 5th: Report Writing Day (pupil free)

Mon 8th: Kings Birthday Holiday (no school)

Fri 12th: P&F Donut Day

Tues 23rd: Freestyle Ministry Dance (tbc)

Fri 26th: Last Day Term 2

July

Mon 13th: Staff PD Day (No students)

Tues 14th: Term 3 Starts

Wed 22nd: Hockey 7's @ Dimboola

Tues 28th: 100 Days of School celebrated

August

Tues 4th: NO BUSES

Mon 10th: Meerkat Production Incursion

Mon 24th - Fri 28th: Book Week "Symphony of Stories"

Mon 31st - Fri 4th Sept: Teacher Aide Appreciation Week

Chapel Dates
March Fri 27th: Year 3/4

Devotional Thought

You are among us, Lord, and we bear your name; do not forsake us!

(Jeremiah 14:9b)

Read [Jeremiah 14:7-9](#)

In real estate, the three most important factors are location, location, location. In reading the Bible, the three most important factors are context, context, context. Jeremiah is a complex book that combines stories written in prose and prophecies and laments written as poems. Today's reading is a poetic section of a lament. Jeremiah is trying to convince the people of Judah that they are on the wrong track and are about to face God's judgement. This lament is in response to a drought that God has sent as a warning.

The problem wasn't that the people were not religious. They faithfully followed all the rules of temple worship and sacrifice. God had made a covenant with David, which said that David's offspring and his kingdom would last forever (2 Samuel 7:8-16), so they were satisfied that, provided they continued their temple worship faithfully, God would always protect them.

The prophets, including Jeremiah, kept telling them that fancy temple worship wasn't what God wanted – God wanted them to obey his commandments, not to worship foreign gods, and to act justly and fairly to each other. The previous part of the lament in Jeremiah 14 complains about all the problems that the drought is causing. Then, in today's reading, the complaints are directed at God. The people admit that they have made some mistakes, but they need his help.

There are two ways of interpreting their complaints. Firstly, they are admitting their sins, changing their sinful ways and praying for God's mercy. The second interpretation (which I prefer) is that they are saying they have a deal with God, even though they've made some mistakes: 'God, you are meant to be taking care of us, so hurry up and keep up your end of the bargain!'

Like the Pharisees in yesterday's reading about the blind man, they are too convinced of their own correctness and entitlement to realise that the situation has changed. The Babylonians would soon invade Judah, and the people would be sent into exile.

With gospel eyes, we now know that the descendant of David who would rule forever was Jesus. Jesus made a new covenant to end the cycle of rebellion, punishment and restoration. Jesus became the ultimate sacrifice so that all of us are now God's people – for eternity.

We can now confidently call on God for his comfort and protection, not because we are following God's commandments, but because Jesus has redeemed us.

God, we confidently call to you in prayer, not because of our goodness, but because of Jesus. Thank you for all that you do for us. Amen.

Chapel Offerings



From the last 2 weeks of Chapel \$48.90 was collected for the ALWS Gifts of Grace. Please consider sending an offering each Friday morning as the communities there rely on our help.

Prayer of the Week



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

- Elly and her family
- Ruby & Freya and their family
- Nelson, Luka, Micah & Mrs Rohde and their family
- Laird and is family

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.

| 22 nd March | What About Lament | (Interview) |
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| When the pain of grief seems unbearable, how can lament bring hope? Verena shares her personal story of lament and the hope she found through it. | | |

| 29 th March | Living Water | (Interview) |
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| Are you thirsting for love? Forgiveness? Approval? Noel Due offers hope to quench those thirsts. | | |

Worship News

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

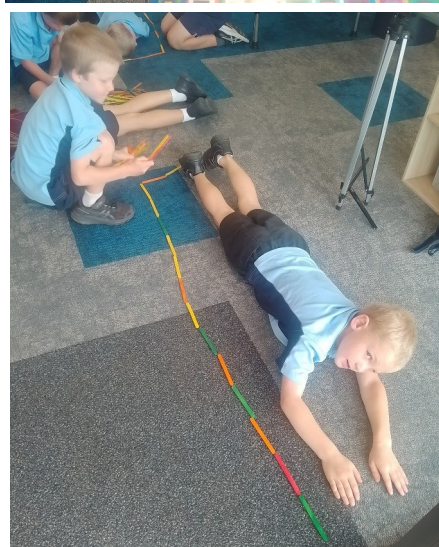
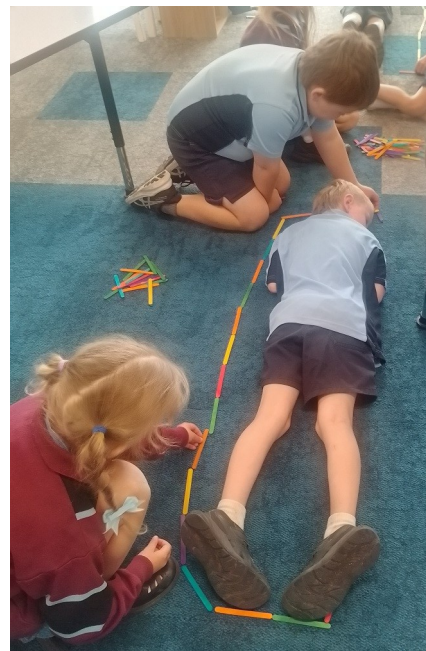
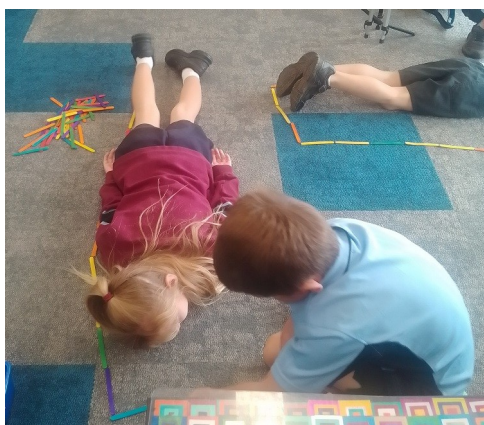
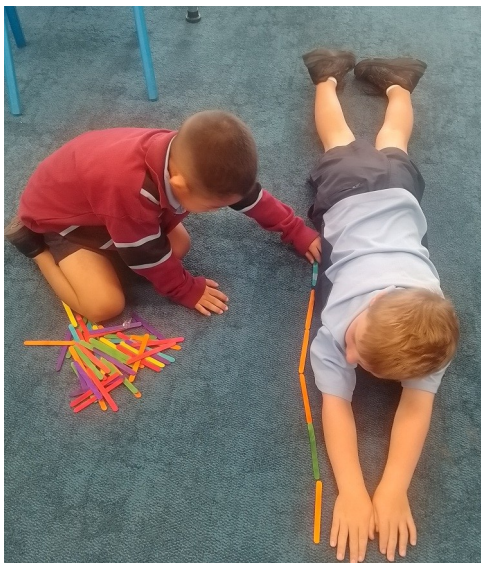
Sun 22nd March: 5th Sun in Lent
Nhill 11am Jeparit 9am

Sun 29th March: Palm Sunday
Nhill 10am (followed with AGM)

NhillLutheranParishOnline.com



Year 1/2 Class Learning The Concept Of Measuring Length & Perimeter



Children of Nhill

are invited to

be involved in the

Palm Sunday Community Service

Hosted by the Nhill Combined Churches

Nhill Community Centre

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH, 2026

9.30AM

For further information contact
Jenny Creek 0417 014 278

From The WLC Executive Principal—Jason Przibilla

Survey and Strategic Planning

After reviewing the survey results that were received at the end of last year, and collating the information gathered from the focus groups (thank you to those families who took time to participate in these important steps), the Strategic Plan steering committee made up of the WLC Executive team has finalised the three key signposts that will help to drive the strategic direction of Wimmera Lutheran College.

Wimmera Lutheran College Signposts:

Shaping Identity

Together we grow from who we are to who we are becoming. Rooted in Christ and shaped by Lutheran education, we explore shared beliefs and values, celebrating unity in diversity. Each school community's unique story contributes to a strong and evolving identity.

Growing Community

We build a strong, inclusive community by connecting with all members of our school. Through support, shared learning, and collaboration, we create meaningful relationships that unite staff and students across campuses. Everyone is valued, and everyone belongs.

Transforming Learning

We believe learning is a lifelong, holistic journey that nurtures every student's growth. By being adventurous, purposeful, compassionate, and relational, we work together to create meaningful, innovative learning experiences. We prepare students to thrive in a changing world.

The next strategic planning workshop will be held on Tuesday 31 March. The focus for this workshop will be on establishing the various pillars and objectives that sit underneath these signposts, and establish the working groups that will complete these tasks. A completed Strategic Intent document is not far away from being finalised.

Later this year, the College Board and Executive leaders will meet to establish the Mission, Vision and Values statements for Wimmera Lutheran College. This collaborative workshop will be another important step forward in establishing the identity of Wimmera Lutheran College.

Marketing and Communications Update

One of the shared positions across Wimmera Lutheran College is the role of the Marketing and Communications Manager and I wish to provide the following update; Mrs Georgia Thomas has taken maternity leave, effective from the end of last week. We wish Georgia and Jamie every blessing as they prepare to welcome their second child. The Marketing and Communications role will be filled by 2 staff members in Georgia's absence, Mrs Cass Dalgleish (who has returned from maternity leave - welcome back Cass) and Hannah Borlase who has accepted a 0.4 contract until the end of this year. Both staff members have worked in this role previously and will do an excellent job of managing WLC's marketing and communications portfolio.

LEVNT Principal's Retreat

Damon Prenzler and I were fortunate to spend the last few days of this week at the LEVNT's Principal Retreat, held in Hepburn Springs. This 3-day retreat provided great opportunity for spiritual reflection, collegial networking and a space for some rest and relaxation. The theme for the retreat was 'For Such A Time As This.' Further detail of how this theme was explored over the course of the retreat can be explained in the following synopsis;

Rapidly accelerating changes in technology, culture, economics and geo-politics present educational leaders with challenges and opportunities not seen for generations. What is the purpose of education in the face of AI? What do parents and wider society expect of the education system and its leaders? What will the most effective schools and leadership teams be doing differently in the time ahead? And, most importantly, how does the Christian educational leader live their vocation fully, respond to God's call upon their lives and unleash the true mission of Christian education - leading young people into a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ?

Across several sessions, global educational leadership expert Jonathan Doyle shared a comprehensive exploration of formational historical context, current educational threats and opportunities and a compelling call to return to a deep Christian philosophical anthropology.

The three days were certainly thought-provoking and provided much discussion and debate.

John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing"

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 great few weeks in Get 'em Going playgroup! We learnt all about the colour pink and purple. The children have enjoyed exploring lots of different musical instruments today including cymbals, triangles, tapping sticks and drums. For our craft we finished off our rainbow; adding the colour purple and pink for the last two colour's. The children did a wonderful job completing these. They look great! The children have also been exploring the rice tub. Using funnels, cups and spoons to tip and refill.



Last week we read a story about an elephant with a colourful umbrella. We finished off the morning this week by reading a story called 'Noah and the big boat'. Learning all about God's promises by sending the rainbow at the end of the flood.

Next week we have our last playgroup for the term where we will celebrate by having a teddy bear picnic! Come along next Tuesday at 9:30am and bring along your favourite teddy.



Whose Cup Are You Filling?



Writer Derek Thompson recently shared a metaphor via his [Substack](#)... and it won't leave me alone. It wasn't about parenting - but it's something every parent needs to hear.

Thompson described a game where we have a pitcher of water. On the table in front of the pitcher are dozens of cups that want water. The game is to pour the water into the cups in a way that is satisfying to us but that also gives the right cups the right amount of water.

Why would the cups want or need water? Those cups each have labels: work, children, partner, screens, dishes, regret, worry, and so on. And the water? It represents something we only have so much of: attention.

It's a simple idea, but with devastating implications.

As parents, we know which cups matter most. It's obvious. We're "supposed" to put our attention into our children. They're our priority. We're "supposed" to fill our partners' cup, our health cup. Plus there's our work (because the rent or mortgage has to be paid. We need food on the table).

But then we do a reality check. Our screen time app tells us we've spent 75 minutes on social media while we know we have only spent eleven minutes talking with our son or daughter. We've poured energy into an argument with a stranger online but had nothing left for our spouse at dinner. We've ruminated about work frustrations all weekend but can't remember the last unhurried conversation we had with our child.

Thompson tells us our attention tells the truth our mouths won't say.

I see this in my own life constantly. After a social media post about a provocative topic, I spent days absorbed in online criticism - essentially having arguments with people I'll never meet (while my actual family sat across from me, watching me pour water into other cups than the ones that matter most).

There are a couple of things that make this hard though. First, we're wired to respond to urgency, not importance. The ping gets our water. The deadline gets our water. The conflict gets our water. When things are ok, we don't focus on them so much. So... if the kids are doing fine, they get less water.

Second, we have so many distractions - most of them on our screens.

This means that we're not putting our attention where it matters most.

Some people say "you can't pour from an empty vessel". That's true to a degree... but attention is always being put somewhere. In this game (or metaphor), it's not about our energy. It's about attention. And that's a choice. Every time.

The research on presence keeps pointing to the same truth: children need us fully there. They need our engaged attention. They develop secure attachment not through perfect parenting but through consistent presence.

Too often, what gets our attention is an algorithm designed to keep us perpetually elsewhere. We've normalised interrupted conversations, half-listened stories, and questions answered while scrolling. We've accepted being physically present but mentally absent as just "how life is now."

How many times have you sat down to "just check this notification" or to "quickly send off a reply" or to "watch this thing someone sent me real quick", only to find yourself still glued to the screen 40 minutes later? (And then to be mad at everyone for not picking up the slack because "I just needed some down time?")

It doesn't have to be like this - and it shouldn't be like this.

Your energy flows where your attention goes.

What's getting your attention? Because that's what's getting your attention.

This is a conversation about two things: priorities (also known as value), and intention.

If you're reading this and feeling guilt - take that as a signal. A good news signal. That guilt is pointing you in the direction of improvement! It's our brain's functional way of correcting and improving. It's resilient!

The even better news is Thompson's metaphor means that because attention actually is renewable, tomorrow morning, your pitcher is full again. You get another chance. The game doesn't end because you lost today or yesterday.

So try this: tonight, before bed, ask yourself one question: *Whose cup did I fill today?*

Not whose cup you *meant* to fill. Whose cup actually got your water. Was it the podcast? Or your child?

Was it the latest news story about an issue you can't control in any way? Or was it your partner or spouse?

Ask, whose cup did I fill today? And then ask what needs to change tomorrow. Pour your water (attention) with intention. Not sure how? Maybe you silence notifications during school pickup. Maybe you establish one screen-free hour each evening. Maybe you stop treating every work email as urgent. Maybe you choose boredom over scrolling. Maybe you just start noticing where your attention actually goes instead of where you wish it went. Your kids aren't measuring your intentions. They're measuring your presence. Not the 30 seconds of distracted "uh-huh" while you finish a text. The moments when they have you - your eyes, your focus, your water. Everything else is just noise we've mistaken for necessity.



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.

Parent & Friends Update



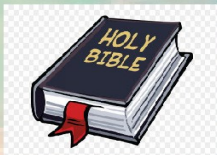
Thank you to everyone who assisted with donuts on Friday at Thank Duck it's Friday. From picking up supplies, set up, pack up, sorting generators, cooking, and looking after our kids, so many people helped. It was a great night with everyone having a good time and making \$510. A great first fundraiser to start the year. Friday next week we have our first movie night for the year, hopefully lots of people will be able to come and enjoy a night out. The cookbook is almost ready, thanks to everyone who contributed recipes and to our amazing cookbook team who have put the book together. Pre orders are now open! If you haven't received an order form, contact P&F or the front office.

Looking into term 2, we have secured our Quiz Master and Quiz Night is scheduled for May 8th, always a fun night for all ages. And after a small taste of donuts last week, we are really looking forward to our annual Donut Day on June 12th. In other exciting news our shade structure arrived this week and will soon be constructed. It has been wonderful to supply a space for families to gather to share and support each other on this school journey. Thank you all for your ongoing support of the P&F.

Jackie Rethus
Chairperson



St Paul's Lutheran Church Nhill



The Nhill Lutheran Church
Would like you to join us
This coming Sunday at 11 am.
Pastor Wayne Muschamp will lead
Us in worship and is excited
To present a Children's Address
During the service.



EASTER

Everyone is welcome



School Stream App



All families, please be aware that you can instal the school stream app from your app store and search for Nhill Lutheran School.

This app provides you with another means of communication for signing permission slips, camp, absentees, bus travelling changes.

Just a reminder that there have been some changes with the school stream reporting app. to make it easier for parents/caregivers to use.

The regular used forms have been moved to their own folders, they are; Absence Reporting & Bus.



Bus Travelers

Can parents/caregivers please let us know at the school if your children are not going to be on the bus in the afternoon.

You may use the school stream app, phone the office, email or in person when you arrive to collect the children.

If you know the children are not on the bus for specific days of the week they can be permanently recorded as not on the bus for that particular day. Thanks in advance for your co-operation on this matter.

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.



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.

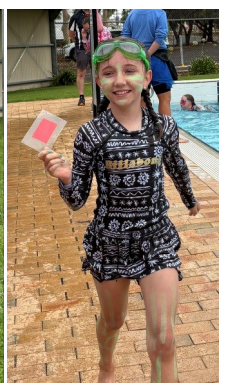
This award-winning resource helps families build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people. It will assist you in starting those conversations on topics that can sometimes be awkward 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>

Swimming Carnival Photos







Term Dates 2026

Term 1 2026 : Wed 28th Jan - Thurs 2nd April

Mon 9th March: Labour Day (public holiday)

Term 2: Mon 20th April– Fri 26th June

Fri 5th June: Report Writing Day (no students)

Mon 8th June: King's Birthday (public holiday)

Term 3: Tues 14th July—Fri 18th Sept

Mon 13th July: Staff PD Day (no students)

Term 4: Mon 5th Oct—Wed 9th Dec

Thurs 15th Oct: Nhill Show (holiday TBC)

Fri 16th Oct: School Closure Day

Mon 23rd Nov: Report Writing Day (no students)

Wed 9th Dec: Last Day for students

Thur 10th/ Fri 11th Dec: Staff PD Days

SRC Zooper Doopers

Available Term 1, 2026!

Every day at lunchtime - \$1 each

Send money with student

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A great fundraiser for the Student
Representative Council



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

Tesselaar Fundraising with Bulbs

2026 CATALOGUE

SRC Fundraiser

**80
YEARS**
of experience
is ours.

**40% OF
SALES**
is yours.

**Get your order in before
tonight- FRI 20th March**

- Anyone can order the bulbs online
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SYMBOLS
MEAN**



Full sun



Full sun/
light shade



Great
in pots

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call 1300 428 527 or visit www.bulbfundraiser.com.au

WLC - NHILL, P&F
PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

MARCH 27TH 2026 | 7:00 PM
WLC - NHILL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
POPCORN PROVIDED
BYO COMFY SEAT
WATER ONLY PLEASE

PLEASE NOTE MOVIE WILL BE RATED PG
CHILDREN TO BE SUPERVISED BY AN
ADULT



**Classes commence on Thursday,
February 12, at
St Paul's Lutheran Church Hall**
Entry via Mussen Lane, which is to the rear of the
Church.

Thursday

4 -4.30
4.30 -5.15

Cygnets ballet (2.5 - 4 years)
Beginner Ballet (5 - 8 yrs)

Friday

4 - 5
5 -5.30
5.30 - 6.30

Ballet (9 -11 yrs)
Ballet extension
Junior Jazz/
Contemporary

**Bookings essential - 0447 446 233 or email
katherinefraserdance@gmail.com**

A teen Jazz/Contemporary class will be offered on Friday from 6.30 - 7.30 if there is enough interest.