



## From The Head of Campus

Hello Everyone,

This week has been very busy but loads of fun!

### **Welcome BBQ**

Just a reminder that our welcome BBQ will be held next Friday, March 14 at 5:30pm. A note with an RSVP slip has been sent home with students. If you need another copy, please let me know. It would be great to have as many families as we can attend, as it's a great opportunity for our families to connect.

### **Wimmera Machinery Field Days**

On Wednesday the whole school visited the Wimmera Machinery Field Days. All students were absolute superstars in the heat and did an excellent job of staying as a group while there were loads of people around. The students started the day with a tractor hunt, organised by the very helpful Kat from Partners In Ag. All students visited ambulance Victoria and had a go at doing CPR. They had a chat with some police officers and had some fun playing laser tag, racing cars and eating ice cream!

A very big thank you to all staff that attended and also to Kat from Partners In Ag, who organised lanyards for all students that had a map of the Field Day site on it, had a drink bottle filling station set up for the students and answered lots of our questions leading up to the day.

### **Shrove Tuesday**

On Tuesday students enjoyed delicious pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, the day before lent begins.

Thank you to our grade 6 students Angus and Kane and to Mrs. Elliott for making the delicious pancakes for all students and staff. I hope they all enjoyed them!

### **NAPLAN**

Next week, our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing, beginning with Writing on March 12th. This will be followed by tests in Reading, Conventions of Language, and Numeracy. We wish our Year 3 and 5 students the best of luck as they undertake these assessments.

### **First Wednesday for Foundations**

Next Wednesday our Foundation students will begin coming to school on a Wednesday. We look forward to seeing them everyday!

### **Long weekend**

Just a reminder that Monday 10th March is a public holiday. There will be no school on Monday. Enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing all students on Tuesday.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Millie Dent

# Devotional Thoughts

## Kingdom culture by Jeremy Lie

He replied to him, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' (Matthew 12:48)

Read [Matthew 12:43-50](#)

Whenever we approach a text written at a different time, in a different language and for a different culture, we ought to come as guests. We are not the experts; we are not the hosts. We need to set aside our own agendas and ways of understanding the world and try to see the text through the lens of the world in which it was written. And today's text is no different.

We all have different relationships and experiences with our families, and family can mean many things, depending on who you ask. However, crucially, when Jesus talks about family, it is important to understand the cultural significance of family in the ancient Middle East.

We live in what is known as an individualist culture, meaning the individual is placed at the top of our value system. We make decisions based on personal morality, whether we will be found guilty or innocent for acting in a particular way. Jesus lived in a collectivist culture, meaning the motivating questions were not based around individual expression or fulfilment but on what brings honour or shame to the community and, perhaps most importantly, the family. For Jesus to essentially disown his family was wildly radical. So why did he do it?

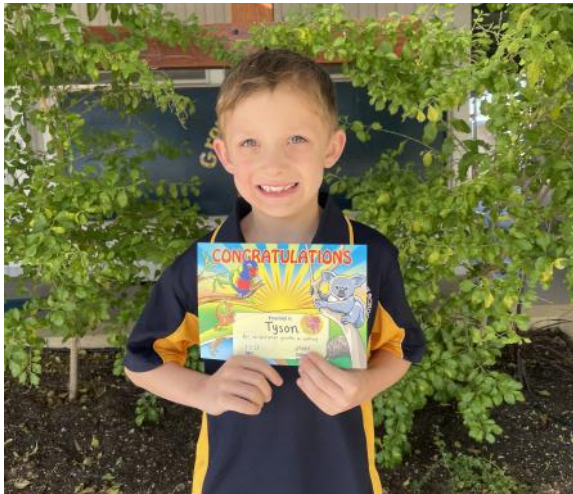
As important as family was in Jesus' culture, the kingdom culture he is announcing and inaugurating is of far more value. The kingdom of heaven is not reduced to a single culture or bloodline; it is a family united by faith. This idea went against what the Jewish people believed and were being taught. It was a challenging and confronting notion for Jesus' disciples.

Can we relate to how Jesus' disciples might have felt at that moment or how Jesus' mother and brothers would have reacted? What parts of our lives and ways of understanding the world do we hold onto that Jesus invites us to let go of? I encourage you to meditate on that question as we pray.

***Heavenly Father, we live in a particular time and place. But you transcend space and time. Teach us more about your kingdom family and culture. Help and challenge us to place our own biases and assumptions aside as we learn to sit at your feet and soak up all you have to teach us. Amen.***



# AWARDS



## Junior Classroom Award

**Tyson O'Neil**

For exceptional growth in spelling.



## Senior Classroom Award

**Angus Pilmore**

For putting effort into planning a comic using narrative structure.



## Head of Campus Award

**Parni Rigney-Read**

For adjusting to loads of changes this week that come with changing schools.



## Reading Award

**Lachie Elliott**

For completing 25 nights of reading.



# Notice's

## Important Dates

All the below dates are to the best of our knowledge and may change at short notice or be added to throughout the Term.

**TERM 1 = 29th January - 4th April 2025**

### March 2025

10th = Labour Day Public Holiday

12th - 24th = NAPLAN (Grade 3 & 5)

14th = Welcome BBQ

21st = Ride to School Day / Harmony Day

24th & 25th = Parent teacher interviews

25th = School photo's

### April 2025

4th = Last day of term 1

12th = Wimmera Steampunk Festival street party

## NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note that we have a new admin email address:

**admin.dimboola@wlc.vic.edu.au**

## UNIFORM

Term 1 is full summer uniform, including a hat.

We have lots of second hand uniform needing a home, so if you require uniform, please contact the school office.

Thank you!

## AUDIRI APP

Please note that we use the Audiri App for our main form of communication.

You can also use the app to log any student absences and to update any contact details.

If you haven't already downloaded this app, please contact the school office if you require any assistance.

## Dimboola-Natimuk Lutheran Parish

**9th March**

***Dimboola***

10:00am LR

***Goroke***

11:00am HC

***Natimuk***

9:00am HC

***Vectis***

Join Natimuk



**IF YOU ARE NOT  
WILLING TO LEARN,**

**NO ONE CAN  
HELP YOU.**

**IF YOU ARE  
DETERMINED  
TO LEARN,**

**NO ONE CAN  
STOP YOU.**



Wimmera Lutheran College 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.

## Notice's



**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR**

**WELCOME**

**BBQ**



**Friday 14th March 5.30pm**

We're excited to invite all families to our Welcome BBQ! Come join us for some delicious food, great company, and the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow students, families, and staff from the WLC Dimboola community. BBQ supplied. Please bring a salad to share!

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Please RSVP by 7th March by returning the slip to the office

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## Ride 2 School



**FRIDAY 21ST MARCH**

SPFG

also invites you to celebrate

## Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a special day to celebrate kindness and friendship. We celebrate everyone being different and treat each other with respect, no matter what country they come from or what language they speak.

**Wear orange**





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**COMMUNITY**

*thank you*


**LITTLE DESERT BUSHFIRE  
VOLUNTEERS AND  
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**SATURDAY | 6:00PM TO  
29 MARCH 2025 | 11:00PM**

**LIVE MUSIC + MORE**

**DIMBOOLA SOUNDSHELL  
DIMBOOLA RECREATION RESERVE**

*MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW*

 **Hindmarsh  
Shire Council**

For more information, please contact Coordinator Sports,  
Recreation and Community Development, Jennie Hauselberger  
at [jhauselberger@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:jhauselberger@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au) or call (03) 5391 4444



# Shrove Tuesday & Wimmera Field Days





# Wimmera Field Days & Around The School

