



VINEYARD
Lutheran School Clare Valley

Term 2 Week 3
14th May 2021

Term 2 Upcoming Events 2021

Monday 17th May – Hookin2Hockey
3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 19th May – National
Simultaneous Story Time
mainly play

Monday 24th May – Hookin2Hockey
3.30-4.30pm

Friday 28th May – Sports Assembly

Sunday 30th May – Mid North Lutheran
Parish Service 9am Vineyard Stadium

Monday 31st May – Hookin2Hockey
3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 3rd June – Paper Boats at
1.30pm

Monday 7th June – Hookin2Hockey
3.30-4.30pm

Monday 21st June – Hookin2Hockey
3.30-4.30pm

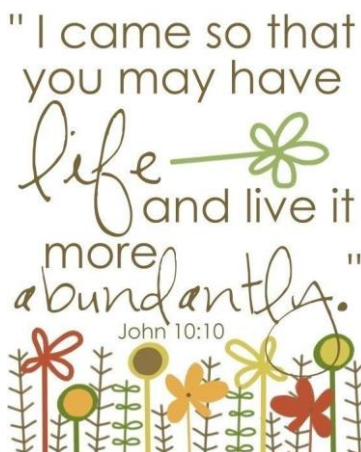
Vineyard Term Dates 2021

Term 1: Wed 27th January – 9th April

Term 2: 27th April – 25th June

Term 3: 19th July – 24th September

Term 4: 11th October – 10th December



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Vineyard Wire

Live Life to the Fullest

We live such busy lives that it's easy to fall into the trap of not caring for others. You see it every day. People intent on getting on with their lives and not being concerned for anyone else.

Neighbours these days often don't talk to one another, and everyone avoids talking on the trains or bus especially in the cities. So, what has happened? Are we scared to show any response for fear of being rejected? Most people are kind and generous—it's just they don't show it. Stories have been reported in the media of older people living alone and dying alone. No-one noticed the grass getting longer on the front lawn or the letterbox overflowing. It's so sad.

We don't take risks to tell people we care for them or that we love them. It's not difficult—in fact, it's so simple we can easily overlook the obvious things to do. Like smiling at people, listening to their stories, and answering their questions.

Why not ask for their opinion and listen as they answer you? Believe what they say and delight in their stories. Old people and children, particularly, love to be listened to.

Asking someone to help you with a problem is a good thing to do. If you make promises, keep them. You certainly will gain credibility and respect. Why not introduce them to your family and friends, and remember their birthday? Laugh at their jokes and find a common interest. It's important to accept them as they are and share a meal together. These are just some of the ways you can show you care.

The great examples of showing care comes from Jesus who went out of his way for others. He was the divine Son of God, but he was human as well. He liked to be with people. And in [John 12](#) we read of a day Jesus went to Bethany where a dinner was given in his honour.

Martha, Mary and Lazarus were there. Martha seemed to be a good cook, and Jesus must have been hungry and exhausted after all his caring for others. Mary sees an opportunity to do something special for him. She took a pound of costly perfume. It wasn't like our type of perfumes—it was like an oil you rubbed all over your body. Mary poured it onto his feet and wiped his feet with her hair. It was an extravagant act of love done spontaneously and with genuine love.

Mary's act of generosity came from a sincere heart. Mary had offered him Jesus a gift, and he received it graciously in spite of what others said or thought.

Do you know the best way to show Jesus's love?

Love others and be kind to them. Every time we see someone in need, we can remember that Jesus loves them too. And he may be wanting us to represent him by caring for that person, even if it means taking a risk or looking silly.

In the weeks to come, try listening to people. Don't switch off and not listen. Show you care!

Submitted by Robby Edmunds

From the Principal

"Stop and smell the roses"! What an apt phrase as often we are so busy at the workplace and at home that we forget to simply enjoy and celebrate the wonderful things that are happening in our daily lives. Busy, busy, busy, - wouldn't it be lovely to relax, to take time out of one's busy schedule to enjoy or appreciate the beauty of life. It seems that in our fast paced world today it is difficult to find the time to stop and to smell the roses. To take time to recognize the daily moments that bring us joy and appreciate and recognise the source of God's goodness in our lives.

This quote, *"Stop and smell the roses,"* is often attributed to golfer Walter Hagen in the 1956 book *"The Walter Hagen Story"* but he did not mention roses. The original quote was: *"You are only here for a short visit. Do not hurry. Do not worry"*. I wish I could learn to do that!

This week I have taken time to "smell the roses" and celebrate the wonderful values that we have at [Vineyard Lutheran School](#). Beyond celebrating achievement, we also focus on reinforcing school values, through explaining the 'why' behind school policies and telling stories related to the school values.

These values are to 'educate, nurture and inspire individuals so that they grow together in a Christ centred environment'. We spend so much time focussing on our school curriculum in teaching and learning and academics, logistics and notifications. These are the important facts of school life but we also need to celebrate living these school values.

Our vision at [Vineyard Lutheran School](#) is to "develop creative, curious, independent, caring and future focussed learners who seek excellence and actively contribute to the community". I take note of the fact that we have NAPLAN beginning this week and it seems that it always brings with it some factors which can be fearful. Students and staff alike often see this testing as a judgement. However, there is so much more to education than a test. It is a journey of learning experiences and growing to be the best person you can possibly be. This learning continues for the rest of one's life and it is in this continued learning that we should focus.

I encourage you to *"stop and smell the roses"*. Our journey of life on this earth is only a short visit so *do not hurry, do not worry*, for God has a plan for you and a place for you in heaven, but while you are here, make the most of it and enjoy the learning journey.

Principal

Geoffrey Strauss

MEDICAL UPDATES/INFLUENZA REMINDER

* Please bear in mind that if your child is at all unwell, please DO NOT send them to school. Your child will still be able to access their learning at home through Diverse Learning. Please also continue your regular communication with your classroom teacher through the appropriate channels.

FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS – COVID TEST

- If a student, staff member or volunteer presents with flu like symptoms or is noticed with them or is unwell at the school, then they will be isolated and required to leave as soon as possible.
- They will then need to be tested for COVID at a testing site; this needs to be done as soon as possible.
- They will then need to remain isolated until a negative result is notified.
- They may only return to school once ALL the symptoms have disappeared.

These cold and flu symptoms include: Cough, Fever, Sore throat, Temperature, Shortness of Breath, Fatigue, Aches, Pains, Headaches, Runny or stuffy nose, Diarrhea, Sneezing, Any loss of taste and/or smell.

PRINCIPAL TOURS

[Vineyard Lutheran School](#) will continue to offer Principal Tours of the school whilst incorporating all safe work social distancing practices. Should you wish to have a tour of the school, please see Geoff or Jennie at the front office and they will arrange a personal tour for you at a convenient time that suits.

ENROLMENTS

If you know someone who is thinking about coming to Vineyard this year, please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible and organise a tour. Referrals from our current families are a great way for new families in our community to hear about Vineyard. You are welcome to come along with them and join the tour.

QR CODES

SA Health has rolled out the COVID Safe Check-in system across the state's schools. As such, the implementation and use of QR codes is underway and all adults (including staff and parents) entering the site must check-in by scanning the QR code or completing the paper recording log template.

Children and students (including adult students) do not need to check-in and their attendance should be recorded via normal processes which can then be easily made available to SA Health for contact tracing purposes. The COVID Safe Check-in is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes. It does not replace a school's normal visitor sign-in process.

VINEYARD LUTHERAN SCHOOL 20TH ANNIVERSARY – MID NORTH PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

We are very excited this year to be celebrating our **20th Year Anniversary** of Vineyard Lutheran School and we look forward to some special Church services which will take place which we would love the children to be involved in and for families to attend.

The first of these will be a Church service held in the stadium on **Sunday 30th May at 9am**. Churches from the Mid North Lutheran Parish; Clare, Burra, Blyth, Snowtown and Brinkworth, will be gathering to worship together and celebrate our school's 20th year anniversary.

This will be a fun preliminary service to gather with families, parents and friends, staff and students alike, to worship together and have our students involved in the service. We would love you to be part of it also, to praise our God in our lovely school setting.

This service will be in preparation for our special **20th Anniversary service** which will be held on **Sunday October 31st**. Reformation Sunday. For this service we will be inviting old scholars, staff and all people involved or associated with Vineyard Lutheran School over the past 20 years.

We look forward to you and your child's attendance for these special school Church services.

Students of the Week – Term 2, Week 3 – Class Awards

Milton Michalak – For demonstrating **Courage**. Well done for trying so hard with your letters.

Elena Atwal – For demonstrating **Quality**. Well done for practising your words and letters.

Abby Edwards – For demonstrating **Quality**. For working so hard at learning your letters and sounds. Well done.

Shakira Brooksby – For demonstrating **Quality**. For working really hard on weekly spelling activities to produce your best work. Well done!

Jackson Couch – For demonstrating **Quality**. For taking on challenges in maths and HASS and working independently to solve problems before offering to help others.

Charlie Schunke – For demonstrating **Courage**. Charlie continues to put in his best effort in every lesson, even when it is challenging. As a result, he is making really exciting progress in his learning.

Amreen Atwal – For demonstrating **Humility**. Amreen continues to improve in asking for assistance or advice to develop her understanding of new concepts. She is also demonstrating humility when she receives correction with an attitude to learn from her mistakes.

School Notices

Mid North Lutheran Ministries – Service Times

SUNDAY 16TH MAY

Clare	9.00am LR
Brinkworth	10.00am at Snowtown
Blyth	9.30am LR
Snowtown	10.00am LR (with Brinkworth)
Burra	9.00am LR

Birthday Blessings

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

11 th May	Chase Yates
14 th May	Isaac Victor
20 th May	Aiden Sommerville

Family & Staff Prayers

Over the last couple weeks in staff devotion we have prayed for the: Young, Smart, Atwal, Michalak, Pedler and Amundsen families, staff members Rachel Richardson and Keelan

Uniform



Vineyard Lutheran School holds very strong values that is approved and supported by our Governing Council.

Wearing of a uniform displays a sense of belonging and can demonstrate a symbol of pride for our school community and is a representation of our school and what we stand for, it also eliminates competition in what students wear & is an economical way to outfit students for their school life.

It is a requirement that all students wear the approved school uniform, and this is available to purchase at the school.

Please note that track pants must be plain navy with NO stripes & formal pants are to be worn full length with ankles covered.

We have secondhand uniform at a reduced price starting from \$5.00 so please come & speak to either Jennie or Leah to help with assistance with this.

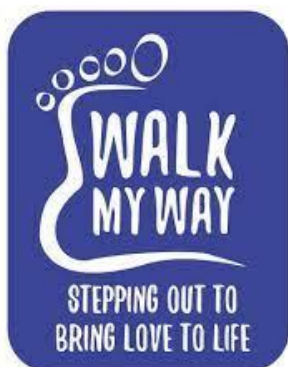
Interest on LLL Deposit Books



On May 31st interest will again be added to all deposit accounts.

We therefore ask that you please send your LLL deposit books into the school office ASAP to be posted to the LLL.

To ensure prompt return of passbooks it would be of assistance to us if you did not include the passbook covers.



On Saturday, May 1st Vineyard staff members Amy and Leah together with husbands Simon, Darren and friends completed the **ALWS 'Walk my Way' 26km challenge** walking from Redeemer Lutheran School at Nuriootpa to St Jakobi Lutheran School at Lyndoch.

Here's what Amy said: "We made it. A lovely day walking with 650 others through the Barossa Valley to raise money to send refugee children to school. Today as a group we raised enough money to send 7,727 children to school for a year!"

It was a great experience and we would recommend it to others to do in the future – walking to bring love to life.



DISTRICT CARNIVAL REPORTS



NETBALL

On the first Wednesday of this term, we (Grace, Lilly & Annabelle) participated in the Mid North Winter Hub Netball Carnival at Blyth. There were about 100 girls at the carnival from 22 schools in our district. There were 8 Clare hub teams, 2 Burra hub teams and 2 Balaklava hub teams. We played in a round robin carnival against the 5 other year 6 teams. We played 5 games during the day and each game went for 30 minutes. We really enjoyed making new friends and having a go at playing different positions.

By Grace, Lilly & Annabelle

FOOTBALL

On April 28th we (Isaac, Cooper & Tobias) participated in the Mid North Winter Hub Football Carnival at Blyth. There were 6 teams; 4 from Clare, 1 from Burra and 1 from Balaklava. It was a great experience, and everyone put in their best effort. We all had a good day and saw lots of happy faces, some great goals (even better than Eddie Betts kicks!) and a lot of good sportsmanship. We would like to thank everyone who made it possible for us to have the experience of playing in this fun and exciting football carnival.

By Isaac, Cooper & Tobias

CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday of week 2, five of our students competed in the Mid North District Cross Country, held at Clare High School. Congratulations to Declan Smart, Yuvraj Atwal, Tobias Nurk, Lilly Schupelius and Grace Upton, who represented our school at this event. Experiences like this are wonderful opportunities for growth and development and I encourage all our students to have a go when similar opportunities arise. Special mention to the following students who finished in the top 6 in their respective age groups:

- Lilly Schupelius 11 y.o.girls 5th
- Grace Upton 12 y.o.girls 6th
- Tobias Nurk 13 y.o. girls 5th

