

Care Team Coordinator Report – December Ministry Team Meeting

December 6, 2017

Care Morning Tea for September – Grace members visited Grace Crèche & Kindergarten, spending an enjoyable time with the children.



Care Morning Tea for October – Grace members contributed photos and shared memories about various times and events they had experienced within the Grace Community. This was very helpful in preparing the Grace History display for the Reformation 500 Celebration.

Care Morning Tea for November – Grace members enjoyed watching videos of some of the entries in the Lutheran Media's Short Story competition, the Reformation 500 Celebration Concert held in July at St. Peter's and the first session of Mainly Music. We also played a sensory game – a bit of end of year fun! Blindfolded, participants were asked to identify by smell, taste or touch, various ingredients of a mystery Christmas recipe. Lorna Barsby correctly identified all the ingredients of a Christmas Pudding. We then enjoyed some!

Pastoral Care Visits – I will be away from December 27 until January 12. Any concerns or needs in this area can be discussed with Pastor Mark, Keith Schultz or members of the Care Team.

School Chaplaincy – The second Chaplaincy High Tea at Clontarf Beach State High School was well attended again, with a couple of new people attending. The Care Team provided their services to serve morning tea for staff at Woody Point Special School during their Staff Appreciation Week. I attended the Volunteer Appreciation Afternoon Tea at Woody Point Special School on behalf of the Congregation and received some flowers and a lovely card from Alan Gater.

We were also advised that young Eddie from the school will now be able to get his new wheelchair. Principal, Ric Day, made a wonderful thank you speech to Grace Congregation and all the other organisations that worked to raise the needed funds.

Framework of Ministry – Quite a bit of time and effort has gone into a review of the Care Ministry over the last two months. The goals and strategies of the Care Team, outlined in the Framework of Ministry document, have been reviewed and updated. Also, a Job Description for the Care Team Coordinator has been developed. It is anticipated that these documents will be presented to the next M&V meeting for adoption.

What's in store for 2018 – The last Care Team Meeting was solely dedicated to the Framework of Ministry review and putting finishing touches to the remaining Care Morning Teas for the year. One important thing to note from this meeting was a request to conduct a survey of members regarding Care Morning Teas and the format of these. It is hoped that this will take place early in the year and that this will help in future planning of the morning teas and other events that the Care Team may wish to work on.

I recently shared with Pastor Mark that I always find this time of year to be one of reflection on the year's events and making wishes and plans for the upcoming year. I have attached an article from The Encourager which I thought everyone may be interested in.

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