



**VINEYARD**  
Lutheran School Clare Valley

**Term 4 Week 8**  
**4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

### **Term 4 Upcoming Events** **2020**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Book Packs ready to collect from the Office

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – mainly play in the Cottage

Year 7s Lunch with Amy

Year 4/5 Class Party/Lunch

Year F/1/2/3 Ice blocks, popcorn and movie

Kyton's Fundraiser ready to collect

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Casual Day

– gold coin donation for Church

Valedictory Service at 7pm wear formal uniform

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Pupil Free Day

### **Term 1 Upcoming Events** **2021**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January** – School recommences for staff

### **Vineyard Term Dates 2021**

**Term 1:** Wed 27<sup>th</sup> January – 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 2:** 27<sup>th</sup> April – 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3:** 19<sup>th</sup> July – 24<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4:** 11<sup>th</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> December

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# Vineyard Wire

## **The Significance of Flowers**

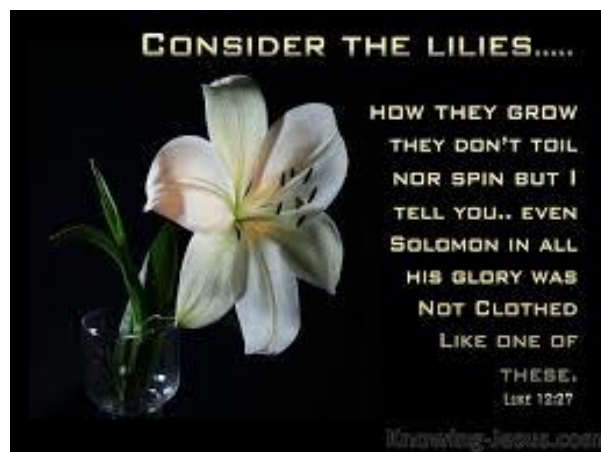
When Miss Mayor walked down the aisle last Saturday at her wedding, she held a beautiful bouquet of gypsophila (baby's breath), roses and proteas. Flowers are used in a variety of events and situations to express emotions or to symbolise things of importance. Flowers are given every day across the world to say things like Congratulations, Farewell, I'm Sorry or Happy Birthday.

Flowers might be chosen because they are someone's favourite or because the colours have significance. I remember in December 2015 when my Dad died, how much I appreciated the beautiful flower arrangements that people sent to express their love and support. They didn't last for long, but they were significant at that moment in time in reminding my family that there was beauty and hope in God for tomorrow.

Flowers are some of the most beautiful gifts of God's creation. There are so many different types and varieties. Around the world, they have special meaning and significance. However, there is a verse in the Bible that puts flowers into perspective. It is Luke 12:27-28 and it says, "Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you? You men of little faith!"

Yes, flowers are also significant in reminding us that God is our great Provider. We are not to worry about tomorrow, because as God provides for other aspects of His creation, He will provide for us. Be reminded daily as you enjoy the beauty of flowers, that God is all that you need.

*Submitted by Rachel Richardson*



## From the Principal

Often, we hear it said that, "all good things must come to an end". How very true as indeed they do! At the same time, it is also said that "all things too will pass". Indeed, everything has its season, and everything has its time.

As we approach the close of the school term it is the time where we get to have a break from the hustle and bustle of busy school life, the educational demands and the teaching and learning that takes place. It is time to say goodbye to our friends at school and spend time with our families over the Christmas festive season. For Christians it is a very exciting celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ's birth in Bethlehem, for others a gift giving time with family and friends for fellowship and socialisation. For many of us it is a time to go to our holiday destinations, God willing covid free!

For our Year 7s here at Vineyard Lutheran School it is both an exciting time, as well as a sad time, as they will be leaving us at the end of next week to continue secondary schooling at various High Schools and Colleges in the state. On Tuesday night we gathered with the school staff and parents and caregivers for our Graduation Dinner at Bentley's Hotel and it was a fabulous evening of story sharing, memories, photos, food and fellowship. As their time here ends, it is with mixed feelings and emotions for all of us, teachers, students, parents and caregivers.

For many years I have been saying to parents and students alike, that it is "always sad when they leave". After years of association with the school as a community and family, it is time to "fly the coop" and begin their journey to independence. My follow up comment to it being sad when they leave is, "well it is even sadder if they do not leave". The simple fact is that our lives are a celebrational journey of change and coincidence, circumstance and best made plans. The truth is that there comes a time for all of us to move on and the beauty is that it is always great to leave on a good note, to farewell those who remain wanting to see you more!

Next Thursday night will be our Valedictory service for the Year 7s who will be leaving to continue their educational journey elsewhere. Some of these students have been with us for 8+ years which would seem a lifetime for them and all they

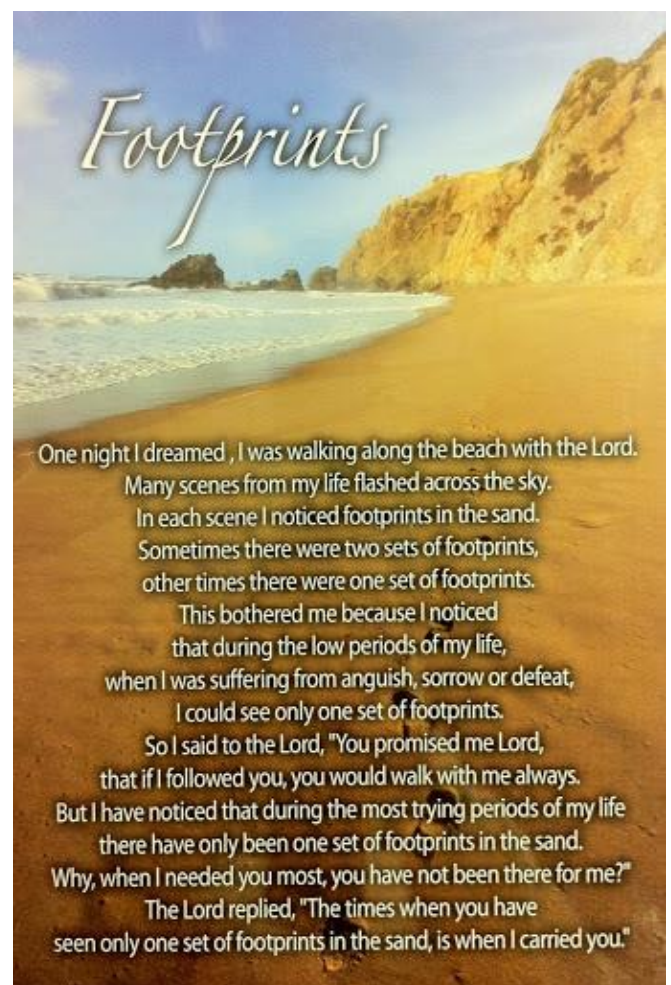
have known. It is time to leave Primary School and continue to the next chapter. The beauty of us who have a faith in God, is that we know that whatever may happen and wherever we go, God is taking the journey with us.

To the Year 7s leaving I would like to leave them with a passage, "Footprints" by M.F. Powers, which has been with me all my life. I remember reading it in Primary School myself and I have often reflected upon it since.

May God Bless and enrich your lives as he walks beside you and carries you when you most need.

Geoffrey Strauss

Principal



### 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.

## ENROLMENTS

If you know someone who is thinking about coming to Vineyard next 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.

## TRANSITION

This week has seen the completion of our Transition for the new Foundation students. Our new students for next year have been coming into class for the last five weeks visiting with their new teacher Mrs. Edmunds and fellow students in the Foundation/Year 1 class. It has been a very important introductory time and the children relish the opportunity with great joy and excitement. Thank you ever so much Mrs Edmunds for the hard work you have put in above and beyond your regular class. The students cannot wait to begin and were ever so delighted.

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## School Notices

### Mid North Lutheran Ministries – Service Times

#### SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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

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## School Council

If there are any prospective parents and friends of the Vineyard Lutheran School Community who would be interested in learning more about what it takes to be on the School Governance Council, please come and see Geoff at a convenient time. It is a great way to be directly involved with your child's education and is a non-daunting role with great rewards. With our intended growth of the school it is an exciting time to be 'on board'!

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## Ice Blocks will now be available

In Term 1 and 4 ice blocks (Quelch Sticks) are available for sale Monday- Friday from the undercover area at lunchtime. Ice blocks are 50 cents each and limited to one per child.

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## Family & Staff Prayers

Over the last week in staff devotion we prayed for the: Yates, Victor, Harvey and Allmond families, staff member Shelley Upton and Tatachilla Lutheran School, McLaren Vale.

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## Birthday Blessings

God's Blessings to everyone who is celebrating their birthday this week and in the holidays.

6 <sup>th</sup> December	Justin Huxtable
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Mark Underdown
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Paul Brugioni

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## Students of the Week – Term 4, Week 8 – Class Awards

**Declan Smart** – For demonstrating **Love**. For offering to help others when you have finished your work and for making sure others are included during recess and lunch.

**William Michalak** – For demonstrating **Quality**. For trying hard with your handwriting and reading. Well done.

**Chase Yates** – For demonstrating **Courage** when coming to school and trying so hard to join in.

**Harrison Young** – For demonstrating **Quality**. You have done some amazing Phonics and Reading through the year. Well done.

**Aiden Sommerville** – For demonstrating **Quality**. Your story writing has now come so far! Fantastic work.

**Ryder Nurk** – For reading with such fluency! Fantastic!



**Nicholas Harvey** – For demonstrating **Quality**. For working so well independently! Amazing.

**Zara Carmine De Sousa** – For demonstrating **Quality**. For great story writing.

**Leah Plowman** – For demonstrating **Love**. For working so well with the transition students helping them out.

**Isaac Victor** – For demonstrating **Love**. For a wonderful finish to the year by helping and including others both in the classroom and in the yard.

**Tobias Nurk** – For demonstrating **Courage**. By stepping up in areas of leadership and doing the right thing even when it is difficult.

**Aaren Lane** – For demonstrating **Quality**. For completing work to a fantastic standard, even at the end of the year. Well done on putting in your best!

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## OSHC for Pupil Free Day

Due to the Pupil Free day on Friday December 11, OSHC will be open for those that require this service.

Please contact either OSCH Ph 88 421 430 or by email [clare.oshc528@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:clare.oshc528@schools.sa.edu.au) to register your interest.

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## Return Library Books

**Please return all library books by the end of week 8 (4th December)**. There will be no borrowing from Monday week 8 to ensure all books are returned by the end of the year.

If you are wanting to borrow a book over the Christmas break, go for a visit to the Clare library they have lots of fun activities there too!

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## Book Pack Collection

Book Packs for 2021 will be ready to collect from the Front Office on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December.

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## Kyton's Bakery Fundraiser

Orders for the Kyton's Bakery Christmas Fundraiser will be available to pickup from 3.15pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Stem Room in the Stadium.

# VINEYARD YEAR 7 GRADUATION CLASS OF 2020



# Community News

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



## Tour Vineyard Lutheran School

Junior and Upper Primary  
mainly play and Principal Tours

Every Wednesday  
mainly play 9.30am – 11.00am  
School Tours 10.30am – 11.00am

For pre-school and school aged children  
and their caregivers

We welcome you to take a look around our fantastic site  
and facilities while your children have fun.

Join us for a fun filled morning and school tour this spring

For bookings phone Vineyard 8842 1808

eSafetyeducation

Schedule

## Online safety webinars for parents and carers

Free, live webinars providing parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe and positive online experiences.

Limited spaces available!

Visit: [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars) to find more information.

Register now: [register.gotowebinar.com/r/2898535107213971215](https://register.gotowebinar.com/r/2898535107213971215)

### Term 1

Topic: eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama

Dates:

Safer Internet Day  
9 February 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
10 February 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
10 February 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
15 February 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

National Day of Action Against Bullying  
and Violence  
22 March 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

### Term 2

Topic: To be confirmed

Dates:

4 May 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
5 May 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
6 May 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

### Term 3

Topic: To be confirmed

Dates:

28 July 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
29 July 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Child Protection Week  
7 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
9 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

### Term 4

Topic: To be confirmed

Dates:

19 October 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
20 October 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
21 October 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm



# VALEDICTORY SERVICE

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup>

December

at 7pm

in Vineyard

Stadium



eSafetyCommissioner

esafety.gov.au