WIMMERA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Dimboola Campus Newsletter - Friday 26th June 2026

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From The Head of Campus

Hi Everyone,

WLC Music Tour

Last week, students travelled to Nhill to participate in the WLC Music Tour. Senior students from our Horsham campus performed a variety of musical pieces they have been working on in class, including chair drumming, ballads, movie favourites, incredible piano performances, and even some rock and roll. It was wonderful for our students to see some past students performing. Students then enjoyed lunch with the Nhill campus students before returning to school.

Dentist Van Visit

Last week, the Australian Smile Group visited our school. The dental team saw many of our students and provided dental care where needed. This is a fantastic service for our school, as it provides families with convenient access to dental care, helps identify any concerns early, and reduces the need for students to miss school for appointments.

Semester Reports

All student reports were sent home with students or handed to parents and carers at school pick-up today. If you did not receive your child's report, please let me know.

Reports for any students who were absent today will be mailed home.

If you have any questions about your child's report, please don't hesitate to contact me. I would be more than happy to discuss the report with you or answer any questions you may have.

Start of Term 3

A reminder that Monday 13th July is a student-free day, as all Wimmera Lutheran College staff will be participating in a professional development day, which will be held at our Dimboola campus.

Term 3 will begin for students on Tuesday 14th July.

We wish all of our students and families a wonderful, safe, and restful holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another great term.

Millie Dent

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From The Executive Principal

Wimmera Lutheran College

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding semester at Wimmera Lutheran College, I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of our College community for the part they have played in making the first half of the year such a success.

Our students are to be congratulated for the enthusiasm and commitment they have shown throughout the semester. Whether in the classroom, on the sporting field, in extra-curricular activities, on camps and excursions, or in service to others, our students have embraced the many opportunities available to them. We are proud of their achievements and the positive way they represent our College each day.

I also extend my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff. Behind every lesson, excursion, event and report card are countless hours of planning, preparation and care. Our staff continually invest in the learning and wellbeing of every student, and I am deeply grateful for the professionalism, passion and servant-hearted approach they bring to their work each day. I hope this holiday break provides them with a well-earned opportunity to rest and recharge.

I would also like to acknowledge our Heads of School and Campus Leaders for the outstanding leadership they have provided throughout the semester. Leading a school community requires wisdom, compassion and a commitment to serving others, and I am thankful for the way they have faithfully led their respective schools and campuses. Their willingness to work collaboratively and their valuable contributions to our Executive Leadership Team continue to strengthen Wimmera Lutheran College as one united College. I am grateful for their professionalism, insight and unwavering commitment to our students, staff and families.

As we conclude the semester, I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to our Director of Business Operations, Mr Craig Young, who finishes his time at Wimmera Lutheran College at the end of the first week of next term. Craig has made a significant contribution during his time with the College, providing sound leadership across our business operations and supporting many important initiatives behind the scenes. We thank him for his faithful service and wish him and his family God's richest blessings as they begin the next chapter of their journey.

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At the same time, we look forward with confidence as we welcome Ms Jana Pavlovska into the role of Interim Director of Business Operations. We pray that God will bless Jana with wisdom, discernment and strength as she joins our College community and takes on this important leadership responsibility. We look forward to the experience, expertise and fresh perspective she will bring to the role.

To our families, thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Education is most effective when schools and families work together, and we greatly value the trust you place in us as we share in the privilege of educating your children.

As reports are released at the conclusion of the semester, I encourage every family to take the time to read them carefully. A school report is much more than a collection of grades, it provides valuable feedback about your child's progress, achievements, strengths and areas for continued growth. I encourage parents to discuss the report with their child, celebrate their successes and reflect together on opportunities for improvement during Semester 2. If there is anything within the report that you are unsure about or would like clarified, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the relevant Head of School.

As we head into the holiday break, I pray that every member of our College community enjoys a safe, restful and relaxing time with family and friends. Whether you are travelling or enjoying a quieter break at home, may this be an opportunity to recharge and prepare for the exciting opportunities that await us in Semester 2.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." — Matthew 11:28

On behalf of the Board and staff of Wimmera Lutheran College, thank you for a wonderful semester. May God continue to watch over and bless our College community during the holiday break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.

Devotional Thoughts

Ask for workers?

by Ruth Olsen

Ask the Lord of the harvest … to send out workers into his harvest field (Matthew 9:38).

Jesus, with his disciples, has been traversing the countryside, teaching in the synagogues, healing people and spreading the good news and life of the kingdom. People were responding hungrily. They saw that the message was not empty words, and they wanted more. Jesus had compassion on them. His strategy for dealing with the abundant harvest and shortage of workers: 'Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.'

Take the situation to the Lord of the harvest. Ask him for whatever is needed, for workers, resources and favour. It is his harvest field wherever he sends us. He has delight in the harvest coming in, and he knows who may be open to his message at present. His healing, wholeness, light, love and truth can still touch many more lost people.

Jesus gathered the 12 disciples and told them they were the workers! He gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. Then he gave them instructions: the good news of the kingdom was to be proclaimed first to Jews only. Later, it will be taken out wider. To start, go local, wherever you are. Don't take anything … But remember that it was he who was sending them out, with *his* authority. They can rely on him and God for provision. But to take with them the message of the kingdom of heaven. Words that carry and communicate life.

If you were standing in the disciples' sandals that day, what might have been happening in your thinking? Are you ready for his challenge afresh now through this Bible passage?

Father, by your Spirit, open the eyes of our hearts to see people around us through your eyes of compassion. Touch our hearts afresh with the message of your kingdom among us, and move us to share naturally wherever opportunities open. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

Wellbeing

Friendship is a skill

By Dr Justin Coulson

Speak to any school leader, psychologist, teacher, or person involved with children in a kindergarten or school and ask them what the most common challenge they confront is when dealing with students – and the answer will almost always be the same:

Friendships.

Friendships are at the very heart of our wellbeing – or our distress. The quality of our relationships is core to our happiness. Researchers have found that "school belonging" is a predictor of everything from grades to life satisfaction – even a decade *after* school has ended. Academic achievement, self-concept, behaviour, and thinking all improve when kids feel they "belong". And they're less likely to drop out of school (or have sick days). Friendships are core to that sense of belonging.

If friendship and belonging matter so much, why are they such ongoing sources of challenge for children and the adults who try to support them?

During the 1980s, influential British social psychologist Michael Argyle, and his collaborator, Monika Henderson, conducted a series of studies on what makes a friendship flourish or fail. They identified six rules essential for maintaining a stable relationship. These were:

1. Standing up for the friend in their absence

Loyalty is a powerful relationship builder. We teach this (at any age, including for those of us *over* 18) by explaining that it means not laughing along when someone makes fun of your mate, and not staying silent when gossip is spreading.

A child who says "Actually, that's not fair, she wasn't even there" is being a friend – and the courage and loyalty it requires is what builds a strong friendship. Teach kids that real friendship happens when the person isn't in the room.

2. Sharing important news with the friend

Friends keep each other in the loop. If your child hears that the whole group is going to the movies and someone is being left out, they'll stand up for their friend, encourage others to Include them, and make sure they include them in things.

Good friends share. They don't share everything, but they do share the things that matter. And they also know what *not* to share. (Like: "everyone was talking about you at lunch today and said you have stinky breath.") Encourage your child to think: *Would I want to know this if the roles were reversed?*

Wellbeing

3. Providing emotional support when it's needed

This doesn't require a twelve-year-old to become a therapist. It mostly just means showing up. Providing emotional support isn't knowing how to "emotion coach". It's sitting with a friend who's had a rough day, texting to check in after something hard happened, and not brushing it off with "you'll be fine" or changing the subject to talk about "me".

Kids who learn to notice when someone's not okay – and know how to say something caring and kind – are building friendships that last.

4. Trusting and confiding in each other

Friendship deepens when people share something real about themselves. That feels risky, and for a lot of kids it is. Vulnerability leaves you open to being hurt, but it's also the key that unlocks deeper commitment and relationship.

If your child tells you a friend shared something personal, help them understand that holding that confidence is one of the most important things a friend can do. Breaking it is one of the fastest ways to destroy a friendship.

5. Volunteering help when it's required

The key word here is *volunteering* rather than waiting to be asked. A good friend notices when someone is struggling and offers before being prompted. A child who sees a classmate trying to carry too many things and just picks some up, or who asks "do you want help with that?" without being told to, is practising one of friendship's core skills.

6. Making an effort to make the other person happy

This is about small, intentional kindness. Remembering a friend's birthday. Saving them a seat. Saying "I thought of you when I saw this." Children who grow up understanding that friendships require active maintenance are far better equipped to keep them.

None of this is complicated, but none of it is automatic either. Children don't arrive knowing how to be good friends. They learn it, mostly by watching the adults around them, and occasionally by being taught directly.

The good news is that the rules Argyle and Henderson identified forty years ago are still the right ones. They haven't been disrupted by social media or complicated by AI or made obsolete by any generational shift. Loyalty, support, trust, and kindness are still what friendship runs on.

If your child is struggling socially, ask which of these six they're finding hardest and start there. Friendship is a skill. And like every other skill, it improves with practice and a little guidance from someone who cares.

AWARDS

Awards

Hunter Mibus - Birthday award

Amelia Pinchbeck - For consistently showing courage, determination and a positive attitude. She always gives her best, embraces every opportunity and inspires others through her perseverance and willingness to have a go.

Maxi Dent - For 50 nights of reading.

Toby King - Birthday award, and for showing respect and maturity when needed and consideration for others in team games.

Isla Pilmore - For Persisting to develop a strong understanding of plotting points and marking co-ordinates.

Clara Robson - For persisting with new or challenging tasks and connecting ideas in learning, and for 100 nights of reading.

Tyson O'Neil (absent) - For working well with others in the classroom and treating his peers with respect.

AWARDS

Awards

Hamish Bartlett - For 25 nights of reading.

Memphis Pinchbeck - For demonstrating compassion by looking out for younger students.

Lachie Elliott - For 75 nights of reading.

Matheus Pervoe- For always trying to be a kind and caring friend, checking in with others and being cheery.

Isla Pilmore (absent)- For her gracious attitude towards life, learning and others.

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 3 = 13th July - 18th September 2026

July 2026

13th - Staff PD Day - no school for students

14th - First day of Term 3 for students

22nd - Hockey 7's

27th - Open night

August 2026

21st - Athletics Carnival

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

28th June - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am LR Goroke

10:00am LR Natimuk

10:00am LR Vectis

10:00am HC Dimboola

(Baptism Letti Stonehouse)

5th July - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am LR Goroke

10:00am LR Natimuk

10:00am HC 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

WIMMERA Lutheran College

DIMBOOLA CAMPUS OPEN NIGHT

Date: Monday 27th July
Time: 6:30pm

Come meet our dedicated teachers, explore our facilities, and get a glimpse of the exciting and engaging curriculum we offer.

Whether you're starting Prep in 2027 or considering a change, we invite you to come and see what makes our school community so special.

Our staff will host an information session and provide a brief tour for interested families.

Hear first hand about our commitment to creating an environment that is adventurous, purposeful, compassionate and relational - where every student is empowered to grow, contribute and thrive.

Children are welcome to attend! There will be activities and supervision set up in the junior room.

NOTICES

Could respite foster caring be for you?

Uniting

Respite foster carers provide care on weekends or during school holidays, offering children a safe, welcoming place to stay while giving foster and kinship families time to rest and recharge.
Whether it's once a month or during holiday periods, the benefits and connections are significant.

If you would like to learn more get in touch.

Call 1800 543 779 **OR** visit unitingvictas.org.au/foster-care/

Hindmarsh Shire Council

JOIN OUR TEAM

Join the Hindmarsh team and contribute to our beautiful Shire. We are currently accepting applications for the following position:

Supported Playgroup Facilitator

Part Time, Fixed Term to 30 June 2028 *(30hours per fortnight)*
Salary commencing at $39.06 per hour
Applications close ***12noon*** *on* ***Wednesday 8 July 2026****.*

Scan the QR code for details about this role and how to apply, or for more information, visit our website:

www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/jobs

Free Food Giveaway

Every Thursday
Dimboola RSL Hall
2.30pm to 4.30pm

The Community Food Pantry is on again
We have plenty of frozen meals, rice, noodles fruit and Vegetables.

All Free

Huge thank you to the Horsham Centre for Participation, the Dimboola RSL & the Dimboola CWA ladies.

CENTRE for PARTICIPATION

DIMBOOLA RSL - THURSDAYS - 2.30 TO 4.30PM

NOTICES

Emerge
EARLY YEARS SERVICES
Excellence in early childhood education
KINDERGARTEN
Victorian Government Approved
Kindergarten Open Week
Register your child for Kindergarten and Long Day Care in 2027
Come, look and play...
JEPARIT KINDERGARTEN
3 & 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN
TUESDAY 14TH JULY
2.00PM - 3.00PM
9 –11 HINDMARSH STREET, JEPARIT
DIMBOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDER
3 & 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN
TUESDAY 14TH JULY
2.30PM - 3.30PM
42 CHURCH STREET, DIMBOOLA
NHILL COLLEGE KINDERGARTEN
3 & 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN
WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY
2.00PM - 3.00PM
16 WHITEHEAD AVENUE, NHILL
RAINBOW KINDERGARTEN
3 & 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN
THURSDAY 16TH JULY
2.00PM - 3.00PM
18 TAVERNER STREET, RAINBOW
DIMBOOLA EARLY LEARNING CENTRE
3 & 4 YEAR OLD INTEGRATED KINDERGARTEN
THURSDAY 16TH JULY
12.00PM - 1.00PM
27 HINDMARSH STREET, DIMBOOLA
NHILL EARLY LEARNING CENTRE
3 & 4 YEAR OLD INTEGRATED KINDERGARTEN
WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY
5.30PM - 6.30PM
2/20 WHITEHEAD AVENUE, NHILL
Virtual tours available on Emerge website
LONG DAY CARE OPEN WEEK
MONDAY 13TH JULY - FRIDAY 17TH JULY
FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO BOOK A TOUR OF OUR LONG DAY CARE FACILITIES DURING THIS WEEK BY CONTACTING THE CENTRES BELOW
2027 LONG DAY CARE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
2027 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 24th JULY
Families are welcome to visit services at another time by appointment
Scan for link to online registration form
TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN
Online: www.eeys.com.au
Email: enrol@eeys.com.au
Phone: 5382 7997
TO REGISTER FOR LONG DAY CARE
Download application online: www.eeys.com.au
Email: sharifah.down@eeys.com.au
Phone: 0428 485 933
Scan for LDC application form
or pick up a form from the EEYS Office
Emerge Early Years Services is the Early Years Manager for the above sites

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ALL FREE!

JUNE/JULY 2026 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Hindmarsh Shire Council

WEEK 1

MONDAY 29 JUNE

Make your own Shrinky Dinks
Dimboola Library
10am - 11am

Cookie Decorating with Tegan
Nhill Memorial Community Centre
1pm - 2pm

TUESDAY 30 JUNE

Dance with Katherine Fraser
Dimboola Memorial Secondary College Hall
10am - 11am

Dance with Katherine Fraser
Wimmera Lutheran College Nhill - Multipurpose Hall
1pm - 2pm

WEDNESDAY 01 JULY

Badminton Clinic
Primary School Age
MECCA Rainbow
10am - 11.30am

Badminton Clinic
Secondary School Age
MECCA Rainbow
12pm - 1.30pm

THURSDAY 02 JULY

Dance with Katherine Fraser
Rainbow MECCA - Supper Room
10am - 11am

Dance with Katherine Fraser
Jeparit Memorial Hall
1pm - 2pm

FRIDAY 03 JULY

Multi-Sports Day
Jeparit Memorial Hall
10am - 11.30pm

WEEK 2

MONDAY 06 JULY

Basketball Clinic with Fab (ages 9 and under)
Dimboola Stadium (Recreation Reserve)
10am - 11am

Basketball Clinic with Fab (ages 10-13)
Dimboola Stadium (Recreation Reserve)
11am - 12pm

Basketball Clinic with Fab (ages 14 and over)
Dimboola Stadium (Recreation Reserve)
12pm - 1pm

NAIDOC Week Story Time
Jeparit Library
2pm - 3pm

TUESDAY 07 JULY

Cookie Decorating
Rainbow Neighbourhood House
10am - 11am

Board Games and Puzzles
Nhill Memorial Community Centre
2pm - 3.30pm

WEDNESDAY 08 JULY

Cookie Decorating with Tegan
Jeparit Library
10am - 11am

Cookie Decorating with Tegan
Dimboola Library
1pm - 2pm

THURSDAY 09 JULY

Get Creative with Turbo Gallery
Turbo Gallery, Rainbow
10am - 12pm

Board Games and Puzzles
Jeparit Library
2pm - 3.30pm

FRIDAY 10 JULY

NAIDOC Week Story Time
Rainbow Library, 10am - 11am
Dimboola Library, 10am - 11am
Nhill Library, 11am - 12pm

Movie: Minions & Monsters
Nhill Cinema
1pm - 3pm

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.

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

Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council
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Hindmarsh Shire Libraries
Nhill Cinema

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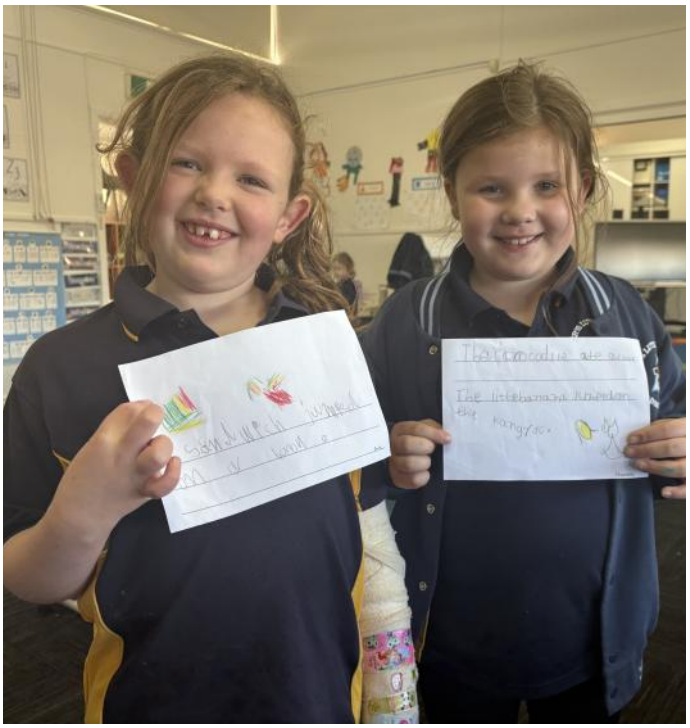
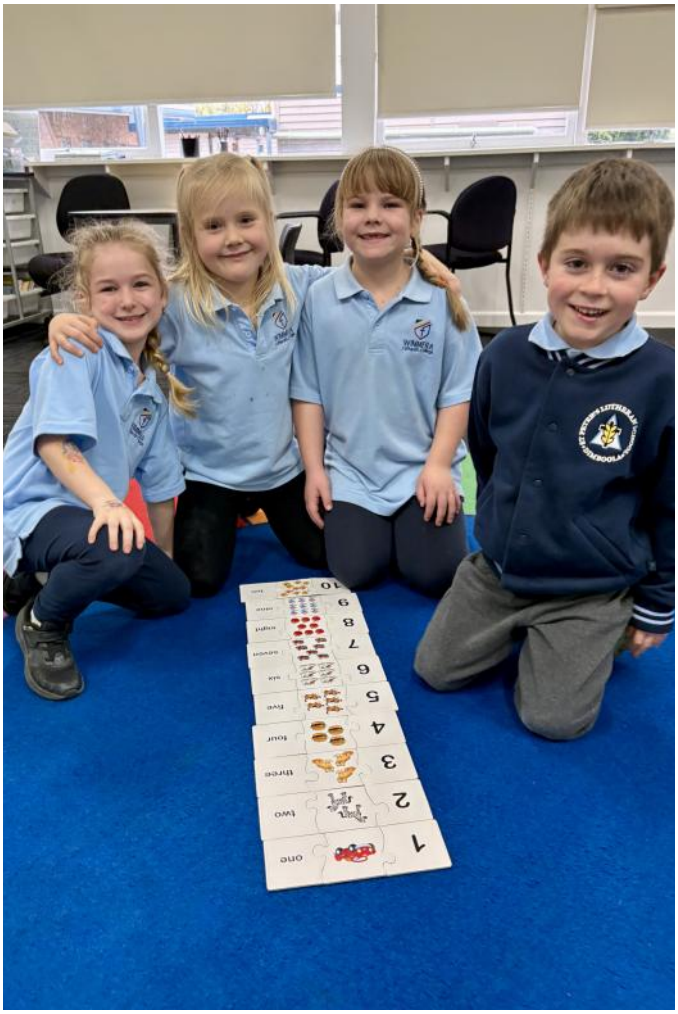
Around The School





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