



VINEYARD
Lutheran School Clare Valley

Term 1 Week 3
14th February 2020

Upcoming Events 2020

Wednesday 19th February
mainly play in Cottage 9.30am – 11am

Monday 24th – Thursday 27th February
Whole School swimming lessons @ The Valleys

Friday 28th February
Swimming Carnival @ The Valleys

Thursday 9th April
Jump Rope for Heart
&
Casual Day

Vineyard Term Dates 2020

Term 1: Tues 28th January – Thurs 9th April (11 Week Term)

Term 2: Mon 27th April – Fri 26th June (9 Week Term)

Please note: Vineyard Staff PD Week will be Mon 29th June – Fri 3rd July 2020

Term 3: Mon 20th July – Fri 25th September (10 Week Term)

Term 4: Mon 12th October – Thurs 10th December (9 Week Term)

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Vineyard Wire

Haven't you forgotten something?

Psalm 111 : 4 Who can forget the wonders He performs? How gracious and merciful is our Lord!

A farmer was showing his visiting friend around his farm. "Watch this!" he said. He gave a whistle and his little dog came running from the house, herded the cattle into the corral and then latched the gate with her paw. "Wow, that's some dog. What's her name?" The forgetful farmer thought for a minute and then asked, "What do you call that little red flower that smells and has thorns on the stem?" "A rose?" "That's it!" The farmer turned to his wife. "Hey Rose, what do we call this dog?"

It's funny how we seem to forget things isn't it! Sometimes we forget trivial things and other times we forget really important things. In the bible we read about the children of Israel and their journeys through the wilderness for forty years. We see how God provided wonderful miracles for them, feeding them daily manna, guiding them by a pillar of fire at night and a cloud by day, parting the Red Sea! Over time the people of Israel became hard hearted towards God. It's like the miracles God gave them were forgotten about and taken for granted!

God still performs miracles today. Some people say the miracles that happen in their life are coincidences. Personally, I don't believe in coincidences. I believe in what I call 'God-incidences' but not coincidences. Many of you know that my husband and I have a shed building business. On one particular day we really needed to get a roof on a shed so that the farmer could get his hay in the shed over the weekend. Bad weather was rolling in. My husband prayed and asked God to hold the rain off until the roof was on the shed. The job would be delayed with just the slightest amount of rain as work would have to cease if the roof got wet. Everyone was working hard and Simon kept praying while they were working. It began to rain all around the shed. The workers could reach their hand out over the edge of the shed and touch the rain but not a drop fell on the shed roof! They couldn't believe what they were seeing! The last roof sheet was put on, the workers got into the scissor lift and the heavens opened up over the shed roof! Sounds crazy, I know. There is no other explanation than that a miracle occurred that day!

I wonder what miracles have happened in your life that you may have forgotten about? It's amazing what comes back to us when we open up conversations about what God has done for us. I encourage you to spend some time thinking about the miracles God has performed in your life. I'd love to hear about the miracles that have happened in your life!

Blessya,

Amy Gogoll, Chaplain

This devotion was taken from worthydevotions.com

From the Principal

Week 3 has had a Senior student leadership focus. Our students are out and about serving within the wider Clare community as well as accepting formal leadership roles within our Vineyard community.

KARA HOUSE VISIT

On Monday our Year 6/7 class visited Kara House to play board games with the residents. Last year we began our intergenerational program and were delighted to see benefits for both our students and the residents. Intergenerational programs promote social inclusion by creating opportunities for interaction between generations. Research suggests bringing people of different ages together in an intergenerational program can provide benefits for all involved including providing stimulation for older people, younger people learning from older people, and increased awareness and understanding between generations - and both groups LOVE it! We aim to be out and about in our community regularly this year again visiting Kara House, Carinya, our local Kindys, attending special events and performing in shopping centres. Thanks to Miss Harmer for organising this for us and the parents who helped with transport.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT

Today at assembly we have our Swearing In ceremony for our 2020 Student Parliamentarians. The Hon Geoff Brock (our local Member for Frome) is coming in to be a part of the ceremony, and we will witness our students give an oath. They declare / promise to make responsible decisions and represent the students of our school with pride, lead our school in an organised manner, communicate their actions to the Vineyard community and be positive role models. I congratulate our Year 6/7 students on taking up their roles and commend them on their actions, attitudes and the initiative they have already shown. Student Parliament is held each Tuesday with an action lesson one week and formal Parliament in session on the alternate week.

This year our Year 6/7 students are also working with me in a lesson each week for formal leadership understanding and training. Last week we identified who we respect as leaders and why – the qualities we admire. This week we looked at

which of these attributes we have and what we can do to build other strengths. We recognised that leadership is not about having a formal position. A lot of the leaders we identified have a positive influence without a title. We believe that everyone at Vineyard is a leader. It is important for us to recognise that and lead with a positive influence. As the weeks continue we will look at servant leadership and develop our own student initiated action projects within the school and wider community.

BUILDING UPDATE

We are excited to see the roof going on our new classrooms and outdoor learning area this week, as well as windows and interiors now started. I thank parents for working around carpark disruption and additional trucks / utes and deliveries taking up the usual routes. I'm sure the end result will be worth it! At this stage we are still on schedule for Term 1 handover and occupancy.

BUS STUDENTS

We remind parents to let us know if your child's bus travel arrangement change from what was written on your end of year forms. It is becoming more and more difficult for the teacher on duty when we have on our record that a child is to be on bus but we can't find them because a parent has been in and picked them up. It can also confuse children if they are told in the morning that a parent is picking them up but the teacher on duty says they have to go on the bus. This causes a phone call which sometimes goes unanswered and almost always holds the bus up while we wait for a response. The bus must leave promptly before 3.30pm to be able to connect with other buses at the high school. This shuttle run occurs as a service to us especially – it is not a designated Dept bus run. Please help us by letting Jennie know of any change of plans as soon as possible so our roll can be accurate and the bus can leave punctually for connecting buses. Thank you for your understanding.

RIDE FOR A BRIGHTER SIDE

On April 5th there will be a community event held at the Valleys where there will be a 12 hour continuous stationery bike ride. 100% of profits from the event will go towards the Kade MacDonald Foundation 'Providing Pathways for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing. Our school will be supporting the event with a sideshow alley

and further information of how you can be involved will be given soon.

This is close to our heart and as a Vineyard community we have decided to hold our own Bike-a-thon the week before . Gold coin donations for our Bike-a-thon will go to the Ride for a Brighter Side event.

We look forward to supporting this event and encourage all families to discuss this with your children as appropriate.

SWIMMING LESSONS AND CARNIVAL

Belinda has attached information in Today's Wire regarding our Swimming Lessons and Carnival in Week 5. It is important to note the change of time for our Carnival. The day will start at school and after recess we will bus the students down to the pool for a combined event. This year we are not only having championship events but also a focus on fun together. Please see the note for details and a programme with timing will come out next week

Blessings to you for a relaxing and fun weekend



Michelle

School Notices

Mid North Lutheran Ministries – Service Times

SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Clare	9.00am LR
Brinkworth	11.00am LR Pastor Greg + shared lunch
Blyth	9.00am HC
Snowtown	10.00am LR
Burra	9.00am LR

Family & Staff Prayers

Over the last week in staff devotion we prayed for the: Harvey, Nolan, Pedler and Goodwin families, staff member Keelan Grosvenor and St Peters Lutheran School, Blackwood.

Chapel services are held every Monday at 8.50am. Family and friends are welcome to join us for these services.

Birthday Blessings

God's Blessings to everyone who is celebrating their birthday.

11th February Declan Smart

Students of the Week –

Term 1, Week 3 – Class Awards

William Michalak – For demonstrating **Courage**. Great work William for facing all the challenges at school. You have shown great courage!

Silas Nolan – For demonstrating **Courage**. You have been so brave this week! You have been dealing with the loss of your pet but have still found ways to be cheery and to show your wonderful smile. You have tried your best this week and as a result were able to win "Secret Student of the Day". Keep up the good work!

Tegan Kloock – For demonstrating **Service**. You have put in a wonderful effort this week despite having an injured wrist. You have been so helpful to me as well as with the class. You have taken initiative in thinking of ways to complete your work despite your injury. Well done!

Tobias Nurk – For demonstrating **Quality** in the completion of his spelling work this week.

Students of the Week are presented at our Assembly every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

HELP WANTED

With cooking BBQ for Jump off-Jump Rope for Heart. Thursday, 9th April. Please express your interest to Jennie or Leah



Year 6/7 Kara House Excursion

Today the 6/7 class visited the residents of Kara House. They played games and chatted with everyone, staff included. We believe making connections with our community is so important and this particular partnership allows students to develop new skills and confidence. They can not wait for their next visits later in the term.



Uniform Sale

Currently we have a Uniform sale in the front office with items starting from as low as \$5 and all sizing is available, with some winter jumpers both sports & formal to have on hand ready for winter.

Sale ends **Friday 21st February** so be quick while stocks last!





Premier's Reading Challenge

What is the Challenge?

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

- Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading
- Improve literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

Awards are presented at the end of the year to every child who participates in the challenge.

Books read are recorded on a student record form which has been given to your child by their classroom teacher. Please ensure your child fills in their student reading records as they read their books, gets them signed off as they go and please make sure your child hands it in to their teacher or the school contact person by:

Friday 4 September.

The Challenge is to read **12 books in total**.

In Reception to Year 7, **8** of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on our website, and **4** of their own choice.

Student reading records are available from your child's teacher, or from the front office.

Enjoy the Challenge!

NB If you have any questions about the challenge, please ask Christina Underdown.

Attachments with the Wire

Please look out for the following attachments that will be going home with the Wire today:

- Swimming Lessons and Swimming Carnival note

Community News

Please see the school notice board in the stadium for further information on these and other events



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BLYTH SNOWTOWN CATS
Junior football & netball

COME N TRY
Thurs, 19th March
5pm @ Blyth

Netball: ages 5-13 yo (14-15yo @ 6pm)
Football: ages 5-17 yo

*** NEW PLAYERS WELCOME ***

The Blyth Snowtown Cats welcome all past and new families to the Cats in 2020.
Come for a look without any pressure to join.
Creche is available Thursday's 6.30-8pm for parents who also play.
Contacts: Football Phillip Bigg 0417 824 600 * Netball: Bernie Altmann 0438 780 206

FREE BBQ * GAMES * PRIZES * MUSIC

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mainly play

Running Wednesday's during the school term

TIME:	9:30-11am
VENUE:	Vineyard Lutheran School - in "The Cottage" -
COST:	First session free Following sessions \$5/family
CONTACT:	Amy Gogoll or Michelle Keller on 88 421 808

VINEYARD
Lutheran School Clare Valley

Clare Bushfire Appeal

When: 22nd February

From: 6pm to late

Where: Inchiquin Lake

Cash bar, Stalls, Hot food, Train
Rides, Entertainment, Ute Muster
plus other activities

*An initiative of the Clare Valley
Model Engineers*

Do you have a special talent

We are seeking people who have
talents for relaxed social workshops
where skills, hobbies and talents can be
shared.

Possible ideas are crafting, sewing,
painting, beeswax wraps, macramé,
gardening, photography etc.

Contact Sarah on 0400 734 746

Safe Talk Suicide Alertness Training

Where: Clare Country Club

Date: 5 April from 5pm to 8.30pm

Contact Broken Hill Country to
Coast on (08) 8087 7525