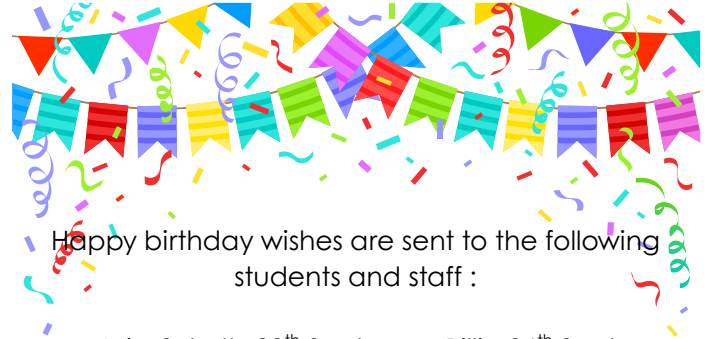


Leo The Lion

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



Birthdays



Miss Schultz 20 th Sept	Billie 26 th Sept
Zoe 27 th Sept	Joseph 5 th Oct
Harper 6 th Oct	James 9 th Oct
Freya 14 th Oct	Mrs Webb 14 th Oct

Students of The Week

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

Xavier: Demonstrating independence, curiosity and cooperation within the class to tackle his work. He enjoys making new discoveries with his learning.

Ayla: Has been working hard to develop her understanding of addition and subtraction, exploring different ways to solve problems and understand the concepts for finding the difference. Her confidence in mathematical thinking is helping her to understand measuring.

Millie: Her wonderful work ethic and ongoing commitment to advancing her understandings in English and Mathematics. Your results in these areas demonstrate what you can achieve when you set your mind to it!



Principal Report

As Term Three comes to a close, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our students, staff and families for making it such a successful and enjoyable term.

Our school has achieved a great deal over the past ten weeks. The second half of the term, in particular, has been incredibly busy, with a 'big' event almost every week—including Athletics, Book Week, the Year 5/6 Camp, Father's Day, Three Way Conversations and, of course, our school concert.

We have also received enrolments for 2027 and are pleased to have enough Foundation enrolments to once again offer a standalone Foundation class. This means our current class structure will remain unchanged in 2027.

Concert – Pirates of the Curry Bean

What a fantastic performance of Pirates of the Curry Bean! I am proud of all our students and hope everyone in the audience enjoyed the show.

The concert is the major focus of our Performing Arts learning during Term Three, and there is a great deal of planning, learning and preparation that takes place before the curtain opens. The students worked extremely hard and should be very proud of their efforts.

A special thank you to Mrs Alexander for coordinating the concert, and to everyone who assisted before, during and after the performance. It was a wonderful school community event.

Three Way Conversations

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Three Way Conversations, and well done to the students for confidently sharing their learning.

Three Way Conversations differ from traditional parent-teacher interviews because the student takes an active role in leading much of the discussion. This provides students with an opportunity to have a voice in their learning and to reflect on their progress, identify areas for growth and consider ways to achieve their goals.

Research supports the benefits of giving students opportunities to share and discuss their learning with an audience. If parents would still like to speak directly with their child's teacher, an appointment can be arranged at any time.

Hats and Uniforms

As we move into Term Four, hats must now be worn in accordance with our SunSmart policy. For the first two weeks of Term Four, students may wear either the winter or summer uniform. If families require new uniform items, these are available to purchase at school. A full list of uniform items is also available in the Parent Handbook.

Little Desert Athletics

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the recent Little Desert Athletics competition at Stawell. We were very proud of everyone who represented our school. An impressive eight WLC Nhill students have qualified for the Regional Championships, which will be held in Ballarat. We wish them all the very best as they take the next step in their athletics journey.

The Hub and Seesaw

Beginning next term, Seesaw will no longer be used for communication between parents and teachers. Instead, we ask that families use teachers' school email addresses for parent-teacher communication. Students will continue to use Seesaw to record and share their learning.

Morning Arrival Times and Supervision

A reminder that students should not arrive at school before 8.30am, as there is no supervision available before this time. We ask families to please ensure students arrive at school at an appropriate time so that they are supervised and safe.

Sporting Congratulations and Best Wishes

We have had numerous students, staff and family members participating in local sporting finals and events recently, with some preparing to compete in grand finals.

Congratulations to everyone who has completed their season, including those who have celebrated a grand final victory. To those still preparing to take the field, we wish you all the very best for your grand final.

Enjoy the Holidays

Thank you once again to our students, staff and families for your contribution to a wonderful Term Three.

I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and happy holiday break. I look forward to welcoming all our students back when Term Four commences on 5 October.

Blessings,

Damon

Super Readers Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Super Readers awards at assembly this week.
Nate, Joseph, Heath and Lewis



Upcoming Events

October

Mon 5th: Term 4 Starts

Thurs 8th: Year 1-2 Sleepover

Fri 9th: Greater Western Regions Athletics
@ Ballarat

Tues 11th: Nhill Schools F-2 Sports Day @
WLC Nhill

Thurs 15th: Nhill Show

Fri 16th: WLC Nhill School Closure

Fri 23rd: Grandparents Day

Fri 30th: World Teachers Day

November

Mon 23rd: Report Writing Day (pupil free)

December

Fri 4th: NO BUSES

Wed 9th: Term 4 Ends 3.15pm

Thurs 10th and Fri 11th Staff PD Day

Sat 12th: Nhill Community Christmas Carols
@ Jaypex Park

Our Athletes Who Competed in Stawell



WLC Nhill had 15 students qualify for the Little Desert Athletics Division at Stawell and many students performed to the standard to qualify for the Greater Western Regions in Ballarat on Fri 9th October

From The WLC Executive Principal - Jason Przibilla

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term at Wimmera Lutheran College, there is much to celebrate and to be thankful for across our College community.

Long Service Leave Term 4

As previously communicated, I will be taking Long Service Leave during Term 4 and will return to Wimmera Lutheran College for the commencement of the 2027 school year. I am very grateful for the opportunity to take this period of leave and appreciate the support of the College Board, staff and wider community.

During my absence, Mrs Kate Carter will serve as Acting Principal, with responsibility for overseeing operations at the Horsham Campus and providing College-wide leadership as required. Our existing leadership arrangements at Nhill and Dimboola will continue, with our Campus Principal and Campus Head maintaining responsibility for the day-to-day leadership of their respective campuses. At Horsham, a revised leadership structure will also operate during Term 4, with a number of our existing leaders taking on expanded responsibilities across the Middle Years, Senior Years and key year-level and VCE coordination roles.

I am confident that these arrangements will provide continuity and stability throughout Term 4, and I thank each of our leaders for their willingness to take on additional responsibilities during this period.

Our Mission, Vision and Values

An important milestone for Wimmera Lutheran College has been the recent endorsement by the College Board of our new Mission, Vision and Values. These statements have emerged from the strategic planning work undertaken throughout the year and provide a clear expression of who we are, what we believe and what we aspire to become as a College.

Our Mission affirms that Wimmera Lutheran College provides a Christ-centred education where every learner is known, supported and empowered to grow in faith, character and learning to contribute purposefully to the world. Our Vision captures this aspiration simply and powerfully: Inspired by Christ. Empowered to flourish.

Supporting our Mission and Vision are our five College Values: Community, Grace, Excellence, Respect and Integrity. Together, these values speak to belonging and service, God's love and forgiveness, striving to use our God-given gifts, recognising the worth of every person, and acting with honesty, courage and responsibility.

The endorsement of these statements is not the conclusion of our strategic planning process, but an important foundation for the next stage. Our Mission, Vision and Values, together with our strategic signposts of Shaping Identity, Growing Community and Transforming Learning, will now sit at the heart of the broader WLC Strategic Plan. From these foundations we will develop priorities, goals and actions that will guide the College over the coming years. Importantly, our Strategic Plan will provide a common direction for our three campuses while recognising and celebrating the unique communities that make up Wimmera Lutheran College.

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MISSION
Wimmera Lutheran College provides a Christ-centred education where every learner is known, supported and empowered to grow in faith, character and learning to contribute purposefully to the world.

VISION
Inspired by Christ. Empowered to flourish.

VALUES

- Community**
We foster a place where everyone belongs, connects, and serves.
- Grace**
We reflect God's love by showing kindness, extending forgiveness and seeking to strengthen relationships.
- Excellence**
We strive to be our best, embracing growth as we develop and use our God-given gifts and talents.
- Respect**
We recognise the worth of every person, treating ourselves, others and our world with care, compassion and dignity.
- Integrity**
We act with honesty and courage, choosing what is fair, respectful and responsible, no matter the circumstances.

Nhill Campus Performance

It was also a great pleasure to attend the Nhill Campus production of Pirates of the Curry Bean. What a wonderful celebration of our students and community! The enthusiasm, confidence and enjoyment of the students on stage was fantastic to see, and the production reflected an enormous amount of work behind the scenes from staff, students, families and volunteers.

Just as impressive was the support from the Nhill community. Events such as these remind us that schools are about much more than what happens in classrooms. They provide opportunities for students to discover their talents, take risks, work together and experience the satisfaction that comes from being part of something bigger than themselves. Congratulations to everyone involved in bringing the production to life, and thank you to our families and community members who supported the students so enthusiastically.

Visit from Former Prime Minister Tony Abbott

This week we also had the privilege of welcoming former Prime Minister Tony Abbott to Wimmera Lutheran College for a special student leadership forum. Student leaders from across WLC (and other schools) were given the opportunity to participate, providing an experience that extends beyond the classroom that gave our young people direct access to someone who has served in one of Australia's most significant public leadership roles.

The session began with introductions before Mr Abbott spoke to the students about his experiences and perspectives. A Q&A session allowed our student leaders to ask questions and engage directly in conversation. Regardless of individual political perspectives, opportunities such as this enable students to hear first-hand about public leadership, government and civic life, while developing their own questions, ideas and understanding.

Thank You and God Bless

As I prepare to commence Long Service Leave, I want to express my sincere thanks to our students, staff, families, Board, churches and wider community for your contribution to Wimmera Lutheran College throughout 2026. There has been significant change and growth across our College, and I am grateful for the commitment of so many people who continue to make WLC a welcoming and purposeful place for our young people.

I wish everyone a safe, refreshing and enjoyable holiday period and, as I will be away throughout Term 4, I look forward to seeing you again in 2027!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." — Proverbs 3:5–6

May God bless each of our students, staff and families over the holidays, and may He continue to guide and strengthen the Wimmera Lutheran College community in the term ahead.





Chapel Offerings

Devotional Thought

From the two weeks of Chapel \$41.25 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.....

- Seraph & Silas and their family
- Millie and her family
- Connor & Heath and their family
- Jerome and his family
- Miss Schultz and her family

Worship News

Please see below the church service times:

Sun 20th September Sharing Hope
Community Service @ Nhill Community Centre
9.30am

Sun 27th September 18th 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.

20 Sept...	Ageing with purpose	(Interview)
As we all get older, does our place in society change? Hear Lois share how she embraces age with a sense of purpose.		
27 Sept ...	Living with Dementia	(Interview)
Gaye has worked in aged care for over 20 years and has specialised in Dementia care. Hear her share some surprising insights and encouragement for living with Dementia.		

The honesty epidemic

One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused of any crime or offence they may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses (Deuteronomy 19:15).

Read [Deuteronomy 19:14-21](#)

We face an honesty epidemic. Words like 'truth' and 'fact' are increasingly twisted until they're practically meaningless. We have watched in horror as world leaders blatantly make false statements with no apparent repercussions.

But it's not just our leaders. I'm sure we've all been caught at least once repeating a story we saw online, only for someone to point out the obvious lie we'd swallowed because we didn't bother to check where the information had come from.

It's just too easy. Too easy to repeat something because it sounds good. Too easy to share a 'fact' that paints us in a better light – regardless of whether it's true.

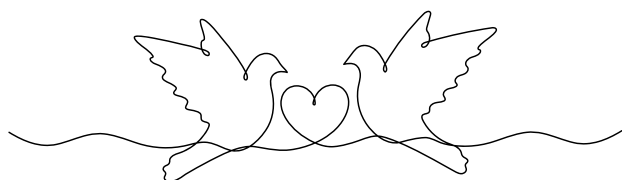
However, this honesty crisis has been going on a lot longer than the rise of social media. Since the very beginning, God has known that we're prone to twisting testimonies. So, when in Deuteronomy, God brings the nation of Israel together and tells them they will represent him to the other nations as his 'holy, chosen people', he sets up a very careful judicial process for the maintenance of honesty, with serious retribution for those proven to be falsely testifying (see verses 18-21).

In an era in which the ability to broadcast your message the loudest and strongest is taken as proof of its truth, our decision to stand as a community that takes discernment of truth seriously (especially among ourselves) is a powerful witness to the world.

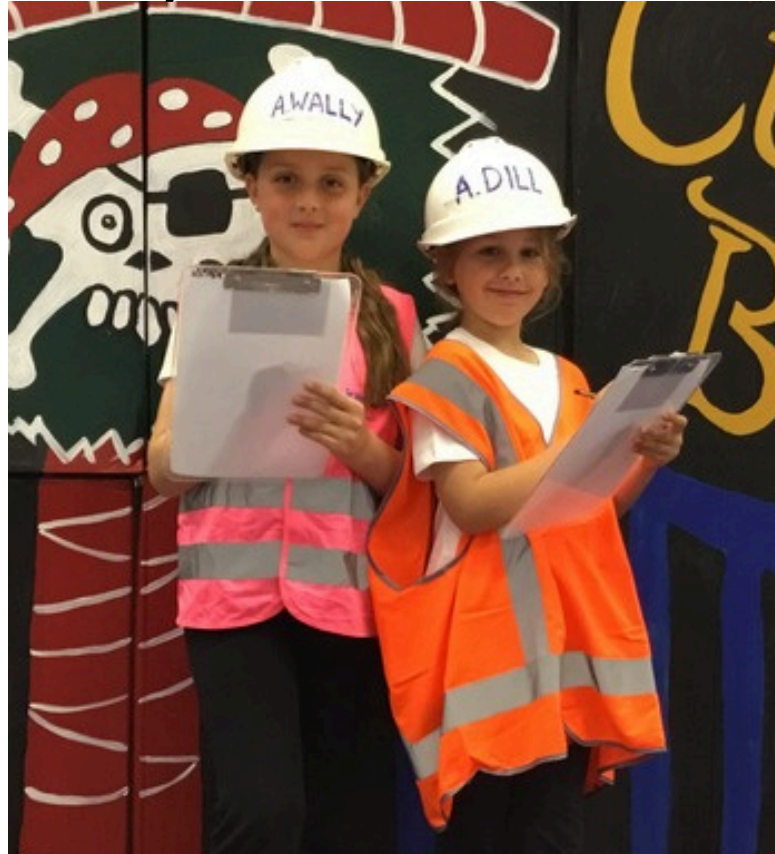
Perhaps that means taking the extra time to follow an article's sources. It means admitting that serious abuse has happened in faith communities claiming to offer safety. It means listening just as carefully to the church newcomer's negative experience as to the leader who's been around for 20 years, and who everyone insists 'would never act like that'.

Let's be a community who values truth, a people who resist the temptation to weave facts into the narrative that suits us. That way, when we proclaim the ultimate truth – that Jesus saves, people will listen.

Holy Spirit of truth, help me to resist the temptation to let facts become things I pick and choose for my own gain. Give me discernment and wisdom in the information that I hear. May we, the church, be bold in proclaiming you as the ultimate source of truth. Amen.



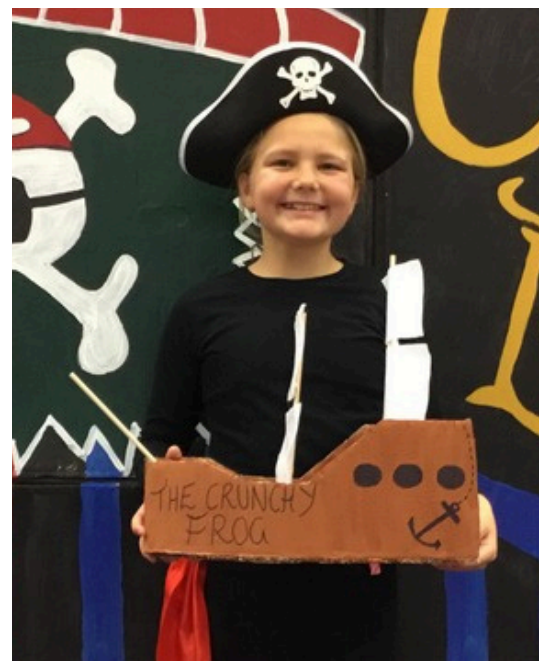
Pirates of The Curry Bean



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The Screen Time Problem Doesn't End When Kids Start School



Screens are woven into almost every part of your child's school day. There are laptops at school. Phones on the bus. YouTube after school. Gaming with friends. Group chats pinging throughout the evening. And homework that genuinely requires a device. (They're always "just doing my homework" when we see them on a screen, right?)

Despite Australia's under-16 social media restrictions, my conversations with parents in schools suggest social media remain a significant issue for many families. Data is clearly showing that the kids haven't given up their social media accounts, and Facebook hasn't kicked them off. So what can we do about it?

Ask what the screen is replacing

We often focus on screen time as a number. "How long have you been on that thing?"

A more interesting question might be: What didn't happen because you were on it?

Did your child get enough sleep? Did they move their body? Did they spend time with friends face-to-face? Did they talk to anyone in the family? Did they read, create, play, practise an instrument, kick a ball, walk the dog, or simply experience boredom long enough to figure out what to do next?

Screens have an opportunity cost.

Don't let screens become the default

Screens promise cheap dopamine (which allows us to feel good), and something researchers call "digital soothing".

Bored? YouTube.

Stressed? TikTok.

Awkward moment? Grab the phone.

Can't sleep? Scroll.

Nothing happening for 30 seconds? Check notifications.

(And we, as adults, are often just as bad.)

Change the environment, not just the rules

Telling a 14-year-old to "use your phone less" while their phone sits beside them buzzing with notifications is asking them to exercise extraordinary, impossible self-control.

Make the environment do some of the work. Keep phones away from bedrooms overnight.

Create screen-free mealtimes. Have somewhere devices can live when they're not needed.

Encourage homework to happen with unnecessary tabs, apps, and notifications switched off.

And importantly, make some of these family rules rather than "kid rules".

It's difficult to convince our children that phones shouldn't interrupt dinner while we're checking ours under the table.

Give them something worth putting the screen down for

Your child might protest. They might tell you everyone else is allowed. They might be spectacularly unimpressed with your decision.

That's okay.

Set boundaries around screens, then fill the space you've created with something better.

Food around the table. A lift to see a friend. A basketball hoop. A dog walk. Music. Books.

Cooking. Conversation. Family movie night.

Our kids don't simply need less screen time.

They need more life away from it.

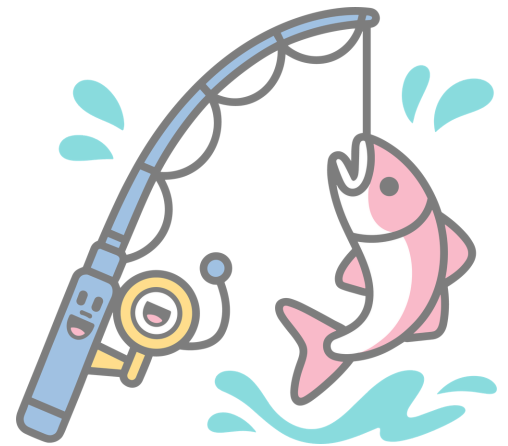


Dr Justin Coulson is a dad to 6 daughters and grandfather to 1 granddaughter. Justin travels all around the country, speaking at schools to students, educators and parents about wellbeing and relationships. He is also the parenting expert and co-host of Channel Nine's Parental Guidance, and he and his wife host Australia's #1 podcast for parents and family: The Happy Families Podcast. Justin has written 11 books about families and parenting - with the latest about raising boys out now! For further details visit happyfamilies.com.au.

Guess How Many Pom Poms and Win A Fishing Rod



Congratulations to Eddie and Sophie,
may you catch many fish!



WLCN P&F Cook Book

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

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

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

The BRAD Project

Year 1/2 says: Please help us look after our environment!

The Year 1/2 class is proud to be involved in the BRAD Program, which collects hard-to-recycle items and sends them to specialist recyclers rather than landfill.

Students and families can collect accepted items and bring them to the Year 1/2 classroom, where they will be sent to BRAD for sorting. The materials are then processed by specialist Australian recyclers and turned into new products whenever possible.

Look for the green box!

Many everyday items, such as blister packs, bread tags, pens, toothbrushes, bottle lids, and small beauty product containers, cannot be placed in regular kerbside recycling bins. BRAD provides a solution for these items. (Please see Miss Schultz for a list)



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 in Get 'em Going playgroup today! It was our last session for term 3 before breaking for the holidays.

Today the children enjoyed putting on a small 'concert' for the lower primary children. They danced and sang a handful of their favourite playgroup songs. They all did a fabulous job! Well done.

We finished off the morning by reading a book about bugs, colours and counting.

Next term for playgroup we have some exciting activities planned around 'fruits'.

We hope everyone has a lovely time over the school holidays and we look forward to seeing you back for term 4!



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://wlc.vic.schooltv.me/>



Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

The link to this topic

<http://wlc.vic.schooltv.me/newsletter/adhd-au>



Mental Health Literacy

The link to this topic

http://wlc.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-mental-health-literacy-guided-reflection-au

SRC Zooper Doopers

**Returning
Term 4**

\$1 each

Available every day



NHILL PRIMARY BASKETBALL

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 30 SEPT

THURSDAYS IN TERM 4

PRIMARY BOYS & GIRLS YEARS 2 - 6

SEASON STARTS 8 OCTOBER - 10 DECEMBER 2026



REGISTER ONLINE [HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/BASKETBALL-VICTORIA/REGISTER/85C2C6](https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/85c2c6)
ENQUIRIES: EMILY GLADDIS 0428 112 321

Get excited! Our 2026 Primary Basketball Competition will kick off in Week 1 of Term 4. Registrations are now open on Play HQ and we encourage all parents to register their players as soon as possible so our Competition Coordinator and her helpers can create the teams over the school holidays.

Primary Basketball Competition (boys and girls)

Thursdays starting 8 October

Primary school aged children from Year 2 - 6

Total registration cost of \$73.50 includes Basketball Victoria Participation Licence, Basketball Australia Levy, \$9.50 Nhill Basketball Membership and Nhill College stadium hire fees.

If your child is in Year 2 and has NOT done our Aussie Hoops program, we strongly suggest that they enrol in Aussie Hoops for this season as a starting point (watch this space!).

Registrations can be made at <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/85c2c6>

For enquiries, please contact Comp Coordinator Emily Gladdis on 0428 112 321.

ALL FREE!

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Hindmarsh Shire Council

WEEK 1

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Roller Disco
Dimboola Stadium (Recreation Reserve)
10am - 12pm

Indoor Soccer
Jeparit Memorial Town Hall
2:30pm - 4pm

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Movie - Tom & Jerry: Forbidden Compass
Nhill Cinema
1pm - 3pm

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

First Aid and CPR Training (Ages 12-25)
Nhill Memorial Community Centre
9am - 4:30pm

Rainbow Show Entry Craft
Rainbow Neighbourhood House
10am - 11am

Jeparit Show Entry Craft
Jeparit Library
12:30pm - 1:30pm

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Circus Workshop
Nhill College Stadium
10am - 11am

Circus Workshop
Dimboola Stadium (Recreation Reserve)
12:30pm - 1:30pm

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

AFL GRAND FINAL (public holiday)

WEEK 2

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Cooking with Natalia
Rainbow Library
10am - 11:30am

Cooking with Natalia
Jeparit Memorial Town Hall
2pm - 3:30pm

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Indoor Soccer
Dimboola Stadium (Recreation Reserve)
10am - 11:30am

Community Event: Open Mic Night
Nhill Memorial Community Centre
6:30pm - 9pm

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Cooking with Cat Clarke (Ages 10 and over)
Dimboola Memorial Secondary College Hall
10am - 11:30am

Lawn Bowls (Ages 10 and over)
Dimboola Bowling Club
1pm - 2:30pm

THURSDAY 01 OCTOBER

Mosaic with Michelle
Rainbow Neighbourhood House
10am - 11am

Mosaic with Michelle
Jeparit Library
1pm - 2pm

Outdoor Cinema: The Magic Faraway Tree
Dimboola Recreation Reserve (Soundshell)
6:30pm - 8:30pm

FRIDAY 02 OCTOBER

Nhill Show Entry Craft
Nhill Library
10am - 11am

Dimboola Show Entry Craft
Dimboola Library
12:30pm - 1:30pm

Pilates with Kelly
Dimboola Rowing Club
3pm - 4pm

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

REGISTER NOW!

Registrations submitted prior to school holidays are much appreciated!

Children under 11 years of age are required to have parent/guardian supervision.

For more information visit www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events, call 03 5391 4444 or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

MANHARI CRICKET CLINICS

HORSHAM

Manhari and Cricket Victoria welcomes all children aged 5-12 to enjoy a **FREE** clinic this October

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER

Horsham - Coughlin Park Oval

9:30am - 11:00am

Skills coaching, games, inflatables, giveaways & more!

MANHARI

SCAN QR TO REGISTER

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
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