WIMMERA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Dimboola Campus Newsletter - Friday 20th February 2026

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From The Head of Campus

Swimming Lessons

We have thoroughly enjoyed our swimming lessons at the Dimboola Swimming Pool. Students have been absolute champions walking to the pool, getting organised quickly and participating with enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow in the water each day.

A big thank you to our swim teachers for guiding and encouraging our students, and to our staff who have supported the program. We would also like to sincerely thank Roger for volunteering his time as a male parent helper during swimming lessons. We greatly appreciate his support, it makes a real difference to the smooth running of our program.

Programs like this are so important for building water safety skills.

Welcome BBQ

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Welcome BBQ last Friday night. It was such a fantastic evening. It was wonderful to see families chatting and children playing.

A special thank you to our families for bringing along a salad to share, there was certainly a wonderful variety of delicious salads for everyone to enjoy!

We are so grateful to our staff and families who helped make the evening such a success.

Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes prepared by our Grade 6 students. They did a fantastic job cooking, showing great teamwork and leadership.

Shrove Tuesday is part of the Christian calendar and marks the day before Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent. Traditionally, it was a time when families used up rich ingredients such as eggs, milk and sugar before the 40 days of Lent, which is why pancakes became a tradition. It is also a time of reflection and preparation in the lead up to Easter.

Students were able to choose from an assortment of toppings, including fresh fruit such as strawberries and blueberries kindly donated by Woolworths Horsham, who have continued to donated an assortment of fresh fruit every week. We are very grateful for their generosity in supporting our school community.

Students enjoyed sitting together and sharing their pancakes at recess.

School Hats

Due to swimming lessons and students walking to and from the pool with their school hats, we have noticed that a few hats may have accidentally made their way home. If you find that your child has their school hat at home, could you please return it to school as soon as possible.

While we do have a number of spare hats available at school, we are finding that we are running low each day. Returning hats promptly will help ensure that all students remain sun safe during these warmer weeks.

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Swimming Carnival – Tuesday

Our Swimming Carnival will be held next Tuesday February 19 and will begin at 11:00am. We are looking forward to a fun day of participation, house spirit and friendly competition.

Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours — either **Gold** or **Blue** — to show their team spirit! Please no hair dye or glitter.

We warmly invite our school community to come down to the pool to cheer on our students and enjoy the excitement of the day. Your support and encouragement mean so much to our children.

Students are to pack recess and lunch as normal. At this stage, the temperature is forecast to be around 29 degrees. While this is a lovely temperature, it can sometimes feel cool once students are out of the pool and waiting for their next event. It may be a good idea to pack more than one towel or a picnic blanket so students can stay warm and comfortable throughout the day.

Grade 6 Leadership Day – Monday

On Monday, our Grade 6 students will attend a leadership day. Grade 6 students and Ms Newton will be picked up by the Horsham Campus and will travel to Nhill for the day.

Year 6 students from across all campuses of Wimmera Lutheran College will attend this event and will participate in four leadership sessions led by Ms Emma Graetz from Australian Lutheran College. The focus of the day is to develop valuable skills in being an effective student leader and to build positive relationships with students from the other campuses.

Students will need to bring a packed recess, packed lunch and a drink bottle. We are incredibly proud of the way our senior students continue to step up as role models within our school community.

Wimmera Machinery Field Days – Wednesday 4th March

All Grade 1–Grade 6 students will be attending the Wimmera Machinery Field Days on Wednesday 4th March. Students will travel by bus, driven by Ms Dent and Mrs Munro. We will depart from school at 9:00am and return before the end of the school day.

This is an exciting opportunity for our students to connect with our local agricultural community and experience learning beyond the classroom.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Millie Dent
Head of Campus

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From The Executive Principal

Wimmera Lutheran College Update

Four weeks into the new school year, it has been wonderful to see all campuses of Wimmera Lutheran College thriving with activity. Teaching and learning programs are well underway across all year levels, alongside a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities. Core and specialist classes, swimming carnivals and aquatic programs, leadership development days and installations, as well as camps and excursions, have already filled the opening weeks of term.

Our students are truly blessed with the breadth of opportunities available to them. I extend my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff and leaders who generously invest their time and energy to ensure every student receives a balanced and high-quality education.

Executive Team 2026

The Wimmera Lutheran College Executive Team for 2026 comprises:

- Jason Przibilla – Executive Principal
- Craig Young – Director of Business Operations
- Kate Carter – Deputy Principal / Head of Secondary
- Damon Prenzler – Nhill Campus Principal
- Christina Jacobsen – Horsham Head of Primary School
- Millie Dent – Dimboola Campus Head
- Jacqui North – Assistant Head of Schools: Curriculum and Pedagogy

This team meets regularly to ensure that shared priorities and common goals across our three campuses remain aligned and focused. A key priority currently is the finalisation of the College Strategic Plan. Next week, the Executive will meet with Phil McCredden from Ecclesia Leadership to identify key signposts and action steps, while further refining our mission, vision and values statements.

In addition to whole-team meetings, I greatly value the opportunity to meet weekly with individual Executive members. These conversations enable me to stay connected to the initiatives, achievements and priorities within each campus and sub-school. I feel privileged to lead such a capable and committed team, and I deeply appreciate their professionalism and collaborative spirit.

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Strengthening Communication Across Campuses

A further priority for 2026 is the continued centralisation of communication processes across our campuses. Several years ago, the Horsham campus implemented a Learning Management System (LMS) through Schoolbox, now known as *The Hub. This platform has become an effective communication and learning tool for Horsham families.*

Last year, staff at the Dimboola and Nhill campuses began engaging with The Hub for internal communication purposes. In 2026, we aim to integrate this platform more fully into existing communication processes across all campuses, enabling families to access important information through a single, consistent source. We look forward to seeing this rollout continue in both Nhill and Dimboola.

NAPLAN 2026

Parents and carers of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 should now have received information regarding the upcoming NAPLAN testing schedule.

While NAPLAN is an important assessment tool, it is helpful to remember that it represents a snapshot in time rather than a life-defining measure. It provides an indication of a student's development at this particular stage of their learning journey. I encourage families to have positive and reassuring conversations with their children in the lead-up to testing, emphasising effort, preparation and perspective.

Should you have any questions regarding NAPLAN or any other aspect of College life, please do not hesitate to contact your campus.

1 Corinthians 14:40
"But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way."

Devotional Thoughts

Renewed while we fade

by Noel Due

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16).
Read 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Paul writes as one who knows fragility firsthand. His confidence is not theoretical optimism, but faith forged in suffering. The Christian life, as Paul describes it, is lived under a double truth: decay is real, and renewal is real – but they operate on different planes. We must not confuse them.

The outer self – our visible life, our strength, reputation, even our ministry – is wasting away. Paul does not soften this. Here, there is no promise of steady improvement or visible success. This is the theology of the cross speaking plainly: God's work in us is often hidden beneath weakness, loss and contradiction. To deny this would be to lapse into a theology of glory, measuring God's favour by external appearances.

Yet precisely here, Paul refuses despair. The inner self is being renewed – not by effort, progress, or spiritual technique, but *day by day*. This renewal comes through the word that is heard and believed. Earlier, Paul had said, 'I believed, and so I spoke.' Faith does not eliminate affliction; it speaks in the midst of it. Renewal comes from outside us, from the promise of Christ crucified and risen, applied anew even as everything visible deteriorates.

Paul presses further. What we see is temporary; what we do not see is eternal. Faith clings not to what can be measured, but to what has been promised. The present affliction, real and painful though it is, is not minimised but put into perspective by resurrection. Death is not denied; it is answered. Chapter five makes this concrete. Our bodies are tents – temporary dwellings – but God himself prepares a permanent house. This is not an escape from creation but its redemption. The Christian hope is not disembodied survival but resurrection, guaranteed by God, not secured by us.

Thus, Paul teaches the church how not to lose heart: not by denying weakness, but by locating life where God has promised it – in Christ, hidden now, revealed in glory. Until then, renewal continues quietly, faithfully, day by day.

Dear Father, this world is not yet heaven, and we cannot make it so. Forgive our feeble attempts to make heaven on earth by securing ourselves and our futures. Root deeply in us the hope of eternal life, seen and guaranteed in the resurrection of Jesus, who has raised us up with him so that where he is, we may be also. Amen.

AWARDS

Awards

Violet Emson - For being Supportive of her peers and treating others with kindness.

Hamish Bartlett - For demonstrating patience, persistence and a willingness to keep learning, even when the concept was challenging.

Darcy Robson - Showing greater bravery in activities, building his skills and problem solving.

Lincoln Fax - For starting the day with a smile, building connections, saying hello and always offering to help.

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Lachie Elliott - For encouraging others to have a go & supporting the process.

Milla Bartlett - For demonstrating wonderful leadership throughout the week, not just in learning time, but also out in the yard.

Memphis Pinchbeck - For actively listening to ideas and stories and making meaningful connections.

Lincoln Fax - For taking the time to be a good friend.

Notices

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 = 27th January - 2nd April 2026

FEBRUARY 2026

23rd - Year 6 Leadership Day, Nhill

24th - Swimming carnival

MARCH 2026

9th - Labour Day Public Holiday - No school

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

Sunday 22nd February - 1st Sunday in Lent

10:00am LR Goroke

10:00am LR Natimuk

6:00pm HC Vectis

Harvest Thanks All Welcome

10:00am LR Dimboola

Sunday 1st March – 2nd Sunday in Lent

10:00am LR Goroke

10:00am LR Natimuk

10:00am LR Vectis

10:00am LR Dimboola

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.

NOTICES

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2026 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

PROGRAM

50M FREESTYLE
25M FREESTYLE
ACROSS POOL FREESTYLE
ACROSS POOL WITH NOODLE
LONGEST UNDERWATER DIVE (FROM DEEP END)
LONGEST UNDERWATER GLIDE ACROSS POOL
BEST DIVE
50M BACKSTROKE
ACROSS POOL BACKSTROKE
ACROSS POOL BACKSTROKE WITH NOODLE
BEST BOMB - SENIORS
BEST BOMB - JUNIORS
50M BREASTSTROKE
ACROSS POOL BREASTROKE
SINKER COLLECTION - SENIORS
FLOATER COLLECTION - JUNIOR
NOODLE RELAY
HOUSE CAPTAIN RACE

TUESDAY
24TH FEBRUARY

11AM- 2PM APPROX FINISH

NOTICES

Pools are opening for the 2025/2026 summer season from 15 November 2025 to 09 March 2026. See hours below:

Hindmarsh Outdoor Pool Opening Hours

	Dimboola	Jeparit	Nhill	Rainbow
Monday to Friday	3:30pm - 6:30pm **Closed Thursday*	4:00pm - 6:30pm **Closed Wednesday*	3:30pm - 6:30pm **Closed Monday*	3:30pm - 6:30pm **Closed Tuesday*
Saturdays and School Holidays	2:00pm - 7:00pm **No closure day during school holidays*			
Sundays	2:00pm - 6:00pm			

FREE ENTRY ALL SEASON

Canteens will not be operating but staff will have icy-poles available for a small donation. Community members and visitors are encouraged to support local businesses and BYO refreshments (no glass) to the pool.

Consumption and/or the taking of alcohol into swimming pools or grounds is strictly prohibited, as is smoking and vaping.

Scan the QR code for more details about our Outdoor Pools! You can also like us on Facebook to keep up to date

Hindmarsh Shire Council

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

NOTICES

THE CENTRE FOR PARTICIPATION – HORSHAM – HAS TEAMED UP WITH DIMBOOLA CWA LADIES TO PROVIDE FREE FRESH FRUIT AND VEGIES AND FROZEN MEALS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

CENTRE for PARTICIPATION

NO FORMS TO FILL IN OR REGISTRATIONS . NOT DEPENDENT ON A HEALTH CARE CARD – AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE IN NEED.

JUST COME TO DIMBOOLA RSL HALL, 113 LLOYD STREET, DIMBOOLA ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON BETWEEN 2.30 AND 4.30 (WILL CLOSE EARLIER IF WE RUN OUT). WE ARE OFFERING THIS SERVICE EVERY WEEK FOR THE DIMBOOLA COMMUNITY SO TELL YOUR FRIENDS.

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