



Leo The Lion

Congratulations to Xander 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 student:
Savannah 26th June



Students of the Week

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

Cooper: Shown responsibility in facing challenges with his learning. Resilience and strong commitment to his learning.

Ely: Demonstrated consistent practice and focus to learn the days of the week, along with independent working and confidently sharing during class activities.

Helena: Her grit and determination on the netball court during the Lightning Premiership series, as well as her leadership and encouragement towards the younger students on this day.

Super Readers Award



Congratulations to Freya who was presented with Super Readers awards at assembly this week.



From The Principal

Morning Gathering Time

Recently, we have begun gathering as a whole school each morning on our new paved area. Rather than lining up in rows, students and staff gather together in a circle. One of the highlights of this time is our daily "shout outs."

Shout outs are acknowledgements or words of thanks shared with someone for something they have done well. While most shout outs come from students, staff members also contribute. Recent examples have included recognising students who pick up rubbish, play kindly with others, persevere through challenges on the monkey bars, or show helpfulness to their peers. This morning, one student was even thanked for helping another student dig a hole!

God provides us with so much to be thankful for, and this simple practice encourages us to notice and celebrate the many positive things happening within our school community each day.

Lightning Premierships

Yesterday, our Year 3-6 students joined with students from WLC Dimboola to participate in the Lightning Premierships. Together, they fielded one football team, two t-ball teams, and three netball teams.

Thank you to the staff and parents who assisted throughout the day. Congratulations also to the WLC1 netball team, who were successful in winning their event. It was wonderful to see students giving their best effort, encouraging one another, and competing with excellent sportsmanship.

Donut Day

A big thank you to everyone who helped make Donut Day such a success. This enjoyable (and delicious!) fundraiser was organised by our Parents and Friends group, and we are grateful for the time and effort contributed by all involved.

Reports

Semester One academic reports will be distributed during the final week of term. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's learning, please feel free to arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher.

WLC Music Tour

Next Friday, we look forward to welcoming secondary students from WLC Horsham for the second WLC Music Tour, following the inaugural visit in 2025. Students from WLC Dimboola will also join us, making this a special occasion as students from all three WLC campuses gather together in one place.

Members of our school community are warmly invited to attend. The performance will commence at 12:00pm and conclude at approximately 1:15pm.

Looking Ahead

There is much to look forward to in the remaining weeks of Term 2:

- **June 12** - Donut Day
- **June 16** - School Photographs
- **June 19** - WLC Music Tour
- **June 23** - Freestyle Dance Ministry
- **June 24** - F-2 Excursion

June 26 - Last Day of Term 2 (early finish at 2:15 pm)
Every blessing,

Damon

Welcome Khemaka



WLC Nhill would like to welcome Khemaka and his family to Nhill from Sri Lanka. May your time here give you many positive memories and experiences in Australia.

Cross Country –West Wimmera Schools Sports Association Participants



Parent & Friends Donut Day



WLCN P&F

Our P&F have been busy creating an amazing cookbook, filled with over 100 family friendly recipes contributed by our school community.

The cookbook has now been printed

Cookbooks available at the office \$25 each (cash only)

Other payments methods please contact P&F member or via email pandf.nls@gmail.com

From The WLC Executive Principal—Jason Przibilla

WLC Day at Dimboola

Every year, a conscientious effort is made to bring the 3 campuses together for a day of Professional Development, Planning and Connection. The first day of Term 3 is a student-free day with students not required at school until Tuesday. The staff of Wimmera Lutheran College will be coming together for a combined WLC staff day on Monday 13 July. This year's gathering will be especially significant as we host the event at our Dimboola Campus, following previous WLC Days held at our Nhill and Horsham campuses.

Rotating this important event between our campuses is a wonderful way to celebrate the unique strengths of each location while reinforcing our identity as one College across three communities. The day will bring together all full-time and part-time teaching and non-teaching staff for a range of professional learning and collaborative activities. The program includes sessions on Leading Lutheran Identity and the continued development of our Mission, Vision and Values, helping to shape the future direction of our College. Staff will also participate in an engaging AI in Schools workshop, receive an Anaphylaxis briefing, hear important College updates, and conclude the day with Worship and Holy Communion as we gather in faith and fellowship.

Events such as the WLC Day are an important investment in our people. They provide an opportunity to strengthen relationships across campuses, share ideas, deepen our Lutheran identity and ensure that, regardless of location, we continue working together to provide outstanding educational experiences for every student in our care. We look forward to an inspiring day as we begin an exciting term together.

Isaiah 43:19

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Report Writing Day

Last Friday, staff from across all three Wimmera Lutheran College campuses participated in a dedicated Report Writing Day. Scheduled within the College calendar, this day provides teachers with valuable time and space to prepare and finalise end-of-semester reports that communicate each student's progress and achievements to families. Producing these reports requires many hours of careful reflection, assessment and writing, and setting aside a dedicated day helps staff complete this important work while balancing the ongoing demands of teaching and supporting students in the classroom. Reports will be available for families in the last week of term.

Administering Medication Policy

To ensure the safe and accurate administration of medication at school, we ask all families to follow our medication procedures (outlined in the Administering Medication Policy). Any medication that is required to be administered during the school day must;

- Be delivered to the College by a parent or guardian
- Include the medication container

Include all relevant supporting documentation.

Upon delivery, parents will be required to complete and sign a Medication Administration Form, and both the parent and a member of College staff will sign the medication register to confirm the handover. Once medication is received, College staff will maintain a detailed record of each dose administered by updating the remaining tablet count after every administration and completing daily reconciliation checks. At the end of each week, the recorded balance will be verified against the physical quantity of medication on hand to ensure accuracy and maintain the highest standards of safety and accountability. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the administration of your campus, or the Executive Principal.

Congratulations to Mrs A for being chosen to participate in the Victorian State Hockey Masters Team.



Lightning Premierships







The netball team came home with the prize but the other teams all put in a gallant effort and did the Wimmera Lutheran College Nhill & Dimboola campus proud.



All the students participated during the day either putting on a netball bib, a football guernsey or picked up the bat for T ball , it ended being a wonderful day of comradery with our classmates and the students from Dimboola.

A huge cheer is extended to umpires, scorers, and supporters on the day.

Chapel Offerings

From this weeks Chapel \$26.25 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.....

- Eva and her family
- Ruby & Ivy and their family
- Tom & Zoe and their family
- Jed and his family
- Matilda and her family
- Mrs Wise and her family

Worship News

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

Sun 14th June 3rd Sun after Pentecost
Sun 21st June 4th Sun after Pentecost
Nhill 9.30am



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.

14 June	I don't agree	(Discussion)
Can we really get along with people we don't agree with? Celia chats with Ali about maintaining relationships when our beliefs and values don't line up.		
21 June	Good work	(Interview)
Can our faith make a difference in our workplace? Jo chats with Craig and Susan, from 'Engage Work Faith' about being a Christian in our vocation.		

Devotional Thought

Talk with the walk, and walk the talk

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children (Deuteronomy 6:6,7a).

Read [Deuteronomy 6:4-15](#)

Discipleship is a 24/7 job, and we spend a few hours of that time each week at church. As parents, we need to realise that we have a big responsibility to raise our children in the faith – promises we indeed make at their baptisms.

Today's reading gives us a lovely picture of what it means to raise our children in the faith. Nothing fancy: just living our lives, as a family, talking about the Lord, teaching our children his ways as we sit at home, walk along the road, as we lie down, as we get up ... as we go to the shops, drive them to basketball, and if we can throw in a few Colin Buchanan concerts along the way we can add some craziness and fun into the mix.

If we want to, we can put Christian symbols around our house, buy lovely prints from the Christian bookstore and set out 'who we are' and 'whose we are' as a family. In fact, for years now, as I drive the kids to their sports games, or their casual work, or give them massively tight goodbye hugs and wave them off to university at the airport, I say, 'Remember who you are, and whose you are.' They know what that means because we've disciplined them and taught them.

Who are you walking along the road of life with right now? If you're not walking anywhere these days, who is in the same room as you? Who's brought you your cup of tea or your medicine? You are a precious and valued team member to whom the Lord entrusts his kingdom work, wherever you are and whatever you're doing. Remember who you are and whose you are! Love the Lord your God with all your strength, and he will work through you.

Lord, thank you for the teaching I have received in my life to now. Thank you for those who have disciplined and taught me the faith. Please show me whom I, too, can disciple, teach and encourage. Lord, I also pray for our pastors. May they be upheld by those in their congregations, sharing the load and using their gifts, all for the glory of God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Upcoming Events

June

- Mon 15th: Fire Truck Visit
- Tues 16th: School Photos
- Fri 19th: WLC Music Tour
Ambulance Visit
- Mon 22nd: Year 5/6 Travel Expo
- Tues 23rd: Freestyle Ministry Dance
- Wed 24th June: F-2 Excursion to Horsham
- 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
P&F Meeting
- Thurs 23rd: Police Presentation
- Tues 28th: 100 Days of School Celebration

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
- Mon 31st - Thurs 3rd Sept: Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp

HELLO WINTER

Hot Chocolates!

Warm up with a delicious hot chocolate in

Week 9!

 Wednesday 17/06

Bring \$2

Place your money in your class message box
Enjoy a yummy hot chocolate treat!
Don't miss out on this cosy winter warmer! ❄️

change of DATE!!!!



Chapel Dates

June 19th: Year 3/4

June 26th: Foundation

Assembly Dates

June 26th: Year 3/4

Action required

Working With Children Check Required

DO NOT HAVE A WWCC? Please complete the online application and provide a copy to the school - link below

<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>

HAVE A WWCC? Please provide the school with a copy

Thanks in advance for your help on this matter.

Parents Complete The VSC Volunteer Online Program Using The Links Below



VSC Volunteer iLearn enrolment help notes

Lutheran schools seek to ensure that each member of the school community enjoys a positive, safe, healthy and respectful place of learning. To meet this expectation staff and volunteers of schools of the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA), and early childhood services are obliged to meet the requirements of the 'LCA Standards of Ethical Behaviour' and related LCA policies. Valuing Safe Communities (VSC) is a school specific training program developed to comply with this expectation.

This handout provides information about how volunteers and casual staff can complete the Valuing Safe Communities training. Please note that to participate in this course, there is a two-step process which is required to ensure the integrity and safety of the training content. The first stage is registering on the training system: iLearn, and the second stage is enrolling in the training module.

Step 1 – Registering for Training if you do not have an iLearn login

1. Visit the following website: <https://ilearn.alc.edu.au/>
2. Click on Create new account on the right of the screen.

Login

Username / email

Password

Remember username

Log in

[Create new account](#)

[Lost password?](#)

3. Complete the registration form, including the fields under the title 'Valuing Safe Communities'. If the fields are hidden, click on the title ('Valuing Safe Communities') to reveal them, otherwise select your school.
4. Click on the button that looks like this:
5. Check your inbox for an email from 'iLearn Support' <ilearnsupport@alc.edu.au> Subject: iLearn – Australian Lutheran College: account confirmation. If you can't see it in your inbox, check your junk or spam folder. Click on the confirmation link contained in the email.
6. After you click the confirmation link in the email, iLearn opens to confirm your registration. Before commencing step 2, please 'log-out' from the dashboard (top left-hand corner).

Stage 2 – Enrolling in the module

7. Once you have registered OR if you have registered previously with 'iLearn', visit the following website: <https://ilearn.alc.edu.au/course/view.php?id=242>
8. Log in to 'iLearn' entering your username and password.
9. Click on 'VSC Volunteer & Casual Staff' under the Enrolment options
10. Enter the Enrolment Key: VSC6_VoLCA5 (also printed below the module)
11. Commence the training by following the online prompts. Once the training is completed you will receive an electronic copy of a certificate. You can print a copy for your records and your completion date will be saved in the system.

If you require any help during this process, please email ilearnsupport@alc.edu.au

Thank you for taking part in this important training.



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



We had a fun morning out in 'Get 'em Going' playgroup today, our focus animal was the fish! We started a new set of songs for our music time in the library. Exploring shaker eggs and triangles.

For craft each of the children had a go at making their own fish out of a paper plate and patty pans. Folding them in half and sticking them on with glue.

We celebrated a special birthday with one of our friends turning 4 on Thursday. Happy birthday!

We finished off the morning by reading a story from the Bible called 'The net and the fish'. Next week we will learn all about Noah's Ark.



Friendship is a Skill



Speak to any school leader, psychologist, teacher, or person involved with children in a kindergarten or school and ask them what the most common challenge they confront is when dealing with students - and the answer will almost always be the same:

Friendships.

Friendships are at the very heart of our wellbeing - or our distress. The quality of our relationships is core to our happiness. Researchers have found that "[school belonging](#)" is a predictor of everything from grades to life satisfaction - [even a decade after school has ended](#). Academic achievement, self-concept, behaviour, and thinking all improve when kids feel they "belong". And they're less likely to drop out of school (or have sick days). Friendships are core to that sense of belonging.

If friendship and belonging matter so much, why are they such ongoing sources of challenge for children and the adults who try to support them?

During the 1980s, influential British social psychologist Michael Argyle, and his collaborator, Monika Henderson, conducted a [series of studies](#) on what makes a friendship flourish or fail. They identified six rules essential for maintaining a stable relationship. These were:

1. Standing up for the friend in their absence

Loyalty is a powerful relationship builder. We teach this (at any age, including for those of us over 18) by explaining that it means not laughing along when someone makes fun of your mate, and not staying silent when gossip is spreading.

A child who says "Actually, that's not fair, she wasn't even there" is being a friend - and the courage and loyalty it requires is what builds a strong friendship. Teach kids that real friendship happens when the person isn't in the room.

2. Sharing important news with the friend

Friends keep each other in the loop. If your child hears that the whole group is going to the movies and someone is being left out, they'll stand up for their friend, encourage others to include them, and make sure they include them in things.

Good friends share. They don't share everything, but they do share the things that matter. And they also know what *not* to share. (Like: "everyone was talking about you at lunch today and said you have stinky breath.") Encourage your child to think: *Would I want to know this if the roles were reversed?*

3. Providing emotional support when it's needed

This doesn't require a twelve-year-old to become a therapist. It mostly just means showing up. Providing emotional support isn't knowing how to "emotion coach". It's sitting with a friend who's had a rough day, texting to check in after something hard happened, and not brushing it off with "you'll be fine" or changing the subject to talk about "me".

Kids who learn to notice when someone's not okay - and know how to say something caring and kind - are building friendships that last.

4. Trusting and confiding in each other

Friendship deepens when people share something real about themselves. That feels risky, and for a lot of kids it is. Vulnerability leaves you open to being hurt, but it's also the key that unlocks deeper commitment and relationship.

If your child tells you a friend shared something personal, help them understand that holding that confidence is one of the most important things a friend can do. Breaking it is one of the fastest ways to destroy a friendship.

5. Volunteering help when it's required

The key word here is *volunteering* rather than waiting to be asked. A good friend notices when someone is struggling and offers before being prompted. A child who sees a classmate trying to carry too many things and just picks some up, or who asks "do you want help with that?" without being told to, is practising one of friendship's core skills.

6. Making an effort to make the other person happy

This is about small, intentional kindness. Remembering a friend's birthday. Saving them a seat. Saying "I thought of you when I saw this." Children who grow up understanding that friendships require active maintenance are far better equipped to keep them.

None of this is complicated, but none of it is automatic either. Children don't arrive knowing how to be good friends. They learn it, mostly by watching the adults around them, and occasionally by being taught directly.

The good news is that the rules Argyle and Henderson identified forty years ago are still the right ones. They haven't been disrupted by social media or complicated by AI or made obsolete by any generational shift. Loyalty, support, trust, and kindness are still what friendship runs on.

If your child is struggling socially, ask which of these six they're finding hardest and start there. Friendship is a skill. And like every other skill, it improves with practice and a little guidance from someone who cares.



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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.

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.

SRC PJ Day





Term Dates 2026

Term 2: Mon 20th April– Fri 26th June

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

Boys: Building Strong Young Men From the Inside Out

Wednesday 17 June | 7pm AEST

He's disappearing. Behind the closed door, lost in screens, making choices that keep you up at night. He's navigating a world designed to confuse him – algorithms designed to addict him – a world parents don't understand and can't break into. The headlines scream crisis. They warn us that boys are in deep trouble... and it's getting worse.

But it doesn't have to be like this.

Dr Justin Coulson has a different story to tell. In **Boys**, Dr Coulson reveals what decades of research suggests: when boys get what they actually need, they thrive. Not through force or fixing, but through connection, meaningful challenge, and someone who refuses to give up on them.

This presentation hands you the 'Playbook'. It cuts through the noise with practical, research-backed strategies for the battles you're fighting right now. Gaming. Pornography. Self-control. Friendships. School motivation. How to discipline without destroying trust. How to stay close when he's pushing away.

But beneath the tactics lies something more powerful: a vision of masculinity worth fighting for. Boys who help others feel safer and stronger. Who create surplus value. Who become not just good men, but the best version of themselves. Your son already has everything he needs to get there.

Sign up here:

<https://happyfamiliesfamilyeducation.ac-page.com/awj-boys-register-hfs>



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>

Wellbeing Barometer Survey 2026

A SchoolTV topic supporting
modern-day parenting



A SPECIAL REPORT: Wellbeing Barometer Survey - 2026

The Wellbeing Barometer survey is an important annual check-in that helps our school better understand the wellbeing of our students. Each year, the survey provides valuable insights into young people's experiences, highlighting areas of concern, recognising strengths and resilience and reinforcing the importance of early, preventative support.

This year, the survey has been reviewed and refreshed to further refine the information shared by parents and adult carers, helping provide a clearer and more meaningful overview of wellbeing across our school community. These updates support more accurate insights while maintaining the same commitment to privacy and confidentiality.

Your participation is strongly encouraged. We ask that you take a few moments to complete the survey for each of your children, based on your observations from the past 12 months. All responses remain anonymous and are reported only in aggregate.

By capturing a broad picture of students' emotional, social and mental wellbeing, the survey helps us respond more effectively to the evolving needs of our school community. The insights gathered assist in identifying emerging trends, areas of strength, and opportunities for early intervention, ensuring support can be targeted where it is needed most.

If any of the content raises concerns for you or your child, please contact the school or seek professional medical advice.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

https://wlc.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-wellbeing-barometer-survey-2026-au



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CHICKEN NUGGETS Available Term 2, 2026!

Tuesday only - \$1 each

or

3 for \$2

Send money with student

Place their order in classroom message box

A great fundraiser for the Student Representative Council

The
School
Photographer

Coming Tuesday
16th June

A friendly reminder to

**ORDER
SCHOOL
PHOTOS!**

**You still have time to
place your order!**



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

TO AVOID A LATE ORDER ADMINISTRATION FEE HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW OUR PACKAGES AND TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

Wimmera Lutheran College - Nhill Campus
VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE

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theschoolphotographer.com.au

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