

Upcoming Dates

October

Tues 15th: ALWS Day

Thurs 17th: Nhill Show (no school)

Fri 25th: Grandparent's Day

World Teacher's Day

November

Fri 1st: Pre Foundation Visit 9 - 11am

Fri 8th: Official Opening 9.15am

Pre Foundation visit 9 - 1.15pm

F/1/2 Sports Day PM @ Nhill College

Wed 13th: BMX Incursion

Fri 15th: Colour Run (tbc)

Tues 19th: Board Meeting

Fri 22nd: Pre Foundation Visit 9 - 3.15pm

Fri 29th: Pre Foundation Visit 9 - 3.15pm

December

Wed 4th: Year 6 Graduation Dinner
@Little Desert Lodge

Wed 11th: End of Year Graduation Service

Thurs 12th: Last Day of Term 4 (3.15pm)

Fri 13th: Staff PD Day

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Students of the Week



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

F/1: Atreyu Year 2: Luka
Year 3/4: Grace Year 5/6: Barrett

Derek The Bear



Congratulations to Abby for receiving Derek the Bear. We hope you both enjoy your time together.

Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes are sent to the following students this week.

Freya 14th October

Tom 17th October



From the Acting Principal

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone in the school community for their support as I have stepped into the Acting Principal's role in Damon's absence. As teachers we encourage our students to be lifelong learners and take on new challenges and opportunities as they arise, so it seems fitting that we do the same as well. This is certainly a new experience for me, and I really appreciate the support I have received.

Concert

I think everyone will agree that the students did a fantastic job of preparing for and performing our production of 'What a Knight'. The students showcased their talents on the night, and it was wonderful to see the Community Centre full of enthusiastic audience members. Thank you to all of the family and friends for supporting the students, and a massive thank you and well done to the students for all of their hard work and dedication.

Building Update

Over the holidays the bulk of the old school was demolished and removed, with the last bit of clean up happening on Monday and Tuesday this week. The students again enjoyed watching the excavator at work, and were happy to see Derek back on site. It is wonderful to hear the students excitedly talking and coming up with ideas for what could go in the now vacant space.

Greater Western Regional Athletics Championships

Today we had 4 students competing at the Greater Western Regional Athletics Championships in Ballarat. Congratulations to Henry, Savannah, Helena and Tom for making it on to this stage and for representing our school well.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday October 15: Josie Wundersitz from ALWS is visiting the school and running sessions with the students. We will also welcome students from St Peters Lutheran School Dimboola to join with us for this.

Thursday October 17: Nhill Show – No school on this day

Friday October 25: Grandparents Day - We invite Grandparents and special friends to join us for a special chapel at 9am, followed by activities in the classroom and a morning tea prepared by the students.

Have a lovely week,
Erin Alexander



Dear Families, Friends and Community
Nhill Lutheran School invites you
to share with us the
Official Opening
of our new school building.
Friday 8th November
9.15am
followed by a morning tea

RSVP

1st November 53912144

admin@nls.vic.edu.au



Nhill Lutheran School 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.

Year 2 Class Busy First Week Back



Prayer of the Week

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



- Grace & Xavier and their family
- Darcy & Connor and their family
- Seraph and her family

Worship News

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

21st Sun after Pentecost

Nhill 11am

Jeparit 9am

NhillLutheranParishOnline.com



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.

13th October	Being Well	(Discussion)
How is your well-being going, especially through these times? Listen to Anna, Celia and Richard talk about well-being and offering insights to help your well-being.		

20th October	Facing Fear	(Interview)
Sarah McCutcheon, National Relationship Manager for Global Leadership Network Australia and renowned speaker, shares valuable insights into facing fear and embracing courage.		

27th October	Foster Parenting	(Interview)
With foster care in high demand, hear Ann - mother of four, and a foster parent - share about the unique struggles and joys that come with foster parenting.		



Chapel Offerings

At this week's Chapel \$4.40 was collected for the ALWS Gifts of Grace. Please consider sending an offering each Friday morning as the communities there rely on our help.

Devotional Thought

Who are these children?

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them (Mark 10:15,16).

Read [Mark 10:2-16](#)

Can you see yourself as one of these children, wrapped in Jesus' arms and receiving his blessing?

In baptism, God declares that we are his children, co-heirs with Christ. In Galatians 3:26,27, we read:

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

At baptism, we are gifted with the ability to pray the Lord's Prayer and call on God as our 'Father'.

As such children, we can place ourselves in this image of having a close relationship with Jesus, our Saviour. This is not a remote relationship, or one held at arms-length, but close, in his arms with his hands upon us, blessing us.

We also recognise from this text that we are part of a family. The plural is used. We are not an 'only child' in a relationship with a God who focuses just on us. We are part of a family. When Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer, it begins, 'Our Father ...'. It is not about 'me' or 'my'. As the children of God, we live in community, in a family.

There is a saying, 'You can choose your friends, but you can't choose your relatives'. It is not us who choose the members of this family. God established it through Jesus; it is God who says, 'You are mine'. God claims us and places us in this family. We recognise and endorse this family as we confess our faith together in the words of the Nicene Creed: 'We believe'

We have been created as individuals, unique – our DNA and fingerprints are ours alone. As individuals, the Holy Spirit seeks to bring each of us to faith and into God's family, where we are united to form one body.

We give thanks that we can come to you as our Father, knowing it is your will that each of us knows you love us as your children, heirs with your Son, Jesus Christ, to eternal life through your grace. May the Holy Spirit renew and refresh our faith in you daily as we worship and serve you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Super Readers Award



Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Super Readers awards at chapel last Term: Gus, Ruby & Jed
Also, this week at assembly congratulations goes to Atrayu for receiving the Super Reader Award.

Chapel Dates *Fridays*

9am

18th Oct Mrs Alexander

25th Oct Grandparents

Day

1st Nov Year 3/4

8th Nov Official Opening

15th Nov Year 5/6

22nd Nov tbc

29th Nov tbc

6th Dec F/1

Wed 11th Dec Graduation
Service

@ St Paul's Lutheran Church
(Time to be confirmed)

Assembly Dates

(after Friday Chapel in
the morning)

Fri 1st Nov tbc

Fri 15th Nov Year 5/6

Fri 29th Nov Year 3/4

Photo of The Cast from "What A Knight!"



Checking Out The Happenings in the School Yard



Career Opportunity



Nhill Lutheran School

Classroom Teacher

Full-time (1.0FTE) position for 2025
(with potential to be ongoing)

Nhill Lutheran School is seeking a passionate educator to teach eager-to-learn students. The successful applicant should be willing to support the Christian ethos of the school.

*For a job description please email
principal@nls.vic.edu.au with the subject line of
'Classroom Teacher Position' or view teachers.on.net*

Applications to be sent to principal@nls.vic.edu.au or
2 Mackay St, Nhill 3418

Applications close: 25th October 2024

Position commences: 22nd January 2025



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.

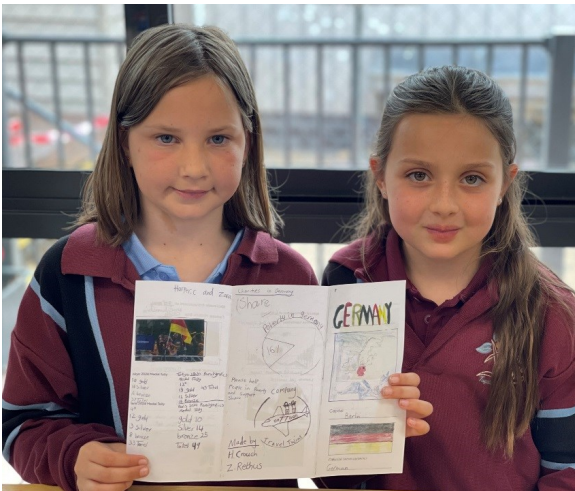
This award-winning resource helps families build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people. It will assist you in starting those conversations on topics that can sometimes be awkward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

Year 5/6 Class Sharing With The Year 2 Class

During Term 3, as part of the 5/6 Think Global/Act Local 'Unit of Inquiry', the students, in pairs or individually, investigated a European country for its environment, natural beauty and social customs. At the end of term they became tourist agents promoting the attractions to the Year 2's. The Year 2's shared their 'passport' countries in return. All were enthusiastically learning about our global world.



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

Reminder.....No playgroup next week– Tues 15th Oct

We had a great morning in Get 'em Going today!

This term we are learning about Spring, so today we focused on the butterfly!

The children enjoyed learning some new songs, practicing the actions and experimenting with ribbons during our mat time.

For our craft, each child decorated a butterfly hat with sparkles and colouring utensils.

Lots of fine motor skills were practiced whilst sticking on the sparkles. There were some very colourful designs created.

We explored our jumping and balancing skills with the obstacle course and hop scotch using hoops and balls.

We also celebrated a special friend's birthday and enjoyed singing happy birthday.

No playgroup next week. We will be back the week after; October 22nd at 9:30am. See you then.





SUNSMART®

We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.



Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.

SunSmart membership

Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. We aim to protect students and staff from too much UV.

Sun protection and skin cancer prevention is a shared responsibility. Please help support our SunSmart membership and sun protection efforts by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy at school and at home.

During the daily local sun protection times (usually from mid-August to the end of April), **use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.**

1. SLIP on covering clothing

For free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.



2. SLOP on SPF50+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to reapply throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure children get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school. Under supervision, ask children to put a dot of sunscreen on each cheek, nose and chin and rub it in (avoiding the eye area) and sunscreen squiggles or dots on the back of the neck, arms and legs to cover these areas.

3. SLAP on a hat that protects the face, neck and ears

Choose a wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat. Peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved **school hat**. Please keep this at school so they will always be ready for outdoor activities, outdoor learning and play during school days. For the walk to and from school and weekends, please have an extra **home hat** to help keep children protected at home.

4. SEEK shade

Choose shady spots for learning and play whenever possible.

5. SLIDE on wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses

When appropriate and practical, help protect the eyes with sunglasses.

Need information in another language? Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language

sunsmart.com.au



Junior Tennis Coaching 8 Week Program

9am - 9.30am Red Ball stage
\$10 per session

9.30am - 10.30am Orange
Ball Stage
\$20 per session

10.30am - 11.30am Green
Ball Stage
\$20 per session

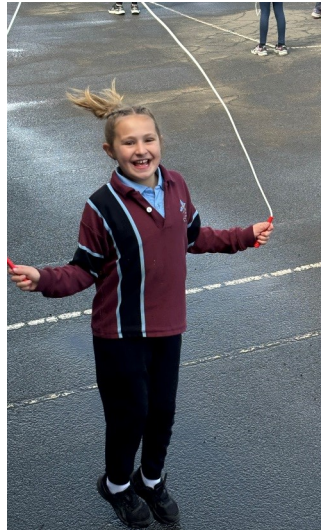
11.30am - 12.30pm Yellow
Ball Squad
\$20 per session



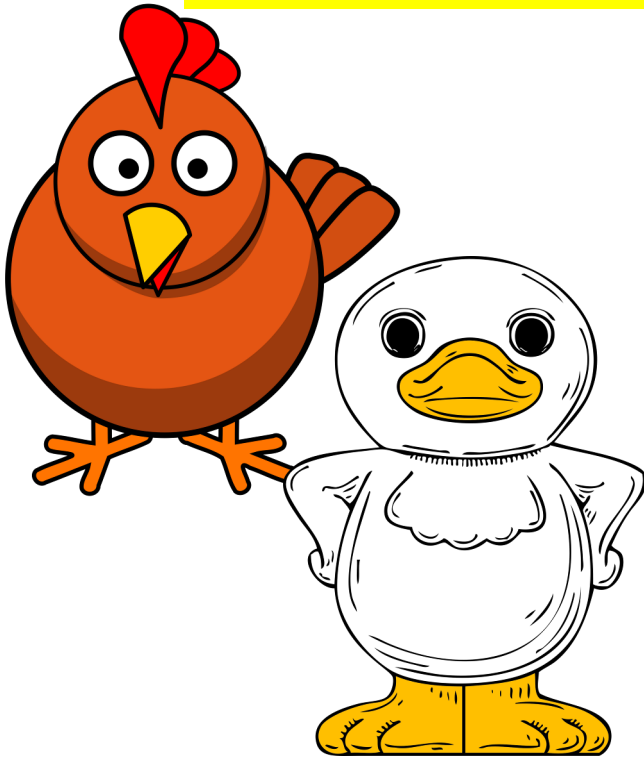
Taegan White
Junior Coach

For more information or to
register contact:
Helen - 0419 829 272

Jump Rope For Heart "Jump Off" - \$820 Raised



Nhill Show Day Parade & Kid's Shearing Fun



Thursday 17th October is the Annual Nhill Show, NO SCHOOL on this day.

The show is a great day out for the family, this year the school is will be participating in the grand parade at 4pm on the arena.....the theme for the parade is feathered friends (as no poultry or birds will be at the show this year—due to avian flu outbreaks in Victoria).

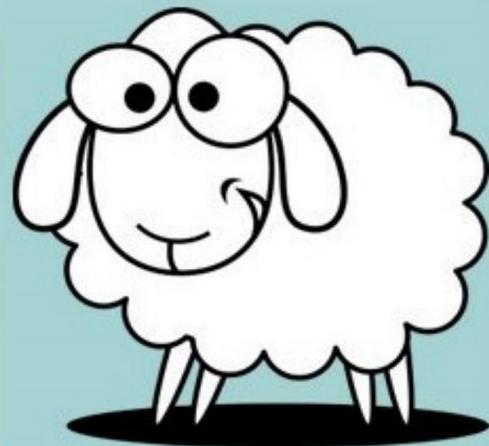
The students are making some very basic hats for the day that they can wear in the parade behind the school flag as a group. No uniform is necessary. The hats will be available at the line up stage from a staff member.

If they are dressing up for the theme they can still be in the Nhill Lutheran School group.

Returning to the show this year.....

Primary aged BAA BAA Shearing event on the shearing board at the animal nursery. If any child wants to bring their shearing singlets, flannel shirt or be in their regular clothes to participate, lots of fluffy stuff will be flying....be there starts at 5pm and give it a go.

We have very calm sheep, soft creamy fleece and special handpieces for all participants.....It is all very safe!





Nhill Show Day Timetable for events

(Times / Activities have carefully been compiled, but may be subject to change)

- 8.30am** Learner Machine Shear
- 9.30am** Hindmarsh Equestrian Club horse events begin on arena
Intermediate Machine Shear Heats
- 10.00am** Virtual Reality Grain Arcade open all day
Freeman Pavilion open
Nhill Vintage Club WWII machinery & vehicles display. Stationary engines & tractors.
Sensory play activities. Sand Pit area – Treasure Hunt
- 11.00am** Animal Nursery Open till 6.00pm – sponsored by Nhill Silos
Emergency Services (Ambulance, CFA & SES) on display all day
The Doug Bone Memorial Blade Shearing Competition
Fizzics Education – Science of Toys Area – Pavilion end of showground
- 11.30am** Open Machine Shear Heats
- 12.00pm** Novice blade shear
- 12.00pm – 2.00pm** Luncheon in Young Farmers Pavilion - **Desert Rose Catering** (\$ 20 – 2-course)
- 1.00pm – 5pm** Giggles and Grins Face Painting & Crazy Hair Spray – Pavilion end of showground
- 1.00pm** Intermediate Machine Shear Final
Fizzics Education – Liquid Nitrogen Show – Pavilion end of showground
- 1.30pm** Ladies pavilion open for wheelchair users & disabled patrons until 2pm
Fizzics Education – Science of Toys Area - Pavilion end of showground
- 2.00pm** **Centre Stage (food court – trade site area)**
Official opening of the 138th Annual Nhill Show - David Jochinke - NFF President
Junior show patrons judging at centre stage (after the opening)
Announcement of Junior Show Ambassador Winner
Open Judging – unbaked slices
- 2.00pm** Home Industries Pavilion open for patrons until 6.15pm
- 2.30pm** Open Wool Handling Final
- 2.30pm – 4.30pm** Afternoon tea available at Young Farmers Pavilion - **Desert Rose Catering** (\$10)
- 3.00pm** David Jochinke – Question session on Centre Stage
Fizzics Education – Liquid Nitrogen Show - Pavilion end of showground
Nhill Vintage Club WWII machinery & vehicles display. Stationary engines & tractors.
Sensory play activities. Sand Pit area – Treasure Hunt
- 3.30pm** Bill Bridgewater Memorial Open Machine Shear Final
Fizzics Education – Science of Toys Area - Pavilion end of showground
- 3.45pm** **Participants of the grand parade to assemble at arena gate (near car display)**
- 4.00pm** **Grand Parade – Feature Ford Vehicles & "Dress Up as Poultry" Competition participants**
- 5.00pm** Primary School Age - Shearing Competition – Sheep Pavilion
Fizzics Education – Liquid Nitrogen Show - Pavilion end of showground
Nhill Dimboola Band performance
- 5.30pm** Fizzics Education – Science of Toys Area - Pavilion end of showground
- 6.00pm – 8.30pm** **Evening entertainment by "The Austins"**
- 8.30pm** **Grand Finale Fireworks Spectacular Display supported by Nutrien Ag Solutions**