



VINEYARD
Lutheran School Clare Valley

Term 4 Week 9
10th December 2020

Term 4 Upcoming Events **2020**

Thursday 10th December – Valedictory Service at 7pm wear formal uniform – no supper due to Covid
Friday 11th December – Pupil Free Day

Term 1 Upcoming Events **2021**

Wednesday 20th January – School recommences for staff
Wednesday 27th January – School recommences for students Chapel followed by Morning Tea
Friday 5th February – Welcome BBQ
Tuesday 2nd February – Parent Information Night
Friday 26th February – Swimming Carnival TBC

Please keep an eye out for the 2021 Calendar which will be going home with the first Wire next year.

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

The Most Important Christmas Choice

"Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.'" Luke 2:13-14 (NLT)

Tis' the season to be merry... and stressed. Although it should be a season of peace, this month can often make us feel more tangled up inside than a messy string of Christmas lights.

Some people dread the hustle, bustle, and emotional rustle this time of year brings, knowing that irritability, loneliness, or depression will threaten. While there are others who may love the Christmas season, but worry, busyness, family conflicts, and unmet expectations take their toll.

In either case, we have a decision. We can choose to get bogged down with stress or we can choose to bow down in worship.

Scripture gives us a beautiful picture of praise in Luke 2:13-14. When Jesus was born, an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds sharing the good news. Then many other angels joined together and praised God.

That's not the only place the Bible records angels worshipping the Lord. In Hebrews 1:6 it says, "And when he brought his supreme Son into the world, God said, 'Let all of God's angels worship him.'" And Revelation 5:11-12a says, "Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus."

Angels serve as role models of worship. They bow down before Jesus. They shout with incredible joy as they sing songs of praise. Through worship, angels spread the news of God's glory and exhibit holy reverence. Angels intentionally and deliberately spend time praising God.

Keeping Christ in Christmas is more than just a cliché. It is an intentional act of worship. It requires a heart of adoration, much like the angels had. When Jesus is the focus of our holiday, we're centered on His love, peace, and joy.

This prompts us to be His hands and feet to others in need. When worship fills our hearts, it leaves little room for aggravation in long lines at the store. We focus on what Christmas is truly about—the amazing gift of a Savior—rather than stressing out over buying the perfect presents. We exhibit grace to someone when we'd rather do otherwise. Worship turns our attention to giving thanks to Jesus for all He has done, rather than letting stress strip His joy from our hearts.

And it might even mean joining in with the heavenly chorus to sing praises to Him, even if we can't carry a tune!

The holidays can bring a flurry of heightened emotions and can often result in an unhealthy level of stress which can prevent us from engaging in worship and praising the One we are supposed to be celebrating. There will be lots of choices to be made during the month of December: where to serve, what gifts to buy, and how many events to attend. The most important choice we can make is to worship and sing praises to our Lord. For His gift. For His love. For His peace.

And when our hearts are at peace, our holidays can be too.

Lord, I choose to intentionally worship and praise You during this Christmas season. Help me stay focused on You and Your goodness. Amen.

From the Principal

What a wonderful year it has been for Vineyard Lutheran School despite the pandemic and the interruptions that have now become part of our daily lives. For my report at the close of this year I would like to include my speech from the Valedictory service.

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, students, staff and invited guests and welcome tonight to this very special Valedictory celebration. Thank you so much for being here to support our school and, the graduating class, but thank you also for your support of our school which you have shown by your attendance here tonight.

Tonight, we are very privileged to have a special invited guest with us from LESNW, we welcome Mr. Rod Wearn our educational leader and we look forward to hearing from him a bit later in our service.

I particularly also welcome those extended family members and friends who are in attendance tonight and we trust that you will enjoy the evening we have planned.

Valedictory night always tends to be full of very mixed emotions, on the one hand, it is a very happy celebration, as we acknowledge these wonderful young people as they graduate and conclude their primary school journey after 8 years. On the other hand, tonight is a night of great sadness, particularly as we farewell these students, but also some other students who are leaving, and a number of staff and families whose long association with Vineyard now ends.

But, regardless of what emotions we may as individuals be feeling tonight it is indeed a very special occasion, as it provides each one of us, with an opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate a very significant milestone in the lives of our students.

2020 has been an unprecedented year – we hear this often, so I had to include it. We have had pandemic interruptions and covid lockdowns, however we have still managed to complete a

full educational year including most events that we could. We have enjoyed moving into our new classrooms at the top of the school and we look forward to the continued growth of our school.

EVENTS THIS YEAR

It was great that we got to include so many events this year despite covid interrupting so many activities.

- Swimming Carnival
- Father's and Mother's Day Stalls
- Whole School Concert /Musical
- Year 4-7 School Camp
- Year 2-3 Sleepover
- Responsible Pet Ownership
- Bibles for Foundation students from Mid North Lutheran Ministries
- School Parliament
- Gleeson Wetlands Visit
- Brekky, Bikes 'n Bein Active
- Naidoc Week
- Bookweek
- Grandfriends Day
- Dress up day
- Remembrance Day
- SAPSASA hockey, netball, football, basketball and tennis
- Sports Day – cancelled due to rain
- Hot Shots Tennis
- CHS Athletics, missed the Faith Challenge
- Orienteering with Mrs Dare and myself
- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal
- Mainly Play with Amy every Wednesday
- Lunchtime activities with Amy – Slime making, Sushi, Pizza Making, Parachutes and of course Elmo
- Lunchtime activities with Mrs Underdown - cooking, marble run, optical illusions, robot dressups, and library
- Transition Visits
- Reports
- Official opening of the school buildings
- Pastor Greg regularly in attendance for our Chapel and assemblies to assist in spiritual growth programmes.

And we have even had a lockdown where we were sent home not to return due to covid, weren't we lucky to have the events we have had. It has been wonderful to see the rich learning and variety of experiences our children have been able to participate in.

Vineyard is an exciting place to be. This year we have focussed on 4 key words – To educate, nurture, inspire and grow. As staff we discussed what they mean and what they look like in our community and we look forward to this being part of our school mantra, our philosophy of what we see as important for our connecting with the community.

I am excited about 2021- our new buildings have provided stimulating environments for the senior school and we look forward to our continued partnership with local Childcare centres. Our continuing focus on play and inquiry methodology will enable our students to learn in a way that engages them at the highest level and our whole school staff development will focus on targeted curriculum areas. Our plan to explicitly teach leadership skills to all our Senior students excites me, and I look forward to working with our school and house captains, to be announced directly.

This year some of our partnerships have had to be put on hold, particularly the Kara House and Carinya visits for singing and intergenerational activities. Sadly, covid has made it impossible to continue these visits but we look forward to building this partnership even stronger in 2021.

In 2021 we continue the strong inquiry and STEM focuses we have in the school, and we have now incorporated aspects of inquiry and STEM into all curriculum areas at all ages. We look for real-life connections where we can have hands on activities which relate to the real world.

To finish, I would like to formally thank all our staff for their care and their desire to do the best they can for our students. During this year we have worked to grow each other, and I thank each of you individually for your constant seeking to make our school and our team even better.

Thanks also to our School Council who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that our school continues to flourish and be the place where grace abounds. I would like to particularly acknowledge Malcolm for his support and encouragement.

My prayer is that all staff and families have a safe and restful break over this holiday period and that you all find time to remember the baby in the manger – the reason for the season.

Thankyou

Geoffrey Strauss

Principal

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.

School Notices

Mid North Lutheran Ministries – Service Times

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER

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| Clare | 9.00am HC |
| Brinkworth | 9.00am LR |
| Blyth | 11.00am HC |
| Snowtown | 10.00am LR |
| Burra | 9.00am LR |

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'!

Family & Staff Prayers

Over the last week in staff devotion we prayed for the: Atwal, Plowman, Schunke and Cutten families, staff member Christina Underdown and Vineyard Lutheran School, Clare.

Birthday Blessings

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

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| 12 th December | Ishrat Atwal |
| 13 th December | Leah Krieg |
| 14 th December | Yuvraj Atwal |
| 19 th December | Nicholas Harvey |



VINEYARD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2021

Lunch orders are available on Fridays only

Ice blocks (50 cents) are available each day

Lunch time only During Term 1 and 4 only

(12.45 pm)

Hot Food

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| 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

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| 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

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

Drinks

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| 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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