

# Term 4 Upcoming Events

# Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm Vineyard Valedictory Service <u>- all</u> students to attend in Formal uniform

# Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Pupil Free Day for Vineyard Students – staff at school

# Term 1 2020 Upcoming Events

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

8.50am Term 1 begins with Chapel followed by Welcome Morning Tea

# Friday 31st January

Welcome BBQ - details TBC

#### **Sunday 2nd February**

2.00pm Installation of Pastor Greg Vangsness @ St Pauls, Clare

# Tuesday 4th February

Parent Information Night – details TBC

# Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Summer Hub (Cricket, Tennis & Softball)

#### Monday 24th – Thursday 27th February Swimming Lessons @ The Valleys

# Friday 28th February

Swimming Carnival @ The Valleys

Please keep an eye out for the 2020 Term 1 Calendar which will be going home with the first Wire next year

# Vineyard Term Dates 2020

**Term 1:** Tues 28<sup>th</sup> January – Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April (11 Week Term)

**Term 2:** Mon 27<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June (9 Week Term)

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

**Term 3:** Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> September (10 Week Term)

**Term 4:** Mon 12<sup>th</sup> October – Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> December (9 Week Term)

Please note: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December is a Pupil Free Day for Vineyard students

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# Vineyard Wire

# Feeling Delightfully Blessed

I love my job, I really do. Everyday I come to work and feel blessed. My day starts with the 3 minute drive from my house to work - 3 mins - what a blessing, no traffic, (well sometimes I do have to wait at the end of my driveway for a few cars to pass!) I have the pleasure of sharing this 3 minute ride with my teenage daughter, who can't escape from my daily dose of helpful advice and as a return favour she educates me in the latest and 'greatest' pop hits - win win!

Once I get to work, I'm cheerily greeted by my work colleagues or, if I'm on duty, by our beautiful parents and children. Aaah the children ...... happy, fresh, ready to share news, playing, carefree, simply delightful. The constant buzz that a classroom of children brings, means there's always something the children say, do, attempt or achieve that brings a smile to the dial.

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying the 2/3 class to a local excursion. We were extremely fortunate to be blessed with a friendly bus driver, knowledgeable and passionate tour guides and a beautiful sunny day! The real blessing though was seeing the children's delight and excitement in learning and experiencing new things.

I had the pleasure of witnessing this same delight and excitement in the students during the preparations for the Year 4/5 Expo. Then watching the delight on the faces of the families and students visiting the Expo on Wednesday this week. They too were learning and experiencing new things.

I felt equally blessed spending time in the F/1 class when some Year 4,5,6 & 7 students visited for a day. It was their turn to be the teachers; nurturing, caring and delighting the little ones and in turn being delighted back with inquisitive questions and creative ideas.

Being part of the Year 7 graduation dinner was also a blessing, having been part of their lives from the day they started school. Watching them grow into the caring, considerate and creative girls they are today and being able to celebrate that time with their parents and teachers. A delightful culmination of 8 years of learning and growing.



See, in my job, I'm blessed daily. Not only do I get to share in our students learning but I also get to learn & experience new things too. Yes, some things I know well, like the 'a' makes the 'a' sound as in 'cat' and can also make the 'a' sound as in 'make' when combined with 'bossy E' but everyday is new and fresh because I'm not programming computers. I'm sharing a learning experience with our students -

each and every one unique and individual. Each blessed with unique talents and abilities. Each a gift from God.

Jesus was also a gift from God, a blessing for all of mankind. God gifted us so that we can experience his blessing of 'renewal'. To be made new again, a fresh start with the opportunity to learn and experience a new way of living, a life which is delightfully easier with God at our side.

This Christmas, while you're celebrating with your family and friends, you might consider the real reason for the season and soak up the blessing God has to offer. Delight in God's greatest gift - the gift of himself to us in the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you haven't already accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, take up the offer, you've got nothing to lose - but a lot to gain! Trust me, you'll never look back, my blessings, particularly this year, have been in unexpectedly abundant!



May the good Lord bless you all with love, peace, happiness and plenty to delight in this Christmas and also in the year to follow.

Blessings, Christina Underdown

# From the Principal

# **GRADUATION**

On Monday night we celebrated the graduation of our Year 7 students with a dinner and speeches at the Bentley's Hotel. Students, parents and staff watched a video montage of how the students have been educated, nurtured, inspired and how they have grown in their time here at Vineyard. The students gave a speech recalling each year with us and what their favourite memories have been. Lena (Miss Harmer) spoke about each child individually - their gifts, personalities and the special things about their time with her. Thanks to staff and our Year 7s for the time and effort they put into making this night so special.

We also celebrated our Year 6/7 class in the weeks before with a combined BBQ tea for families. Again, it was lovely to hear student stories about what they remember as special. We acknowledge that some of our Year 6s are also transitioning to High School this year and want to recognise them and the contributions their families have made to the Vineyard story. Our Year 6s who leave us this year are: Claudia Burton, Oli Jones, Hannah Neill, Mackenzie Victor, Chloe Hodge and Tayla Rabig. We wish all of our transitioning students God's blessings for the next chapter of your schooling journey.

#### MAINLY PLAY GRADUATION

Yesterday we celebrated our mainly play Christmas celebration and graduation for our school leavers. We were blessed to be joined by our 'behind the scenes' baking team who help mainly play provide a delicious morning tea each week. Children iced biscuits, sang songs and heard the Christmas Nativity Story. Gifts were given to families, our graduating students as well as our mainly play helpers. A special thanks to our mainly play team (Amy Gogoll, Shelley Upton, Belinda Dare, Kylie Jaeschke, and Tracy Lane) who volunteer their time

each week to provide this Christian playgroup opportunity for our wider community. Mainly play has been such a blessing for all involved since it started midyear this year. We look forward to seeing our current and new families in Week 2 of Term 1 next year. Everyone is welcome and we are always looking for new team members or people to add to our baking roster. If you would like to join us, please contact Amy Gogoll or myself through our School Office.

#### **VALEDICTORY SERVICE**

Tonight we will celebrate our Valedictory and Closing Service with all school families and friends. Students are to be in formal school uniform and will sit with their teachers at the front. We will also say Goodbye to our leaving families and give out Citizenship, Academic and House Awards. Everyone is welcome – we look forward to seeing you there. Service starts at 7pm (students arrive at 6.50pm) and it is anticipated we will finish around 8pm. Please bring a plate of supper to share after as we have fellowship together.

## THANKS TO STAFF

I would like to formally thank all of our staff (including our relievers) for their care, commitment and passion for their students, their role and our school. Good schools rely on staff working together as a high performing team who put children and learning first. I sincerely thank both teachers and support staff and pray that they have a restful break.

# **FAREWELL**

Today we say Farewell to Rebecca Harvey who has worked at Vineyard for the past 8.5 years as a Classroom and Administrative Assistant. Bec's administrative and relational skillset has made her a valued team member

and her love for children and belief in their abilities, as well as her willingness to put her hand to any task, has been appreciated by all of our community. Bec leaves us to study Speech Pathology at Flinders University for the next 4 years. We wish Bec all the best and hope we may still see her at some special Vineyard events in the future.

We also wish to thank Robyn Edmunds and Pearl Mayor for relieving in our Junior Primary classes this last term. Both Robby and Pearl have provided consistency, care and teaching excellence in Sam and Ash's absence. Thankyou ladies for the love you have shown for our students, staff and school.

# THANKS TO SCHOOL COUNCIL

2019 has been a busy school year, particularly with building decisions. I would like to thank each of our School Council members for their contribution in this role. We are blessed to have Council members who make decisions with the School's best interest at heart. Their desire to see Vineyard flourish is inspiring. As we launch into a review in 2020 of our Strategic Plan, we pray for our Council members as they continue to make decisions to lead our school positively into this next chapter. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Malcolm Schupelius in his role as Chairperson for the support he gives me in my role as Principal and in leading the Council team. Many hours of Malcolm's time are devoted to this role behind the scenes and his positive attitude and commitment is appreciated. Thankyou Malcolm!

#### **THANKS TO FAMILIES**

Thank you to all of our families – parents and students for your support and encouragement throughout this year. We really appreciate all that you do and your efforts to make Vineyard the special place it is. We look forward to working in partnership with you again in 2020!

# **LEAVING FAMILIES**

Today we sadly say Farewell to some of our families. Some have been with us for a long time, and some shorter. We thank you for your contribution to our school and pray God's blessings on your next chapter.

Farewell to the: Becker, Burton, Hodge, Jones, Maidment, Menadue, Neill, Price, Rabig and Toon families.

# **STAFFING FOR 2020**

In 2020 class structures will remain the same with F/1, 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7. Although we were hoping to have our building finished mid-January before school starts, issues with footings have slightly delayed the building project finishing date so we will start our term in current classrooms.

If your child is anxious about the start of school, please contact me and we may be able to arrange a short

meeting in the days prior to school starting. I am available from the  $13^{\rm th}$  of January or you can leave a message on my mobile.

# **REPORTS AND ATTENDANCE**

On Monday we sent home School Reports for the second Semester. Students are graded according to end of year Achievement standards for their year level. Absences and days late have also been given as a total for the year (not the Semester). If you have any questions in relation to your child's report, please see your child's classroom teacher.

# 2020 OFFICE HOURS

Our school office reopens on Monday, the 13th of January. We look forward to seeing all of our children and families return to Vineyard next year on Tuesday, 28th January.

We wish you all a safe, happy and very blessed Christmas. Thank you for a wonderful year as we work together to educate, nurture, inspire and grow our precious students at Vineyard Lutheran School.

#### Michelle



# **School Notices**

# **Family & Staff Prayers**

Over the last week in staff devotion we prayed for the: Pink, Sweeney, Huxtable and Kaur families, and Immanuel College and Immanuel Primary School, Novar Gardens.

# **Birthday Blessings**

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

14th December

Jake Pink

Yuvraj Atwal

17th December

Sam Parker

# Front Office hours over the school holidays

The Front Office will be closed for the school holidays from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. If you have any urgent matters or enrolment enquiries over this time please contact Michelle Keller: 0408392147. For all other matters, please leave a message on the school answering machine and we will attend to it ASAP when we return.

The Front Office will be open again for uniform purchases, etc during the week before school returns Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (hours may vary).

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas/New Year break and look forward to seeing you again in 2020.

# **Parents and Friends**

A big thankyou to our Committee for 2019 (led by Sarah Kopman) who raised \$8,500 profit for our school with their fundraising and fellowship activities. This money has been used to subsidise Canberra Camp, and buy new netball rings for JP students, Lunchtime sports equipment and classroom furniture eg: the collaborative desk and benches in the Foundation/ Year 1 class.

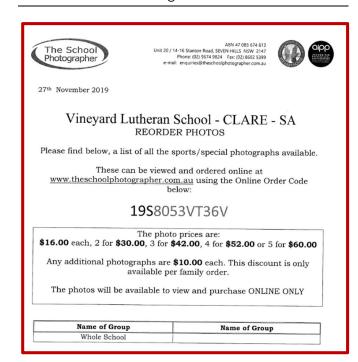
An awesome effort! Well done 😉

# **Canteen News**

Going home with the Wire today will be the canteen pricelist for 2020. This can be found on page 10 of the newsletter.

Lunch order day will remain as Friday's for 2020 and be supplied by Main Street Bakehouse. All orders must be placed at the office or via the blue bags in your child's class before 9.30am the Thursday before.

Brown lunch order bags are available from the Front Office at no charge.



# Mid North Lutheran Ministries – Service Times during School Holidays

# **SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

Clare	9.00am
Blyth	9.00am
Brinkworth	11.00am
Burra	9.00am
Snowtown	10.00am

# **SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER**

Clare	11.00am
Blyth	9.30am
Brinkworth	9.00am
Burra	9.00am
Snowtown	10.00am



Christmas Worship Opportunities					
	Clare	Brinkworth	Blyth	Snowtown	Burra
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	11.00am	9.00am	9.30am	11.00am	9.00am
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve	7.00pm	7.00pm @ Town Hall	7.30pm	7.30pm	No Service
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day	9.00am	No Service	9.00am	No Service	9.00am

# **SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER**

Clare 9.00am
Blyth 10.00am
Brinkworth 10.30am
Burra 9.00am
Snowtown No Service

# SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY

Clare 9.00am
Blyth 9.30am
Brinkworth 9.00am
Burra 9.00am
Snowtown 11.00am

# **SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY**

Clare 9.00am
Blyth 11.00am
Brinkworth 9.00am
Burra 9.00am
Snowtown 10.00am

# **SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY**

Clare 9.00am
Blyth 9.00am
Brinkworth 11.00am
Burra 9.00am
Snowtown 10.00am

# SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY

Clare 9.00am
Blyth 9.30am
Brinkworth 9.00am
Burra No Service
Snowtown 11.00am

# **SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY**

2.00pm Installation of Pastor Greg Vangsness@ St Pauls Clare – all welcome

Alternatively, you may wish to join some of our school families at these Christmas Services hosted by other churches in Clare.



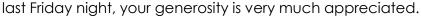


# What's happened this week at Vineyard...

# Clare Christmas Pageant

What a lovely night listening to our beautiful children sing and lovingly hand out chalk to the younger members of our local community - super proud of them.

Huge thank you to all of the staff and parents for all their help. Many thanks also to Tristan, Sue and Taiya Smart from Smart Earthworks for donating their time and the use of their truck for the pageant













# **House Fun Day**

On Monday we held our annual House Fun Day, and what a fabulous way to spend a warm afternoon! We played over & under, competed in a balloon toss, raced an obstacle course and fought a tug of war.

Students had great fun getting wet and playing together as the year draws to a close. Big thanks to parents and staff who helped make the day a success, especially those who helped cook the BBQ.













# **Year 7 Graduation Dinner**

Year 7 Graduation Dinner was held on Monday night. There was plenty of laughter as we spent time reminiscing over memories from previous years and even a few tears were shed. We wish our graduating girls, Lucy, Chloe and Emily, all the best in the future as they move onto high school and

beyond.







# mainly play

On Thursday we celebrated Christmas at mainly play and farewelled our graduating children. We hope all mainly play families have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you for more fun in Term 1 Week 2, 2020.

















# Year 4/5 South America Expo

The Year 4/5 class has been completing a research project in groups on a country in South America. The countries chosen were Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Peru. Within their groups of 4 the students were able to research their country, collaborate on how they will achieve their final goal, delegate responsibilities, use different mediums to present their work and then display their final presentation like a travel expo trade show.

On the day of the expo the students were overwhelmed by the number of visitors but equipped themselves to be able to present their information with confidence verbally and referring to their pamphlets and posters.











# Year 2/3 HASS Excursion

Last Thursday the Year 2/3 Class went to John Horrocks Cottage in Penwortham, The Old Police Station Museum in Clare and Dingo Dreaming in Blyth. The students had a great time learning about the development of Clare over time. We learnt about different communities of people (including Indigenous people) and how they have changed the area and the way we live over time.













Wishing you a safe and blessed Christmas. Looking forward to working together in 2020.



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

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# VINEYARD LUTHERAN SCHOOL CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2020

Lunch orders are available on Fridays only

Lunch time only During Term 1 and 4 only
(12.45 pm)

# **Hot Food**

Pie	\$3.80	
Pasty	\$3.80	
Sausage Roll	\$3.20	
Hot Dog	\$3.20	***All hot food comes with a complimentary sauce sachet
Hot Dog-Cheese	\$3.80	
Pizza-Ham/Pineapple	\$2.80	
Croissant-Ham/Cheese	\$3.80	

# **Cold Food**

Vegemite/Cheese Roll	\$2.80
Cheese/Salad Roll	\$3.80
Chicken/Salad Roll	\$3.80
Cheese/Salad Wrap	\$3.80
Chicken/Salad Wrap	\$3.80
Gluten- Free Salad Wrap	\$3.80



# Cakes

Sprinkle Donut	\$3.20
Chocolate Muffin	\$3.20
Lamington	\$2.80
Finger Bun	\$2.80

# **Drinks**

Apple Juice	\$2.00
Orange Juice	\$2.00
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00
Strawberry Milk	\$2.00

Please insert correct money into lunch order bags & if you require extra bags please collect these from the front office.



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