WIMMERA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Dimboola Campus Newsletter - Friday 15th May 2026

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From The Head of Campus

Mother's Day Celebrations

On Friday, we loved welcoming so many mums and special women into our school community as we celebrated Mother's Day together. Students enjoyed sharing a special chapel service, participating in a fun dance party with Justin from Freestyle Dance Ministry, and spending time together over morning tea. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and families enjoying the morning together.

Cross Country

On Friday May 1st students participated in our annual school Cross Country event. We were so proud of the way every student challenged themselves and gave their absolute best effort, regardless of whether running is their favourite activity or not. It was wonderful to see students encouraging one another and showing great sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. We also loved having so many families come along to support and cheer on the students.

Many students were eligible to progress through to the next level of competition, with some students choosing not to continue on, which is absolutely okay. Congratulations to Memphis, Milla, Hamish and Issy for challenging themselves and having a go at the next level. We are very proud of the way they represented our school.

Memphis took home first place in the West Wimmera Division, this is an amazing effort and we are all super proud of him.

Hockey Roadshow

Last Monday, students enjoyed taking part in the Hockey Roadshow with coach Ellie. Students participated in skill-building activities, games, and drills across two engaging sessions for our junior and senior students. For some students, this may have been their very first time trying hockey, so it was fantastic to see them having a go, building confidence, and enjoying learning new skills in such a fun and supportive environment.

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

Last week, we held our very first Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) meeting. We would like to thank those who were able to come along and support the meeting, as well as those who sent through their apologies. We completely understand that life is busy and it is not always possible to make it to everything.

We also thank the families who filled out a Parents and Friends slip during our Mother's Day event. This information will help us work out what day and time may suit the majority of families for future meetings.

If you were unable to fill out a slip but would still like to be involved, please feel free to reach out to the school or simply come along to our next meeting, with the date still currently in discussion. We would love to continue growing this group and working together to support our wonderful school community.

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Hot Food Fridays

HOT FOOD FRIDAYS ARE COMING BACK!

As the colder weather arrives, we are looking for volunteers to help support our Hot Food Fridays through cooking or donating food items. You do not have to do both, we will appreciate any help that can be given as we understand everyone is busy.

Every second Friday during Terms 2 and 3, a hot meal is prepared for students by parent volunteers. Order forms will be sent home at the beginning of the week and are due back on Wednesdays. Funds raised will support special PTFA projects.

Any support, big or small, is greatly appreciated and helps strengthen our wonderful school community.

The Hot Food Friday roster can be found on the Audiri app. If you are able to volunteer, donate items, or would like more information, please contact the school office.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

It would appear that cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) are within our school community. While this illness is generally mild, it is contagious and spreads easily among children.

What to watch for:

Common symptoms include fever, sore throat, small blisters or a rash on the hands, feet, or inside the mouth. If your child shows these symptoms, please keep them at home and consult your healthcare provider.

How to help prevent the spread:

- Encourage frequent handwashing with soap and water
- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces such as toys, door handles, and tables
- Teach children to cover coughs and sneezes and avoid sharing utensils or drinks

We are taking extra cleaning and hygiene measures at school and will continue to monitor the situation carefully. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping keep our community healthy.

For further information, please see the Victorian Department of Health website:

Victorian Department of Health – Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend

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From The Executive Principal

Wimmera Lutheran College
Strategic Plan Update

As part of the ongoing journey of the newly amalgamated Wimmera Lutheran College, members of the Executive Leadership Team and College Board will come together this Saturday 16 May for a strategic planning day, focused on developing the College's Mission, Vision and Values statements. This important work will help shape a shared direction and identity for the future of our College community across all campuses. In our Lutheran schools, Mission, Vision and Values statements are far more than words on a page, they provide a foundation for decision- making, guide the culture and priorities of the school and ensure that all aspects of learning and wellbeing remain grounded in our Gospel mission. They help articulate who we are, what we stand for, and the kind of young people we seek to nurture; students who are supported academically, spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically as part of a holistic Christian education. This planning day will be an important milestone as we continue to strengthen a united College identity while remaining centred on Christ and committed to developing students who are compassionate, relational, adventurous and purposeful.

Uniform Update

It has been exciting to begin seeing uniform items featuring the new Wimmera Lutheran College logo appearing across our three campuses. The introduction of the new logo is another important step in the journey of our amalgamated College, and reflects the shared identity we are continuing to build together as one community. As part of this transition, the three campuses will maintain their existing uniform items, with the previous logos gradually being replaced by the new Wimmera Lutheran College logo, as current stock runs out. Any future changes or adjustments to uniforms will be considered carefully and communicated with families in due course. As an interim measure, all current uniform items, policies and expectations will remain in place until further notice. These documents can be accessed via the WLC landing page; wlc.vic.edu.au

Horsham Campus Open Day

The Horsham Campus Open Day is fast approaching. We look forward to welcoming families to the Horsham Campus next Wednesday 20 May. Families can go for a tour of the 3 sub-schools, sit through a Year 7 Information Session, explore the Showcase, or sign up for the 'Come Try Day' if students are currently in Year 6. There will also be refreshments available. I encourage all families from WLC to spread the word and encourage your friends to come along to check out WLC Horsham Campus.
Nhill and Dimboola Campus Open Day events will take place later in the year.

School Photos

School photo days are always an exciting opportunity to capture important memories and milestones in the lives of our students and College community. As part of the ongoing development of Wimmera Lutheran College as one unified College, we are pleased to be working with the same school photographer across all three campuses in 2026. Working with one photography provider across Horsham, Nhill and Dimboola provides many benefits for our College community, including a consistent photographic style and branding across publications, streamlined communication and ordering processes for families and greater efficiency in coordinating school photo days and events. Beyond traditional school photos, this partnership also supports the creation of whole College photographs, promotional photography and videos, event coverage, yearbook production, marketing materials, virtual tours and other resources that help tell the story of our College community. Having a shared provider also strengthens our ability to showcase the unified identity of Wimmera Lutheran College while celebrating the unique character and achievements of each campus.

Devotional Thoughts

Selective Blindness

by Charles Bertelsmeier

If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father (John 15:24).

Have you ever watched an illusionist and wondered how they did their tricks? Speaking generally, what the illusionist does is divert your attention to some activity they want you to concentrate on while doing some trickery with their other hand or by their assistant. Because you can only visually concentrate on one thing at a time, you don't notice the slight activity off to the side. Another aspect of our psychology is that as we switch our visual attention from one object to another some distance away, we don't see any details of anything between the two objects. Illusionists rely on this, too.

This is related to another truth about our psychology. To understand new information or ideas, we need to fit them into our current frames of reference. Let me give an example. Our current experience is that when we take five loaves of bread, break them into pieces and hand them out to feed people, there will not be enough to feed at least five thousand people, with 12 baskets of leftover scraps. So, when we hear about this happening, we try to fit it into this frame of reference. Which means we think that it didn't happen as reported. There must have been some sleight of hand or other explanation.

Now, if your frame of reference includes a God who has unlimited power over nature, you don't have a problem, because this example of the multiplying bread is just a miracle. This implies that the person who performed the miracle is either God himself or acting on God's behalf.

On the other hand, if someone has embarrassed us and we are very angry with them, when they try to talk to us, we may be so absorbed with trying to justify our anger with anything further they say that we don't hear the important information they are trying to share with us.

Jesus faced both these situations with the religious leaders of his day. The things Jesus said and did didn't fit their frame of reference for a religious teacher, and their focus on capturing what he said to use against him prevented them from hearing the good news he wanted to share with them.

Now, we also need to be cautious of people trying to mislead us in our relationship with God, so we must check things against our other frame of reference, the Bible. And the best way to do this is to regularly and prayerfully read the Scriptures.

Heavenly Father, thank you for your word, both the written word in the Bible and the Living Word, Jesus. Please help us to be open to where you are leading us in our daily lives, and please protect us from being deceived by those who want to lead us away from you. Amen.

AWARDS

Awards

Amahlia Brincat – For doing her best to learn and apply new skills during the hockey clinic.

Lachie Elliott - For helping a younger student feel settled, safe and included at school and 50 nights of reading award

Memphis Pinchbeck - For helping a younger student feel settled, safe and included at school.

Aurora Ruff - For demonstrating great listening, sharing her ideas and having a go at new things.

Peyton Ross - For sharing ideas and showing kindness and encouragement to others especially in the yard and for becoming a more confident learner and growing stronger writing skills.

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Awards

Amelia Pinchbeck- For collaborating with other effectively and exploring supported leadership roles.

Evie Schneider - For 25 nights of reading.

Harper Rethus- For excellent effort and success in learning her 'Golden' words.

Amelia Pinchbeck - For your 'can do' attitude, curiosity, determination and ability to look on the bright side.

Violet Emson– For your willingness to just jump in with a smile on your face & lifting others up.

Toby King– For showing a positive attitude towards his learning, being focused in class, listening carefully to new concepts and showing resilience when learning new skills

Matheus Pervoe– For 25 nights of reading.

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.

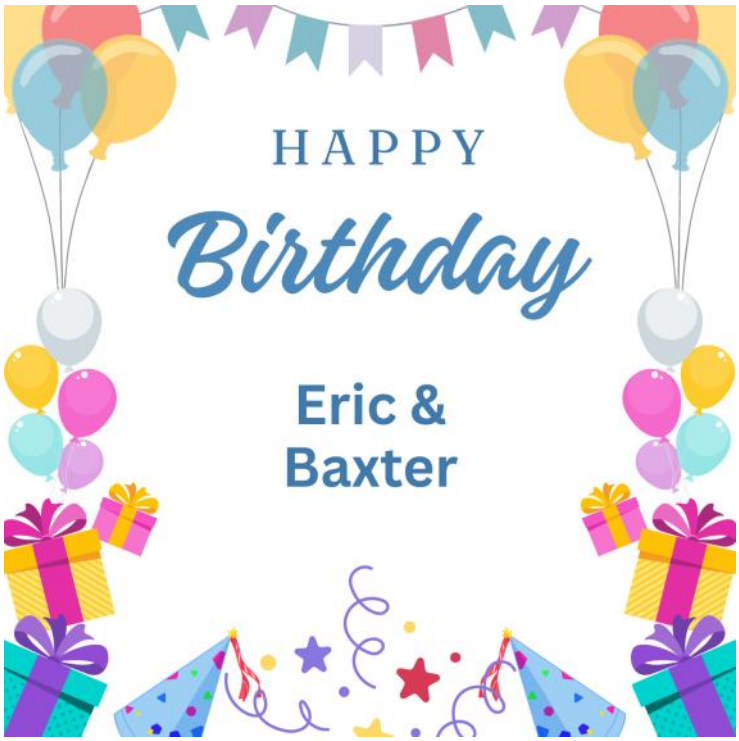
TERM 2 = 20th April - 26th June 2026

June 2026

5th - Report Writing Day (no school)

8th - Kings Birthday Public Holiday (no school)

16th - School Photos



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

17th May - Ascension of our Lord

10:00am LR Goroke

10:00am LR Natimuk

10:00am LR Vectis

10:00am **HC** Dimboola

24th May - Pentecost

10:00am LR Goroke

10:00am LR Natimuk

10:00am **HC** Vectis

11:00am **HC** Dimboola

(Harvest Thanksgiving)

Pastor Colin Huf

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.

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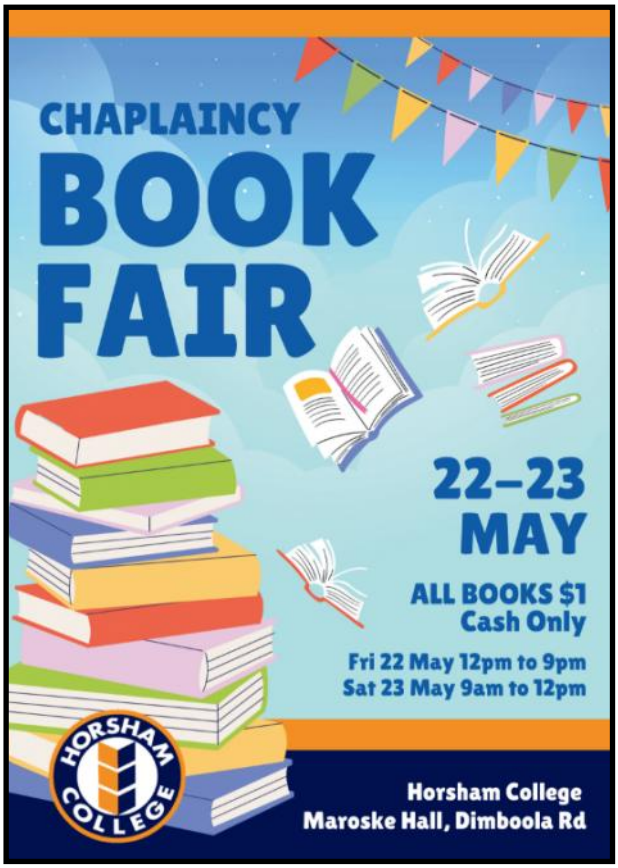

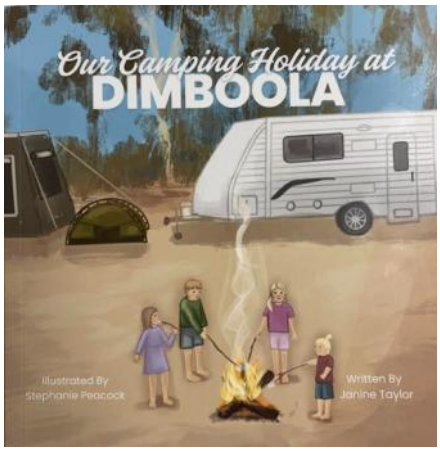

Don't forget that we have a copy of Janine Taylor's 'Our Camping Holiday at Dimboola' book in the office for viewing.

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

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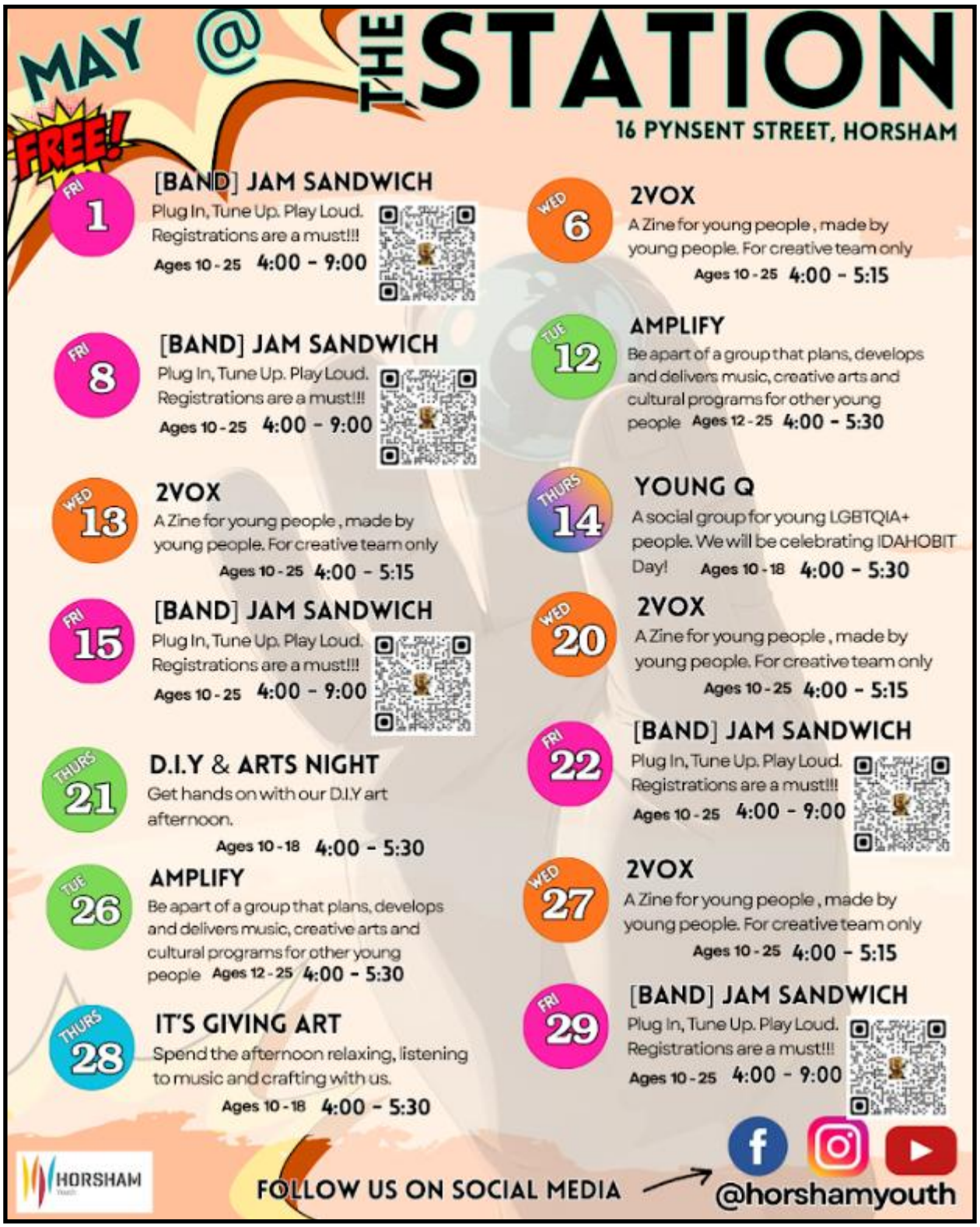
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FREE!
16 PYNSENT STREET, HORSHAM
FRI 1
[BAND] JAM SANDWICH
Plug In, Tune Up. Play Loud. Registrations are a must!!!
Ages 10 - 25 4:00 - 9:00
FRI 8
[BAND] JAM SANDWICH
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Ages 10 - 25 4:00 - 9:00
WED 13
2VOX
A Zine for young people , made by young people. For creative team only
Ages 10 - 25 4:00 - 5:15
FRI 15
[BAND] JAM SANDWICH
Plug In, Tune Up. Play Loud. Registrations are a must!!!
Ages 10 - 25 4:00 - 9:00
THURS 21
D.I.Y & ARTS NIGHT
Get hands on with our D.I.Y art afternoon.
Ages 10 - 18 4:00 - 5:30
TUE 26
AMPLIFY
Be apart of a group that plans, develops and delivers music, creative arts and cultural programs for other young people Ages 12 - 25 4:00 - 5:30
THURS 28
IT'S GIVING ART
Spend the afternoon relaxing, listening to music and crafting with us.
Ages 10 - 18 4:00 - 5:30
WED 6
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TUE 12
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Be apart of a group that plans, develops and delivers music, creative arts and cultural programs for other young people Ages 12 - 25 4:00 - 5:30
THURS 14
YOUNG Q
A social group for young LGBTQIA+ people. We will be celebrating IDAHOBIT Day! Ages 10 - 18 4:00 - 5:30
WED 20
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