

Term 1 Week 7 13th March 2020

Upcoming Events 2020

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

Friday 20th March Harmony Day

Wednesday 29th March School Cross Country Run

Monday 30th -Tuesday 31st March Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 31st March Combined Schools Walkathon

Sunday 5th AprilRide For A Brighter Side Clare
Community Event

Tuesday 7th April Yr 6/7 Kara House Visit

Wednesday 8th AprilPrincipal's Tours
Story Time in the Library

Thursday 9th AprilJump Rope for Heart
& Casual Day

Term 2 Upcoming Events 2020

Starting Tuesday 12th May – Friday 22th May

Year 3/5/7 NAPLAN Online Testing

Saturday 22nd – Friday 28th August Book Week

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Vineyard Wire

Running The Race

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us..." (Hebrews 12:1 NIV)

The writer to the Hebrews compares our Christian life to a race. To run the race is to keep believing and trusting in Jesus until the end; but nobody runs a race carrying weights or carrying a suitcase. On the contrary, runners try to be as light on their feet as possible, by getting rid of anything that might hinder them from getting to the finish line.

Things that weigh us down don't have to be sinful. It could be a habit or the way we spend our time or how much television we watch or the hours we waste texting the universe and talking to everyone on the phone. Nobody can condemn these things, but they may be things that hinder us from running the way we need to run. It could even be the memory of sins from our past that the enemy uses to discourage us. God has to show us if there are weights in our lives that we need to throw off.

Moreover, we are told in Hebrews to lay aside the sin that so easily entangles us. What happens when our feet are entangled in something? We fall! In order to avoid getting tripped up this way, we have to confess our sins, remembering the promise from Scripture that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Lets run with perseverance the race marked out for us, throwing off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles... We are called to run our race with energy, endurance and effectiveness. If we do this we can go from encumbered to energetic and from entangled to enduring.

Submitted by Pearl Mayor



From the Principal

NAPLAN

As mentioned previously, our school will be involved in NAPLAN Online this year. We have our test starting on the 23rd of March. NAPLAN Online is a tailored test that adapts to student responses, presenting students with questions that may be more or less difficult – which then should result in better assessment and more precise results. All tests are online, other than Year 3 writing, which will still be on paper this year. All Year 3,5 and 7 students will sit the test, however, as in the past, some parents may request that their child is exempt or withdrawn for philosophical reasons. If you wish for your child not to be involved in the test, please see me as soon as possible.

VINEYARD SCHOOL FAIR

2020 is the year for our biannual fair. This is a wonderful event where we can showcase our school to our wider community and provide some fun for our students and families. Usually our Parents and Friends group would organise this event, but this year we decided to rest our committee to try fellowship and fundraising a different way- with different teams for each event, based on parent interest.

Sarah Haverland (our Parent Liaison Coordinator) has an attachment in this newsletter asking for people who might be interested in helping to organise the fair to contact her. If there is enough interest, the fair will go ahead. Parents and community members are invited to join the team. We would love to hear from you.

YOUTH WEEK

As part of our local SA Youth Week activities, we have been asked if we are interested to provide a stall with free children's activities, including craft, kinetic sand, and play dough. It would be like the stall we have at the Clare Show. The event is in the holidays (Monday 28th April) and provides us with a wonderful opportunity to promote our wonderful school in the wider community. We are looking for helpers to man the stall for an hour or so between 12 and 2pm. If you are interested, please contact me .

LEADING TEAMS

Last night our staff met together with David Arnfield as part of our ongoing project building our high performing team. We looked at how we can ensure the trademarks of Vineyard and the vision are developed and grow this year, particularly with the transition of leadership to

Geoff. I want to publicly thank our staff for their passion for our school, for their genuine love for our students and each other, but most of all for their desire to constantly build an even higher performing team. We are blessed to have staff who truly want what's best for our students/school to flourish, and who put themselves out to make that happen. Not all schools have that. The future of Vineyard is in good hands. Thankyou staff for coming along in your own time and for those who provided our meal.

PRINCIPAL'S TOUR

Our next Principal tours will be held on Wednesday 8th of April, from 11.00-11.45am (after mainly play) and from 4.30-5.15pm. If you know of any families who are interested in joining our Vineyard family, please share this information with them. Brochures are available from the front office to pass on to others. Our new classrooms are expected to be open and we will be sharing what learning looks like. Come along, bring your friends, and hear what makes Vineyard very special. Our new Principal Mr Strauss will also be joining us.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Attached is the latest COVID-10 information from Minister Gardner regarding advice for parents about school closures and isolation periods. We will continue to update you as we receive information.

Blessings to you for the coming week,

Michelle

School Notices

Mid North Lutheran Ministries – Service Times

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

Clare 9.00am LR

Brinkworth 11.30am HC + AGM
Blyth 9.00am HC + AGM
Snowtown 10.00am LP

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MID WEEK LENTEN SERVICE

Blyth Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm

Family & Staff Prayers

Over the last week in staff devotion we prayed for the: Sommerville, Toon and Williams families, staff member Grant Goodwin and St John's Lutheran School, Eudunda. 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 this week.

17th March William Michalak

Students of the Week – Term 1, Week 7 – Class Awards

Harrison Young – For demonstrating Service by helping Mrs Upton in the Foundation/Year One classroom by showing her where things were and setting a good example to others.

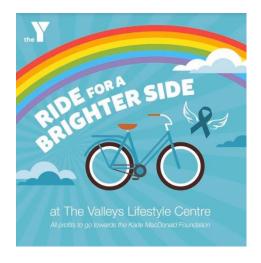
Shea Plowman – For demonstrating **Quality**. Well done for trying your best this week in your school work and your friendships. You have shown perserverance and thoughtfulness.

Ryder Nurk – For demonstrating **Quality**. Ryder you have shown quality in your learning this week. Fantastic work!

Isaac Allmond – For demonstrating **Service** for passionately taking on the recycling station project for Student Parliament! Well done for putting in the time and effort to get it started!

Will Upton – For demonstrating **Service** by always looking out for his classmates and assisting them whenever possible! You help people collect resources, put rubbish in the bin or help pack up. Great work!

Jackson Couch – For demonstrating Quality and a fantastic effort in your narrative writing. You worked independently and used creativity and suspense to create an engaging and interesting story. Well done Jackson (3)



On Sunday 5th April Vineyard Lutheran School will be a part of local event, Ride for a Brighter Side. Ride for a Brighter Side is a 12 hour, team stationery bike ride being held at The Valleys Lifestyle Centre to raise money for the Kade McDonald Foundation to specifically break down the stigma attached with mental health, educate our community on mental health, provide professional help to students at our local high school and provide mental health education with in our local community. This is a community event that we encourage our Vineyard families to get involved in. Throughout the day there is a line up of entertainment being held in the stadium at The Valleys with dance performances, music performances, face painting and a mainly music segment for children to name a few. Christina Underdown is coordinating a side show alley for children to participate in between 10am – 2pm. With games like the tin can skittles, lucky plate, chocolate wheel and balloon darts there will be something for everyone! We are looking for volunteers to help on the day! This is a great way to support the community event and also a great way for our special school to get out in to the community. Please get in touch with Christina if you can volunteer some time.

Submitted by Amy Gogoll and Christina Underdown

Vineyard News

GRIP Leadership Conference

On Wednesday 4th of May, Will, Lainey and Mrs Upton went down to Adelaide for a GRIP student leadership conference. It was all about leading the way.

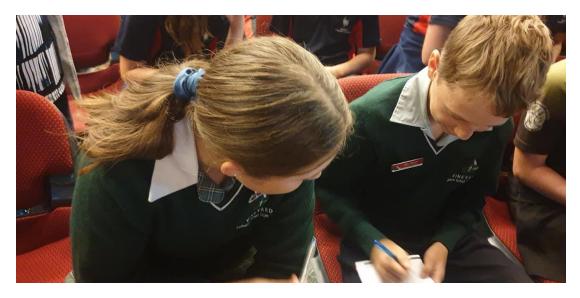
We learnt how to bring our ideas to life in 4 steps, Introduce, Demonstrate, Encourage others and Advance. We learnt about generosity and that it means to help others more often and more than you want to help. Our favourite part was the Loud Noise Boys, Andy and Cam. They were very funny and technically they were like comedians. Overall the day was good except for getting up at 5:30am!!

Will and Lainey School Captains









The Importance of Music in Schools



This year as I work in this role, I will be structuring our music program to ensure we cover the elements of music and use resources that promote inquiry based learning, understanding the need for hands on practise, theory understanding and making connections with the impact of music. There are many benefits to including a diverse and in depth music program and I wanted to share some of these with you.

The benefits of a music education for personal and academic abilities

- Brain development with greater integration of right and left hemispheres, development of brain areas underlying skills in other disciplines.
- Increased creativity if music is taught in such a way as to build creative skills
- Increased self-confidence, self-esteem of students, supporting better performance generally
- Increased emotional skills and empathy
- Improved socialisation skills
- Highly developed motor skills, listening skills (relevant to language learning)
- Accelerated learning in literacy, numeracy, academic subjects
- Inclusion of all students
- Better school spirit, morale

The ultimate benefit from music education is students develop life long enrichment by gaining an ability to make and respond to an art form that offers entertainment, special skills and capacities and different experiences and insights.

Lena Harmer

Senior Coordinator (including Music Specialist Teacher)



Are you looking for something to do with your pre-schoolers on Wednesday?

mainly play is on each Wednesday during the school term at Vineyard Lutheran School in "The Cottage". Doors open at 9:30am. \$5/family. We'd love to see you with your pre schoolers. Feel free to bring a friend & share in the fun!

Many thanks,

Amy Gogoll, mainly play Co-ordinator

Attachments with the Wire

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

- Bi-Annual Vineyard Fair Consultation Letter
- Letter for Parents Address Collection Notice
- Coronavirus Letter

Grade 4/5 Gardening

As a lot of you would be aware the Year 4/5 students have spent time gardening in the past few years. This is something the students really enjoyed doing and it links in throughout the Science Curriculum in Living Things and Adaptations. We have some garden beds that require some weeding, dead plants pulled and then some re planting. As there are limited seeds and plants that we have available, we are asking if any parents, family members or congregation members would either:

Have any seedlings they would be willing to donate

or

Would be interested in coming in and helping the class with gardening

I was hoping to get the class out for gardening over the next week or two depending on what we have access to and when any helpers might be free.

If you feel like you can assist through donations or through your time then come and see me or send me an email at keelangrosvenor@vineyardls.sa.edu.au.

Thanks,

Keelan Grosvenor







How does Sports Vouchers work for Parents/Guardians?

Sports Vouchers can reduce the hurdle of membership expenses and encourage you to get your kids involved in sport or dance.

1. Establish if my child is Eligible

Sports Vouchers are available to all <u>South Australian primary school aged children*</u>. Each eligible child is able to claim <u>one</u> voucher per calendar year.

2. Find an Approved Provider

To find your nearest provider please use our 'Find a Provider' tool.

3. Request to use your Sports Voucher

Let the provider know that you want to use your Sports Vouchers entitlement to discount \$100 from their membership fee.

4. Provide Information

You must then provide all the required details** to the provider. The critical piece of information is your child's eleven (11) digit Medicare number or Australian visa number. The two most common ways to give your child's details to the club are:

- filling out a Sports Voucher
- or through the providers own online registration system (if available- ASK AT CLUB)

5. Pay

After you have provided all the details necessary to receive a voucher, the provider must reduce their membership fee by up to \$100. You must then pay the remaining balance. The preferred method is to provide the discount to membership fees at the time of payment (E.G: membership fees are \$200, the parent will pay \$100 and the provider will claim the remaining \$100 from the Sports Vouchers team). Some providers are unable to offer a discount upfront at the time of registration (due to varying reasons) and in these instances; the parent pays the full membership fee and is refunded the \$100 once the provider has received reimbursement from the Sports Vouchers team.

* 'South Australia Primary School Aged' currently means where a child is attending or is eligible to attend primary school (between the years Reception to Year 7).









FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS VOUCHERS PROGRAM for

- Parents /guardians
- To find an approved provider
 - To download the youcher

GO TO- https://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au/

Community News

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







SUNDAY 29th Clare Hockey Club "Come and Try"

A fun afternoon for all ages Sunday 29th March 2020 2:30 - 4:30pm Clare High School Oval Sticks / shin guards provided FREE Sausage Sizzle / Fruit / Drink Tel: Darryl 8842 3658

