

# RIPPLES newsletter

GRACE LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Grace Lutheran  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 3 WEEK 8

Thursday 5 September 2019



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Communication

Thank you to the parents who attended our recent discussions in relation to our school and communication. As I explained at the meeting, in all surveys this comes up as an issue and I appreciated the feedback I received from parents. Interestingly, there were various views about our communication lines but all agreed that we should work towards simplifying it so that parents can go to one place to collect any modes of communication. We are currently working on our website as our current license concludes at the end of this year, so we will bring some initiatives in next year to help with this consolidation. I did appreciate the feedback from parents and hope that any who would like to add to the discussion would feel welcome to do so.

### Church Building

Every term we have various procedures from our school assessed by an external Workplace, Health and Safety consultant. Last month, he assessed our practice of taking students across to the church building for worship services. In his report, he recommended we stop this as he was very concerned about the Gerald Ave crossing as it is not marked as a school crossing. He was also concerned about the amount of students we crossed at a time (up to 200 at a time) and our ability to supervise them all safely. He pointed out that we have an alternative venue for worship services (that being the hall) and whilst we would prefer to be in the church building, for the safety of our students we have decided this is where we will hold services for the time being. This recommendation does not include a smaller group from the school, such as the Year 6 cohort going to the church to rehearse their graduation service. We are now liaising with the Moreton Council to see if we can have changes made to help this situation but for the time being, we will not be taking large groups of students to the church.

### Dalton Oval

It's wonderful to see so many families taking advantage of the huge playing fields of Dalton oval of an afternoon. I remind parents, that this is not under the school's supervision and therefore it is entirely up to the parents to watch their children. Our insurances will not cover any accidents as it is not school grounds and there are no teachers on duty in this area. Please note that during the day, we have a memorandum of understanding with the Moreton Council and we are allowed to take supervised groups to the oval and therefore our students would be covered by our insurance if an accident should occur but this is not the case after school. We like to retain positive relationships with the Peninsula Power group also and we ask that all parents ensure their children do not go near the soccer goals or any Peninsula Power equipment. The gum trees around the peripheral of the oval are completely out of bounds when we supervise children due to dropping branches and we recommend families also consider this as a safety issue too. Thank you though to the many parent representatives who organise ad hoc fun times for our students and families – these times of community are invaluable.

Trudy Moala, Principal





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**From Pastor Mark  
Thank you!**

This coming Sunday in our worship, Grace Lutheran Congregation will be remembering 'Bayside Community Care' (affectionately known as BCC). BCC is a longstanding ministry of the Congregation, providing simple food parcels to people who are in some need. Thank you to all who have contributed.

In one of the Bible Readings for this Sunday we hear the Apostle Paul say to his friend, Philemon, "I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you."

It's amazing how an act of love can change hearts. When someone does something to help, when they say a kind word, when they affirm you or give you a gift "just because" – these actions can have the ability to change the way people see the world. As we learn from a young age what it means to give without expecting to receive, we also learn what it means to receive unexpected blessings in life.

Philemon was a refreshing person. When Paul thought about Philemon he thought about the joy and comfort Philemon had given him and others. That's what Jesus wants us to be. He says (Matthew 10:42), "You can be sure that whoever gives even a drink of cold water to one of the least of these My followers because he is My follower, will certainly receive a reward." Of course, as we remember these words of Jesus, we remember He gave His life for us and is truly our living water for the soul.

Together in Christ  
Pastor Mark

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**GRACE LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**PERFORMING ARTS  
 SHOWCASE**  
**THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2019**  
**6:00PM TO 7:00PM**  
**IN GLPS HALL**

Our next Performing Arts event is next week! We will see performances by:

Senior Choir	Prep Dance	Percussion Ensemble	Girls Hip Hop Troupes
Junior Choir	Senior Band	Guitar Ensemble	Boys Hip Hop Troupes
Boys With Beat	String Ensemble	Jazz Dance Troupes	

We can't wait to share our new pieces with you all!



### From the Deputy

#### Term 3 Reporting Conferences – Booking Arrangements

Parents, teachers and students will soon be coming together for Term 3 Reporting Conferences. Conference dates are Tuesday 17 September (between 3:30 – 7:00pm) and Thursday 19 September (between 3:30 – 6:00pm).

All families are encouraged to make an appointment with their child's class teacher, if they would like to get an update on how their child is progressing particularly in the areas of English and Mathematics. Parents may also make additional appointments with their child's specialist teachers (PE, Japanese, STEM and Performing Arts) to discuss their progress in those subject areas. Conferences with class teachers will occur in the student's classrooms, whereas specialist subject (STEM, Performing Arts, PE, Japanese) conferences will be held in the library.

Appointments for conferences need to be made online via Parent Lounge. Instructions on how to make your booking have been emailed to families. The online booking system is now open for parents, although this will close on Monday 16 September at 6pm.

NB. The Performing Arts Showcase will be held in the Hall on Thursday 19 September starting at 6:00pm. Some families may like to consider this time and book their conferences around this event. Some food trucks will be onsite for families to enjoy dinner or a cold refreshment on Thursday 19 September. More information about food options will be shared with families closer to the date.

#### Year 4 – 6 BYO iPad Program – Information Sessions

During the two Term 3 Reporting Conference evenings (17 & 19 September), we also have the opportunity for families to find out more information about our Year 4 – 6 BYO iPad Program. These sessions will be particularly helpful for our current Year 3 families, as their children move to this program next year. To allow for flexibility for families, Jasmine Deighton will lead these sessions in The Space at 3:30 and 5:30pm on both Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 September.

Any questions about the BYO iPad Program can be emailed to [ipadprogram@glps.qld.edu.au](mailto:ipadprogram@glps.qld.edu.au)

#### NAPLAN

2019 NAPLAN reports for students in Year 3 and 5 are being sent home with students this week. These reports will provide parents with individual results for reading, writing, grammar and punctuation, spelling and numeracy. Please keep a safe hold of these reports as they are often requested for secondary school enrolment interviews.

For more information, click on the hyperlink to access [FAQs Individual Student Reports](#).

As I am sure that you are aware, NAPLAN is moving online. 15% of schools participated in NAPLAN online in 2018, 50% in 2019, with the aim to have all schools transitioning from paper to online testing by 2021. Our school will be moving online next year. It is expected that this change will deliver a better and more engaging experience for our students. NB. Year 3 students will still be able to handwrite their writing piece, whereas Year 5 students will type their persuasive or narrative text.

Our school is currently working on a smooth transition and preparing our staff and students accordingly. An information session for parents will be held early next year.

If you have any further questions, please contact Reception.

#### Matific Digital Platform

Over the last four weeks all of our class teachers and students have been trialing Matific. This digital platform (available via website or app) supports students to achieve mastery of Mathematics concepts in a playful and thought-provoking manner. As a staff we wanted to ensure our digital Mathematics subscription would include real world challenges through a problem-solving lens, use virtual manipulatives to foster conceptual understanding, whilst engaging students through curiosity and discovery.

After experiencing the platform, our teachers and students provided feedback. The overwhelming response was that students were more engaged and challenged to really consider their conceptual understanding, rather than simply following a process or procedure. From staff and student feedback, the decision was made that we will not continue our Mathletics subscription next year. Instead we will have a Matific subscription for all students (Prep – Year 6). Mathletics will be available for students to use until the end of the year. Students will also retain their Matific access for the rest of this year and this will continue as we move forward with our Matific subscription next year.

Jasmine Deighton, Deputy Principal



**From Mrs Stock**

**'Care with Colour' Day and Colour Run**

To support Grace Primary School's Service Project goal to raise money for Boccia sets and ramps for the Redcliffe and Woody Point Special Schools, we are holding a special fund raising event day on Wednesday 18 September. A parent information and permission form has been emailed to parents earlier this week outlining the details below.

The 'Care with Colour' Day will be a chance for students to bring a gold coin to wear colourful clothes for the day. Students are to wear joggers or sports shoes, old colourful clothes such as: a sleeved top (no midriiffs), shorts (like sports shorts or longer) or jeans/leggings/long pants and a hat. Optional extra wear is a White T shirt and sunglasses/ eye protection is advised for the colour run.

The SRC and School Aid groups have organised special first play break activities such as: coloured paper plane flying competitions, water colour painting, coloured slime, coloured chalk pavement art and colourful scarf and ribbon dancing. A Treasure Hunt for ping pong balls has been organised for the Prep to Year 1 students also.

To further support this project a second break Top Treat Deal for \$8 dollars includes: plain or coloured popcorn, fruit cup (watermelon, mandarin, strawberries and blueberries) and an ice block for after the colour run. This is an online order ONLY, through Flexischools and will close on WEDNESDAY 11 September.

All students will be engaging in the obstacle course fun run on the Dalton Oval. Parent permission and payment of \$5 will permit students to participate in the Colour boosts part of the run which will be held on the Junior Oval in the school grounds. Payment is to be made online through Flexischools and closes on Wednesday 11 September. The online permission form is to be completed also by WEDNESDAY 11 September via the link <https://bit.ly/2IRREPH>. This run will occur in the last session of the day.

At 1.40 – 2.10 pm the Prep – Year 2 students will do the Obstacle course and run then have their pre-ordered iceblock. At 2.15 – 2.55 pm the Year 3-6 students will engage in the run and then have their pre-ordered iceblock. There will be an optional Bubble blowing zone for students who are not participating in the Colour Run part of the obstacle course fun run.

Parents are invited to view the Obstacle Course run on the Dalton Oval, but due to space and the course running through the Waiting Area, parents will not be able to view the Colour Boost station on the Junior Oval. The colour powder that the school is using made up of cornstarch and natural dyes. Please see the website for details [www.qualitycolouredpowder.com.au](http://www.qualitycolouredpowder.com.au) Parent assistance in packing up the obstacle course equipment after the event is very much appreciated.

We look forward to a Colourful Day of Fun for our students in our last week of Term 3.

Kathy Stock, Deputy Principal

**COLOUR RUN TICKETS \$5**

**MEAL DEAL \$8**

**ORDER BEFORE**

**11 SEPTEMBER**

through flexischools only

[flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au)

**BRING A GOLD COIN**

**FOR DRESS UP**

**WHITE T-SHIRT & SUNGLASSES**

(or old t-shirt)

**DONATIONS RAISED**

**WILL HELP BUY EQUIPMENT**

**FOR REDCLIFFE & WOODY**

**POINT SPECIAL SCHOOL**



**WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2019**



### What does our School Chaplain do?

Mrs Grace Denny is our wonderful and supportive School Chaplain here at Grace Lutheran Primary School. Grace is employed by our school for one and half days a week and is well known to our students from Prep to Year 6. She is a valuable member of our staff, helping teachers and the Deputy - Student Wellbeing to assist students to feel welcomed, settled and cared for at our school. Grace, in her role spends time listening to individuals and assisting small groups of students to work through their social challenges. Grace positively engages in chats with students in the break times in a non-invasive manner, respecting them for the wonderful gifts they are to our school community.

Part of the role of the School Chaplain is to also build rapport and to be that 'extra' staff member who is not an authority figure, but an adult who can 'go the extra mile' to listen, offer supportive strategies and provide appropriate options to enable our students to move forward in their relationships with others.

As a School Chaplain, Grace seeks to show our students that they are valued members of our school community and offers to pray with them about their concerns. Grace also works with teachers to engage students in 'circle time' or reflection time, so that they feel supported and able to have their 'voice' heard if that is their wish. Through the various interactions Grace has with students who seek her support, her aim as school chaplain is always to uplift and encourage them to look forward with hope. Grace follows the school's proactive way of managing conflict situations and uses restorative practice language and strategies to enable forgiveness and reconciliation to occur. Grace embraces restorative discussions with the aim to help to rebuild or form new relationships. She also is a proactive listener and has been seen to provide the right supportive words that help our students when they most need it.

For all her ability though, our School Chaplain is not a counsellor or guidance officer and any students who come to her with needs requiring such specialised support are referred on to the Deputy – Student Wellbeing. The Deputy's role then is to take time to look into that particular student's situation and then consult with parents about the next steps forward to support their child's wellbeing.

Grace attends and takes an active role in our Chapel services and is happy to share her faith in Jesus if students seek to know more of Christ's love for them. In this way she upholds the Christian ethos of the school and compliments the spiritual support that Pastor Mark offers to our community.

Grace also loves to assist students at the sports training sessions, special class learning times and attends events such as NISSA Gala Days. She also participates in Staff Bible Study sessions and has been a guest presenter at various class devotion times. Mrs Grace Denny, as our School Chaplain, has been a true blessing for the calm, positive way she engages with our students, families and staff. She has a heart for children and radiates joy in Jesus through her service to others in our school community.

### P&F News

#### Father's Day Stall

Heartfelt THANKS to our volunteers and teachers for your help at the Father's Day Stall last week, it was a very successful event, we sold out and the kids were very happy!!!!

#### Have you had your guess yet?

Guess how many balls are in the box...You can see the box everyday and make many guesses as you want. It is 50 cents per guess, the winner will received a \$50 voucher from Toyworld and will be announced last week of Term 3.

#### School Disco

We are so happy to announce our School 80's Disco is on Friday 25 October.  
Prep - Year 2 - 5.30pm to 6.30pm & Year 3 - 6 - 7pm to 8pm

Tickets are \$10 which includes a glowie, chips and a popper. Purchase tickets via flexischool or sign-up at the school pickup & drop off zone from Wednesday 11 September.





### NISSA Gala Day 2 – Semester Two – Recap

On Friday 30 August, we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> NISSA Gala day for Semester 2. All our Year 4-6 students participate in three different sports across 4 locations! A special mention to our all boys netball team who didn't lose a game all day and to the three girls soccer teams who gave all the boys teams real run for their money in both the junior and senior competitions. We are really proud of all the Grace teams who played well and showed a fantastic Grace spirit while participation. The final NISSA Gala Day for the year is on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November.

### 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!

### Grace Futsal

We have started the Grace Futsal program this term for students in the U12's age group. Next term we will be opening this program up to all students U9-12 years. Stay tuned, more details to come!

### Grace Netball

Good luck to the Grace mixed netball team who will be competing at the Sunshine Coast Primary Schools Cup on the weekend of the 14-15 of September, we wish you all the best at this exciting tournament!

Oliver Denny, Sports Coordinator



### STEM

A big thank you to all the families who have donated boxes. We now have enough boxes in STEM and no longer need any more at the moment. Thank you.

Ricky Harper, STEM



### Tuckshop

Our Tuckshop will be closed for both breaks on the Friday 20 September.

### Subway Day Friday 20 September

Subway Day is on the last day of term, Friday 20 September. You can order for Subway Day on Flexischools now. Meal includes 6 inch sub, cookie & a popper. There is also a gluten free option. Cost is \$8.50 and ordering closes Wednesday 18 September at 12pm sharp.

Christina Meek, Tuckshop Convenor



### Tukkr can be ordered each Monday & Tuesday

A reminder to families, we have Tukkr school meal online orders available to students on Mondays and Tuesdays at Grace Primary when our Tuckshop is closed. They have a great range of meals. Please visit [www.tukkr](http://www.tukkr) for more information.



### GOSHC Holiday Program

The holidays are fast approaching! Grace Outside School Hours Care have fabulous activities lined up: Aussie World, Pelican Park, Garden Day, Puzzle Mania, Bake Off, Crazy Candle, Revolution Park and much more.

To see the full holiday program, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/GraceOSHC/>

To book your child's place, call GOSHC on T: 3283 0033 or email [goshc@glps.qld.edu.au](mailto:goshc@glps.qld.edu.au)

### Term 3 Closing Chapel – Community Service Year Level Presentations

Parents are most welcome to attend our Term 3 Closing Service at 2.00pm on Friday 20 September. Each Year level has considered a community service project that aligns well with their integrated curriculum unit of learning this term. The Chapel message will consist of the students presenting their service learning projects to parents and the school community. The students will outline how the project has helped them to gain an awareness of others and how through service learning they have seen how they can support their community. Some their community support project areas have included: Redcliffe Breakfast Club, Bayside Community Care, Environmental concerns, St Catherine's Respite Care Centre, Wildlife Animal Rescue Service and Grace Primary Chapel Worship. Our students have been excited to engage in helping others in this 'real life' service to others.

## What's Coming Up at Grace Primary

Friday 6 September	Special Bayside Community Care Chapel Service 8.40am
Monday 9 September	Year 5 Camp leave for Googa
Tuesday 10 September	Year 5 Camp - Googa
Wednesday 11 September	Year 3 Camp leave for Googa Year 5 Camp return from Googa Colour Run - Parent permission and payment due ( <a href="https://bit.ly/2IRREPH">https://bit.ly/2IRREPH</a> )
Thursday 12 September	Year 3 Camp
Friday 13 September	Chapel 8.40am Hall Year 3 return from Googa

### Upcoming:

Tuesday 17 September	Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday 18 September	Colour Fun Run
Thursday 19 September	Parent Teacher Conferences
Friday 20 September	Last day of Term 3 Subway Day (order by 18 Sept) Closing Chapel 2pm

### Girls Football Camp

Peninsula Power FC will be holding a **FREE** 3-day Girls Football Camp during the September school holidays at Dalton park, Clontarf.

**Dates:** Tue 24, Wed 25, & Thur 26 Sept, 2pm to 5pm each day.

This is **open to all girls** from Under 6 thru to Under 16 in 2019, and all ability levels. It will be run by Power's women's coach and Technical Director, Kelvin Wheeler (AFC B licence).

### Girls Soccer Skill Sessions

6 weeks of **FREE** soccer skills sessions for Girls aged 6 -15yrs on Thursday nights (17 Oct – Thur 21 Nov) on Dalton Oval.

Under 6 to 9's - 5.30 to 6.30pm & Under 10 to 15's - 6.30 to 7.30pm

For more information and to register your interest for these camps please contact:

Kelvin Wheeler Ph: 0412 085 388

Email: [penpowerwomenstd@gmail.com](mailto:penpowerwomenstd@gmail.com)





## SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**8:00am – 12:00pm**

3 HALF DAYS OF FUN WITH TENNIS, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

**COST:** \$99 FOR 2 DAYS, \$149 FOR 3 DAYS (2 days minimum attendance required)

**DISCOUNT:** 5% for second child | 10% for third child

### CLINIC PROGRAM

DAY	ACTIVITIES
1	Tennis lessons & tennis-based games
2	Tennis lessons & doubles match play
3	Tennis tournament, party & presentation

- FRUIT & SNACKS PROVIDED FOR MORNING TEA EACH DAY
- FREE SUBWAY LUNCH ON THE LAST DAY
- FREE PRIZE PACK FOR ALL PLAYERS
- EXTRA PRIZES HANDED OUT THROUGHOUT THE CLINICS

**WHAT TO BRING**  
Tennis Racquet, Drink Bottle, Hat, Sunscreen, Sports Clothes

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# Active Ages 3 to 17

## HOLIDAYS

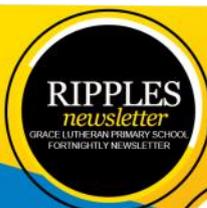
Moreton Bay Regional Council - Spring Active Holidays Program Council's popular Active Holidays program returns this month with more than 80 exciting, fun and social activities available to keep your children active and entertained during the school holidays. From 23 September to 4 October students can try a new sport with archery, beach volleyball, gridiron and BMX, choose an adventure activity with indoor rock-climbing, kayaking, high ropes and abseiling, or make new friends with hip-hop dancing and drum beats, plus many more! All activities are either free or \$5 per person and bookings open at 1:00pm on Thursday 12 September 2019. View the full timetable online at [www.mbrc.qld.gov.au/healthy-active](http://www.mbrc.qld.gov.au/healthy-active) and select 'Active Holidays'.

### Uniform Shop (UMS)

Open: Wednesday 2:00pm-4:00pm  
 Tuesday, Thursday 8:00am-11:00am  
 Ph: 3283 0022  
 Shop online: [www.umspl.com.au](http://www.umspl.com.au)

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Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Maine Rd, Clontarf  
 Sunday 8:30am & 5:30pm Worship Service  
 2nd & 4th Sunday - 8:50am Sunday School

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