



TERM 3 WEEK 2

Thursday 25 August 2019



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank You

Recently, a colleague Lutheran Principal Ms Jane Mueller from Living Faith Lutheran Primary School at Murrumba Downs was published on line in "The Educator". Her article was titled "Dial back the temperature on Children's Mental Health" and it compared our response to children's mental health to that of a frog being boiled in water, a slow but inevitable issue unless we intervene with intelligent responses.

Jane stated that as adults we have a moral imperative to be aware of the research surrounding childhood mental health and to implement strategies to counteract the growing mental health crisis in our western world. In schools, she said that there are 7 important things for us to consider for our children's well-being.

1. Connectedness - especially outward-looking values such as kindness, compassion and forgiveness.
2. Agency - giving children space to have unstructured play and a secure place where mistakes are used as learning opportunities.
3. Optimism – allowing children to dream about the positives instead of dwelling on what might go wrong
4. Nature - greenery and natural environments are good for the soul.
5. Sleep - children need good sleep to be healthy and ready to learn.
6. Physical movement - children should be encouraged to move and not be sedentary
7. Good nutrition - not because schools expect quality lunches to be provided but because good nutrition for growing bodies is important.

I have very much summarised Jane's thoughtful article so if you would like to read it in full, the link is <https://www.theeducatoronline.com/k12/news/dial-back-the-temperature-on-students-mental-health/264587>

School Fete

Thank you to our community for their response to our school fete. Our final profit was just under \$10,000 and we will use these funds to buy resources within our school.

Keeping Our School Sustainable

As part of our current strategic plan, we are looking into sustainable issues for our school. Currently, our business office is investigating purchase and installation of solar panels to ensure our electricity is self-generating. If any parents have any information which may be helpful to this investigation, please contact Stephen Greener on 3283 0011.





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From the Principal continues ...

Chinese students visiting our school

During the months of July and August, we will be having in our school visiting students from China. This is their summer holidays but they want to continue to learn English so they are keen to participate in our school's programs. We already have 3 students present and I have been very impressed by how welcoming our students have been throughout their visit.

Trudy Moala, Principal

From Pastor Mark

In a recent electronic communication from our Lutheran Church there is an account of two young people who invited a friend to attend church worship (The friends who invited him are actually grandchildren of one of the former Principals of Grace Primary, and they worship in a Lutheran Congregation in Adelaide). The young person who attended worship didn't know anything about Jesus.

In her article she writes, "My sister and I invited a school friend, Dale, to church last year. I love my church and the second family it has been to me. I wanted him to experience what it's like to have hundreds of grandparents and aunts and uncles. I've invited many people to church before but mostly they politely refuse. He didn't."

After attending worship Dale wanted to know more about Jesus. He also experienced a new sense of family by attending worship. He still enjoys and loves his earthly family. But Dale also now experiences another sense of family.

We all know people experience family in many different ways. It is not always possible to be together as family because of distance or other things. And sometimes there can be great challenges in family life. Jesus also gives us a special sense of family. We may know God as our loving heavenly Father. And we can pray to our loving Father in Jesus' name. May you know God's blessing and peace in your life and family.

News from the Congregation

Please note that beginning in August the Congregation's 5:30pm evening worship will be at the Maine Road Church building.

Also, please speak with me if anyone is interested in First Communion.

Together in Christ

Pastor Mark

Email: mark.brinkmann@lca.org.au Phone: 0499 014 189

BOOK IN FOR OUR NEXT PRINCIPAL'S TOUR

If you would like to come along, or know someone who would benefit from attending our Principal's Tour, please encourage them to call our Enrolments Officer Mrs Johnson on 3283 0011 to book a place.

Our upcoming Principal Tour dates

- Tuesday 20 August @ 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Tuesday 17 September @ 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Thursday 17 October @ 9am - 10am.

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'WALKING THE TALK' - The QLD ALWS – 25 Km Walk for Refugees

Mrs Stock (GLPS Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing) is raising money for the ALWS GRACE project and with other Lutheran school staff members and congregation teams, she is taking part in the Queensland ALWS 'Walk My Way' for Refugees.

On Sunday 4 August Mrs Stock will walk 25 km from Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Noosa to Luther Heights Campsite at Cooloom.

Mrs Stock's target is to raise \$2,600 to enable 100 refugee children access to education for a year.

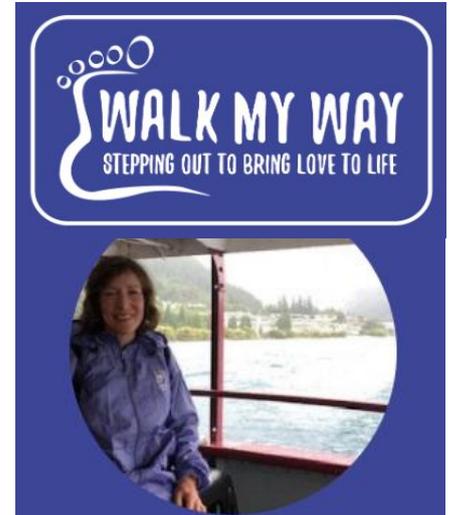
With only a few weeks left until the event, can you help her to reach this awesome target?

Please consider using the link below to donate online to reach out and help refugee children to gain access to education.

Your support and prayers for this project will be such a blessing! Thank you.

ALWS –Walking-the-ALWS-Way donation link:

<https://walkmyway.org.au/fundraisers/walking-the-alws-way>


Brainstorm
Productions
The HUMAN RACE

Last Thursday the Year 3-6 students viewed the drama play 'The Human Race'. Students were able to enjoy a quality performance that addressed bullying and harassment issues such as name calling, alienation, spreading rumours, discrimination and posting photos on social websites. The Play presented simple strategies for building skills in problem solving, conflict resolution, assertiveness and building empathy. The performance was well received by staff and students for the 'age appropriate' way the messages were delivered in a humorous and meaningful way.

Feedback From our Year 6 Ripples Reporters

'On Thursday last week we viewed an exceptional play called 'The Human Race'. It was funny and educational about not cheating, cybersafety, and standing up to bullies at the same time. I felt the play and the acting were exemplary.' James Kellett

'I thought the play was a really good opportunity to show the kids of Grace how to work through anything that comes to you. The moral of the play was very clever as it tells you and explains to you how lying, cheating and being mean never gets you anywhere.' Katie Appleby

'The Human Race' was a live acted play that the school was privileged to watch. The performance was a play based around cybersafety, bullying and courage. The play was funny and entertaining.' Billy Black



Saving Lil and Archie

play 'Saving Lil and Archie'.

This Monday 29 July the Prep –Year 2 students will be experiencing the

This play looks at the reasons why some children bully and make mistakes with technology while others suffer in silence. It looks at emotional health and how we can curb our anger and fear. The play encourages children to follow their parents and teachers instructions and make positive responsible connections at school and on the internet.

The messages are clear: Get at least nine hours of sleep every night. Talk about your emotions and get some fresh air and exercise. If you read or see something negative on the TV/internet/mobile, then log off and tell a trusted adult. Only play age appropriate computer games. We all need balance. We all belong.

1 SLEEP TILL GRANDPARENTS' DAY!

We are looking forward to welcoming our grandparent visitors tomorrow morning from 8.15am. The plan for the morning is below.

We encourage all families to use the 'kiss and go' area as much as possible for students and elderly visitors tomorrow morning, to leave parking spaces close to the school available for mobile challenged visitors. Parking is also available in the Church grounds.

It's going to be a magical morning at Grace Primary!!!



GRACE LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRANDPARENT'S DAY
 and special guests

GRANDPARENT'S DAY
 FRIDAY 26 JULY 2019
 8:30am - 11:00am

CAKE STALL | MUSIC PERFORMANCE
 GRANDPARENTS PICNIC ON THE GREEN
 PHOTO BOOTH | CLASS TIME | BOOK FAIR

PROGRAM

8.15am – 8.25am	Photo Booth outside of Hall Book Fair open in the Library
8.30am – 9am	Grandparents Welcome and Concert in the Hall
9am – 10am	Grandparents share class time with students
10am	Grandparents will be served Devonshire tea in the Hall
10am - 11am	Bake Sale outside of the Hall near the Ensemble Room
10.20am – 11am	Grandparents Picnic on the Green with students Photo booth will be open in the outdoor chapel Book Fair open in the Library

Feel free to bring a picnic blanket along for our 'Grandparents Picnic on the Green.'

Our students are excited to share their time with you.



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Sport News

Congratulations to our GLPS students who competed at Regional Athletics!

Three GLPS students attended the regional athletics carnival last week at the Sunshine Coast University, some great achievements across the two-day carnival including one student being selected for the regional team to compete at the state carnival mid-August.

NISSA Gala Day One – Semester Two

On Friday 2 August we will have our first NISSA Gala Day for Semester 2. Years 4-6 students will be involved in three new sports (soccer, netball and rugby 7s) across three different locations. All information has gone home to parents this week. We are looking forward to another great sporting event.

Grace Running Club

The Grace running club is up and running again, Thursday mornings from 7:20 at the space, 7:30 at pelican park. Come for a run and keep your fitness up!

National Swimming Championships

Max (Yr 5) is heading down to Melbourne next week to compete in the National School Swimming Championships. We wish Max all the best and look forward to hearing all about his exciting experience.

Mr Denny, Sports Coordinator

We Welcome Mr Harper to Grace



'I have found myself in the lucky position of becoming the STEM teacher at Grace. STEM allows children to be creative with their minds and hands. Every lesson has multiple learning opportunities and the constant light bulb moments with the kids is priceless. I also get to work at the same school as my wife and son.

Prior to teaching at Grace I was employed as a permanent teacher with Education Queensland teaching grades one through to four. I have also taught English as an additional language in Chile and Argentina.

On the weekends I like to spend time with my family. We recently bought a house in the area and we spend most weekends renovating at a glacial pace. In my spare time, I pretend that I can still jump on the trampoline and find the monkey bars a breeze.

My first impression of Grace is how peaceful the learning is and how fortunate the children are to be able to learn in a calm and nurturing environment.'

Mr Harper

STEM

The STEM room is looking for donations of the following items:

- ⇒ Large thick cardboard boxes (thick cardboard suitable for construction – no cereal boxes)
- ⇒ Clean tin cans with no sharp edges (soup tins etc)
- ⇒ Industrial cardboard tubes
- ⇒ Clean offcuts from PVC pipe, ag pipe or clear plastic tubing.

Donations can be left in the port racks outside the STEM room. Thank you in advance for any donations.

Ricky Harper, STEM Teacher

RIPPLES
newsletter

GRACE LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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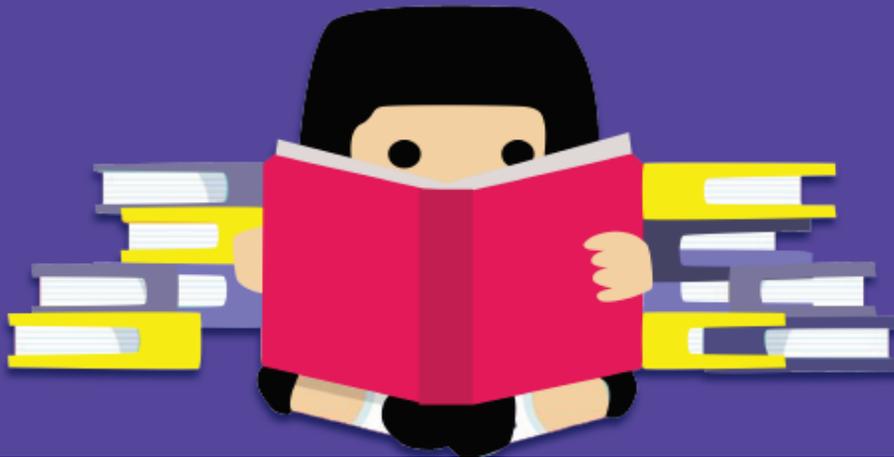
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BOOK FAIR

IN THE LIBRARY

will be open from

**FRIDAY 26 July to
WEDNESDAY 31 July**



The annual Grace 'The Book Warehouse' Book Fair is happening again in July!

The Book Warehouse

AFFORDABLE BOOKS FOR EVERY CHILD

Publishers Clearance Centre

Come and see us in the Library to take advantage of excellent resources at hard to beat prices. *Christmas shopping can be done and dusted in July!!*

Opening Hours will be as follows:

Friday 26 July	8 – 11 am (in conjunction with Grandparent's Day)
Monday 29 July	8 – 8.30am & 3 – 3.30 pm
Tuesday 30 July	8 – 8.30am & 3– 3.30 pm
Wednesday 31 July	8 – 8.30am & 3 – 3.30 pm

Grace students wishing to do some shopping for themselves will be able to come in and purchase books at first break during playtime on Monday 29 July – Wednesday 31 July.

Eftpos facilities are available but cash is always welcome.

Re-usable calico bags will be available for purchase at \$2 each but will need to be a cash only sale.

Please feel free to bring a re-usable bag/s along for your purchases and students are welcome to use their blue homework satchel.

Elaine Varley, Library Aide

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BOOK NOW

FATHER'S DAY EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED!



You're Invited

Father's Day Breakfast with special Guest Speakers
including **Petero Civoniceva** & more

When: Thursday 29th August 2019

Time: 7am arrival

Cost: \$35 per head – limited numbers

Where: Redcliffe Leagues Club

RSVP: 8th August 2019

Please respond with any dietary requirements

Please purchase tickets on Flexi-Schools

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What's Coming Up at Grace Primary

Friday 26 July	GRANDPARENTS' DAY 8.15-11am Chapel in the Hall at 2pm (please note special time) Book Fair in the Library 8am-11am
Monday 29 July	Book Fair in the Library 8-8.20am and 3-3.30pm Brainstorm Productions - Prep - Yr 2 Year 2 & 3 Immersion Recital in the Performing Arts room 6pm
Tuesday 30 July	Book Fair in the Library 8-8.20am and 3-3.30pm
Wednesday 31 July	Piano Recital Allison Chamber's Students (Evening 1) Performing Arts space 6pm
Thursday 1 August	Year 4-6 Chapel in Performing Arts room 8.40am Piano Recital Allison Chamber's Students (Evening 2) Performing Arts space 6pm
Friday 2 August	Prep - Year 2 Chapel at Grace Church 8.40am Year 4-6 NISSA Sport 8.30am-3pm Student Theatre Night Performing Arts room 6pm

Date Claimers:

Monday 5 August

Prep - Year 6 Assembly 2.20pm

Tuesday 6 August

Inter-Lutheran Athletics

8-9 August

Year 2 Camp - Luther Heights

Monday 12 August

Ekka Show Holiday

Thursday 29 August

Father's Day Breakfast (purchase tickets now via Flexi-Schools)

Wednesday 21 August

Character Dress Up Day for Book Week

Redcliffe
Leagues Softball Association Inc

SIGN ON DAY
SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2019
10.00AM - 2.00PM

Redcliffe Leagues Softball Association
Betty Paxton Fields
Boardman Road, Kippa Ring

If you can't make it but want to sign up, or if you have any queries at all please contact secretary@redcliffesoftball.com.au

Why Redcliffe Softball?

1. Registration is affordable when compared to other sports
2. All junior games are played at the same time and place – so no guessing what time you will be playing and ALL games are played at Redcliffe so no need to travel to games.
3. Awesome safe environment and friendly atmosphere. Make some new friends!!
4. It's a game that the whole family can play with junior and senior grades – all ages, all fitness levels – join a team, bring a picnic and make a day of it.
5. We run an excellent education program that everyone can get involved in (or just sit back and watch). Learn to coach, learn to score, learn to umpire.

Come down to the park, try out some drills, grab a free sausage sizzle and chat to one of our awesome clubs about the summer season

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Uniform Shop (UMS)

Open: Wednesday 2:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday, Thursday 8:00am-11:00am

Ph: 3283 0022

Shop online: www.umspl.com.au

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