

What's Happening in School Chaplaincy?

School Chaplaincy services are provided in Queensland schools by Scripture Union Queensland. The model for supporting school chaplains includes local community involvement; providing financial, spiritual and practical support. This is accomplished through the Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) who meet at least six times annually to support the school chaplains in local schools.

In the Redcliffe Peninsula area, Alan Gater serves as School Chaplain for Woody Point Special School and Redcliffe Special School. Pastor Mark Brinkmann and Kay Jaunais regularly attend these meetings on behalf of Grace Lutheran Congregation.

The most recent meeting was held on Tuesday, June 13. Things to note from this meeting include:

- ✚ Chappy Week was very busy for Alan who attended several functions including the Care Morning Tea at Grace. Along with Alan, six Prep students from Woody Point SS, attended and enjoyed the fuss and the sausage rolls and cake! The congregation appreciated the opportunity to meet Alan and hear about the work of a school chaplain. Members were delighted to read with the children and a couple of them then proceeded to contact the school to offer their services as volunteers.
- ✚ The "Help Them Shine" Chaplaincy Support Dinner, held on Monday, May 29 was very successful, raising more than \$26,000 dollars. This amount is divided among all the LCCs on Redcliffe Peninsula and Deception Bay area; a contribution of approximately \$1,550 per chaplaincy position. Thirteen members of Grace Congregation attended.

- ✚ There was a request for some knitted beanies for the students during the winter months. To date, Grace Congregation has donated over fifty, hand knitted items.
- ✚ The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22.

Members of Grace Congregation are also involved in supporting School Chaplaincy in other ways. Fay Webb makes beautiful home-made greeting cards that are sold to raise funds. Recently, Fay shared her passion and talent in this area with Chappy Nancy from Redcliffe State High School and girls involved in a group that she mentors.

Also, there are quite a few women in the congregation that regularly attend the High Tea for Chaplaincy held at Clontarf Beach State High School. This event is catered by the Hospitality students at the school and is not to be missed! It is anticipated that the next one will be held some time during July or August. It will be advertised in the church bulletin and Julie Duce is the contact person for the event. Hope to see you there.

Blessings until the next report.

Kay Jaunais

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