WIMMERA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Dimboola Campus Newsletter - Thursday 2nd April 2026

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From The Head of Campus

End of Term 1 & Start of Term 2

As we come to the end of Term 1, it has been wonderful to reflect on what has been a busy and successful start to the year. Students have settled into their routines, built strong relationships, and shown great enthusiasm for their learning across all areas. From classroom achievements to whole-school events, it has been fantastic to see students embracing every opportunity with such a positive attitude.

I would like to thank all families for your ongoing support throughout the term. Your involvement and encouragement play a vital role in creating a strong and connected school community.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 2, which begins on Monday 20th April. Term 2 is always an exciting time, with continued learning, new opportunities, and cooler weather settling in.

We hope all families enjoy a safe and wonderful Easter, along with a restful break, and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for another great term ahead.

Heave Ho, Off We Go

Last Tuesday, the whole school travelled to Nhill to watch Heave Ho, Off We Go, a lively performance by Magic Allen. Magic Allen introduced himself as being rather bad at magic and that he needed the help of his second personality, Captain Hook, to complete many of his tricks.

The students were captivated throughout the show and quickly developed their own favourite moments. Doves appeared magically from hats and books, and even seemed to come to life before our eyes. A balloon animal transformed into a real guinea pig, Rubik's cubes were mysteriously solved, strings changed length, and a rose appeared through fire. Magic Allen also performed card tricks and involved members of the audience in helping to transform a can of peas into pears - each trick accompanied by the magical phrase, "Heave Ho, Off We Go."

After the performance students were able to eat their recess and enjoy a play with the students from the Nhill campus before heading back on the bus.

Cross Country – Friday 1st May

Our Cross Country event will be held on Friday 1st May, and we are looking forward to a great day of participation and encouragement.

In the lead-up to the event, students will be practising most days to help build their fitness, stamina and confidence. To support this, students are encouraged to wear their runners to school for the first two weeks of Term 2.

We are excited to see students challenge themselves, show perseverance and cheer one another on. More information about the event will be shared closer to the day.

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Last Day of Term Celebrations

We finished off Term 1 with a fun and festive day of celebrations! Students came dressed in their pyjamas for our PJ Day, helping us raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital. It was wonderful to see everyone getting into the spirit while supporting such an important cause.

To end the day, students enjoyed an exciting Easter egg hunt, which was a fantastic way to celebrate together and wrap up the term. There were lots of smiles, laughter, and a great sense of community as students searched high and low for their treats.

A lovely way to finish a busy and successful term.

ANZAC Day

Students are invited to attend the ANZAC Day service at Dimboola Memorial Secondary College on Sunday April 25th.

As a school, we will meet at the front gates of the high school no later than 8:10am to join the memorial walk at 8:20am. Our school leaders will be asked to lay a wreath on behalf of our school community.

Students are required to wear full school uniform.

We encourage families to come along and support this important community event as we remember and honour those who have served.

Term 2 – Important Dates (So Far)

As we look ahead to Term 2, please see the key dates below:

- **Monday 20th April** – First day of Term 2
- **Saturday 25th April** – ANZAC Day
- **Friday 1st May – 10:00am** – Cross Country
- **Friday 8th May (morning)** – Mother's Day Morning
- **Friday 5th June** – Report Writing Day (No school)
- **Monday 8th June** – King's Birthday Public Holiday (No school)

We will continue to update families as more events are confirmed throughout the term.

Please keep an eye on the Audiri app and your emails for any additional updates or reminders.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Easter.

Millie Dent

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From The Executive Principal

Strategic Planning

The Executive Leadership team met with Phil McCredden from Ecclesia Leadership to continue to work on the development of the college's strategic plan, using the signposts to guide the work that will be completed this year. The following pillars were decided upon in the Tuesday workshop;

Shaping Identity

- Uniform
- Mission, Vision and Values
- Branding recognition
- Special events
- Cultivating Lutheran Identity

Growing Community

- School Sustainability and Growth
- College Expansion
- Staff Wellbeing
- Lutheran Church Connection and Engagement
- Service
- Cross-campus opportunities

Transforming Learning

- Curriculum review
- Unity and diversity opportunities
- Innovative Learning
- Staff development and coaching
- AI (Artificial Intelligence)
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Support Service

- Policies and procedure development
- Risk and compliance review
- Financial planning
- ICT review
- Communication and marketing

As you can see from this list, there is some exciting work that will continue to be undertaken as the year progresses. Hopefully this will provide a snapshot of the Strategic Intent the college will be focussing on for this year and beyond.

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Future plans

There are many immediate plans that are in the pipeline, with a review of uniform policy and uniform items being at the top of the priority list for Term 2. I look forward to rolling this out to the WLC community throughout next term. Priority around signage is also in the pipeline as we look to promote the name and logo on all 3 campuses. Work is currently underway to action this important work. The website is also being developed behind the scenes with the aim to launch this later on in the year.

Easter message

As we come to the end of a busy and productive term at Wimmera Lutheran College, I would like to sincerely thank our staff, students and families for the commitment, energy and care that has been evident across all of our campuses. It has been a wonderful start to the year, with many opportunities for learning, growth and community connection.

As we enter the Easter season, we are reminded of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is a powerful message of hope, grace and new life. It is a reminder that through Jesus' sacrifice, we are given the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. This life-saving message sits at the centre of who we are as a Lutheran school, and continues to shape our purpose and direction.

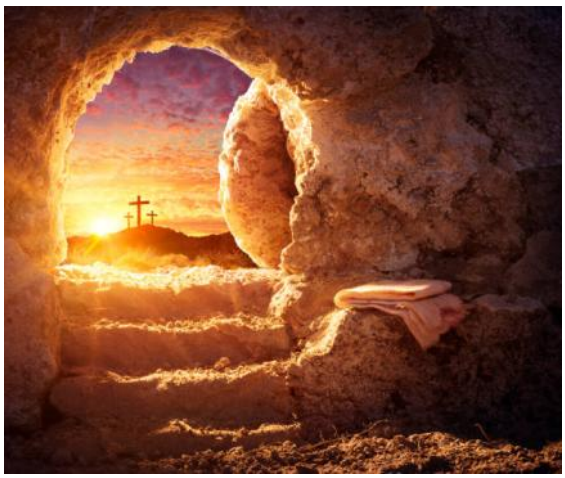
My prayer for all members of our College community is that the holiday break provides an opportunity for rest, safe travel and quality time with family and loved ones. May it also be a time to pause and reflect on the significance of Easter and the hope it brings to each of us.

Wishing you a safe and blessed Easter.

John 11:25

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

Mr Jason Przibilla, Executive Principal



Devotional Thoughts

Jesus has come to make us one in God

by Maria Rudolph

You do not realise that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish (John 11:50).

Do you know the idiom 'You cannot see the forest for the trees'? It means that something is in plain sight but somehow remains invisible to the beholder.

The Pharisees were an influential Jewish religious movement during the Second Temple period (circa 160 BC–70 AD). They were known for their focus on personal piety, adherence to both written and oral law and belief in the resurrection of the dead. They had the Messiah right before their eyes, but couldn't recognise him or God's work through him.

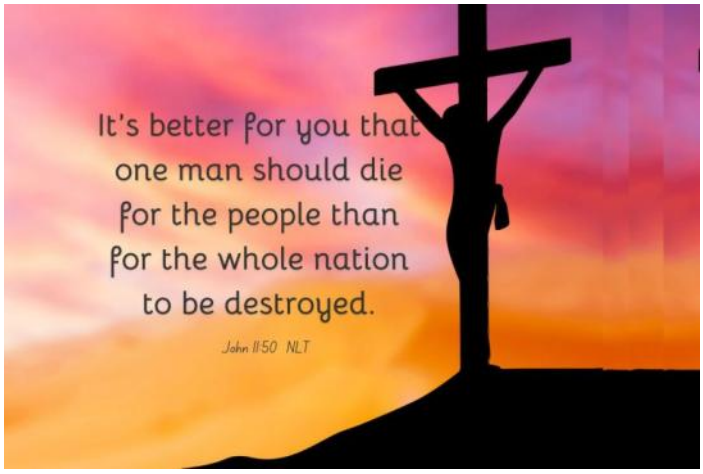
They could not think outside of their well-established box – their particular understanding of God's law. Jesus violated these rules and regulations in such ways that they could only see a blasphemer in him, who needed to be exterminated by force. And yet, amazingly, that was exactly what God had planned for Jesus all along.

Jesus said in the Garden of Gethsemane as he was arrested by the chief priests' mob (Matthew 26:56a), 'But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.'

Without even realising that he was pointing toward Christ's sacrifice on the cross for the sins of the world, Caiaphas, the high priest, 'prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God to bring them together and make them one' (John 11:51b,52).

That includes you and me. We are drawn into the forgiveness of Christ to be made one in God our Father. How does it affect the boxes we build and the walls we erect toward other Christians when we consider this purpose of Christ – to make us one in him? Let us ask the Holy Spirit for daily help in this task.

Come, Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into us today. Fill us anew with your fire. Fill us with love for our Christian sisters and brothers from other congregations, other churches, other denominations. Christ has died for them, and for me, to make us one in God. Melt our hearts of stone and soften them to love our neighbour as ourselves, and to see God's image in each person we encounter. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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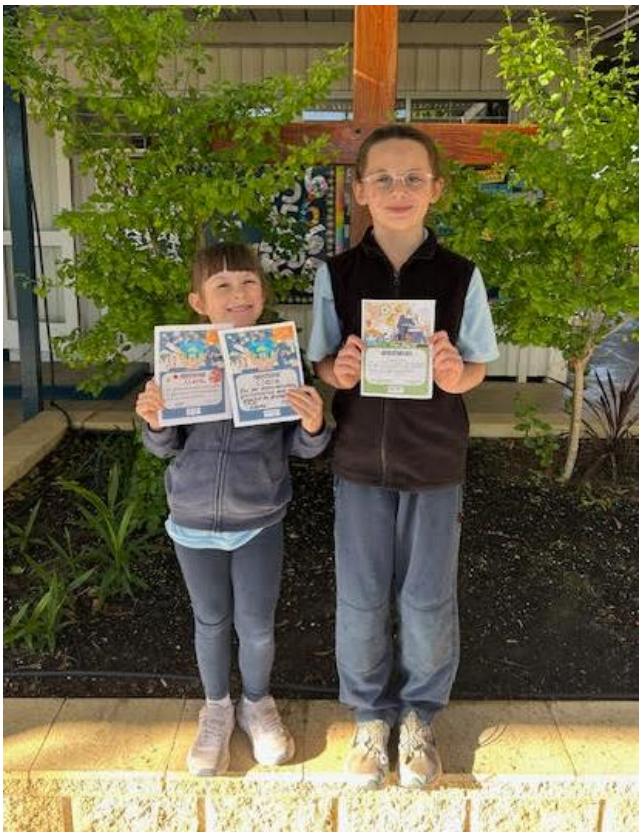

Awards

Clara Robson– For her determination, perseverance and practice to develop news skills & for approaching writing with purpose & determination, embracing challenges with a positive attitude.

Isabella Brincat - For listening and participating in the production at Nhill in a respectful manner and playing with new friends at recess.

Xavier Mibus (absent) - For listening and observing during our work on the 6 time tables. He noticed important patterns and confidently shared his knowledge with others the following day.

Chantelle O'Neil (absent) - For demonstrating an eagerness to practise her magic words & grow in confidence.

Milla Bartlett - Reading award for 50 nights of reading.

Toby King - Reading award for 25 nights of reading.

AWARDS

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Kristian O'Neil- For showing determination and focus along his reading journey.

Tyson O'Neil- For displaying excellent focus, listening carefully to instructions and staying on task without distraction.

Layla Dent - For showing consideration towards others, being a good sport and giving everything a go.

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 2 = 20th April - 26th June 2026

APRIL 2026

2nd - Last Day term 1

20th - First day term 2

25th - ANZAC Day

May 2026

1st - Cross Country - 10:00am

8th - Mothers Day Celebration (morning)

June 2026

5th - Report Writing Day (no school)

8th - Kings Birthday 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

2nd April - Maundy Thursday

Parish Service 7:30pm HC Natimuk

3rd April - Good Friday

10:00am HC Goroke

5th April - Easter Sunday

10:00am HC Dimboola

10:00am LR Vectis

Other congregations tbc

Sunday 2nd April – Sunday of Easter

10:00am HC 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

Bendigo Bank
Royal Childrens Hospital
LIONS INTERNATIONAL
Good Friday Appeal
EASTER EGG HUNT
Recreation Reserve Dimboola - 3rd April
9.00AM AT THE A & P SHED
$5 Per Child
Easter Egg Hunt
Tiny Goats
Jumping Castle
Hot Cross Buns
RAFFLE
Craft Table
Face Painting
LIVE MUSIC
DJ BUNGA
FIND THE 'GOLD ROCKS'
SUGAR BABY ICE CREAM
SOUTHERN HOT DOGS
TOASTIES
COFFEE
POKE BOWLS
GUESS THE LOLLIES
GOPHER EVENT!
EMERGENCY VEHICLES
Give for the kids.
CFA
SES

NOTICES

ALL FREE!

APRIL 2026 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 1 WEEK 2

Hindmarsh Shire Council

MONDAY 06 APRIL

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
EASTER MONDAY

TUESDAY 07 APRIL

Create and Relate with headspace
Ages 10+
Dimboola Library
10am - 11:30am

Pickleball with Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly
Ages 10 and under
Dimboola Stadium (Recreation Reserve)
1pm - 2pm

Pickleball with Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly
Ages 11 and over
Dimboola Stadium (Recreation Reserve)
2pm - 3pm

WEDNESDAY 08 APRIL

Create and Relate with headspace
Ages 10+
Jeparit Library
11am - 12:30pm

THURSDAY 09 APRIL

Pickleball with Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly
All ages
MECCA Rainbow
11am - 1pm

Create and Relate with headspace
Ages 10+
Rainbow Neighbourhood House
2:30pm - 4pm

FRIDAY 10 APRIL

Level-Up Gaming
All ages
Nhill Memorial Community Centre
12pm - 4pm

scan to register

REGISTER NOW!

Registrations submitted prior to school holidays are much appreciated!

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

MONDAY 13 APRIL

Science with Ellen
Nhill Library
10am - 11:00 am

Pickleball with Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly
Ages 10 and under
Nhill College Stadium
1pm - 2pm

Pickleball with Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly
Ages 11 and over
Nhill College Stadium
2pm - 3pm

TUESDAY 14 APRIL

Science with Jess
Jeparit Library
10am - 11am

Karaoke
Rainbow Neighbourhood House
2pm - 4pm

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

Science with Jess
Rainbow Library
10am - 11am

Science with Jess
Dimboola Library
2pm - 3pm

THURSDAY 16 APRIL

Pickleball with Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly
All ages
Jeparit Memorial Town Hall
10am - 12pm

FRIDAY 17 APRIL

Movie: Goat
Nhill Cinema
1pm - 3pm

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

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NOTICES

Dawn Service: 6:15am

Gunfire breakfast provided

ANZAC WREATH LAYING SERVICE: 8:30am

ANZAC DAY SERVICE: 9:00am

Students please dress in school uniform

DIMBOOLA MEMORIAL SECONDARY COLLEGE

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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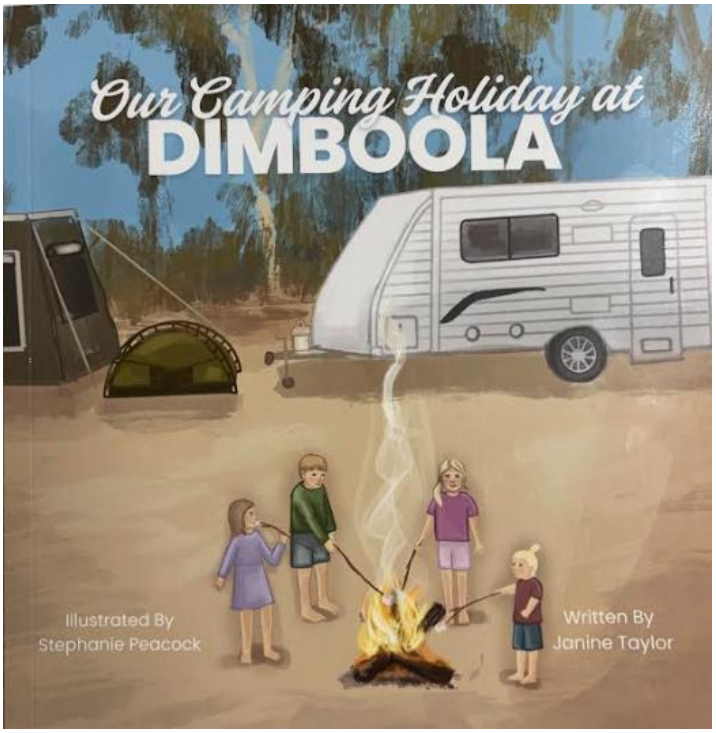

Don't forget that we have a copy of Janine Taylor's 'Our Camping Holiday at Dimboola' book in the office for viewing.

Books can be purchased for $20 each with $5 going towards our school.

Around The School

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Excursion to WLC - Nhill Campus

Pyjama Day and Easter Activities

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