

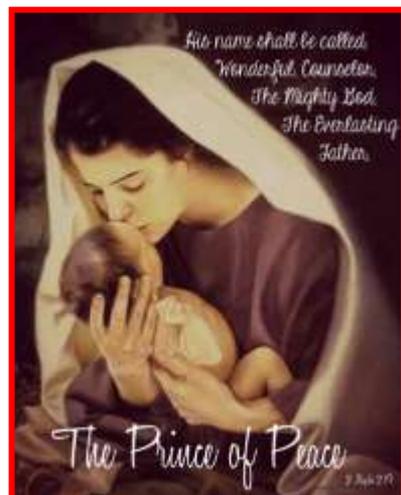


“Encounter the PEACE of Christ”

“Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife.... She will give birth to a son, & you will give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the lord had said through the prophet. Matthew 1:20-23

“Today in the town of David a savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord..... Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God & saying ‘Glory to God in the highest, & on earth **peace** to men on whom his favour rests’.” John 2:10-14”

“Now may the Lord of **peace** himself give you **peace** at all times & in every way. The Lord be with all of you”.
2 Thessalonians 3:16



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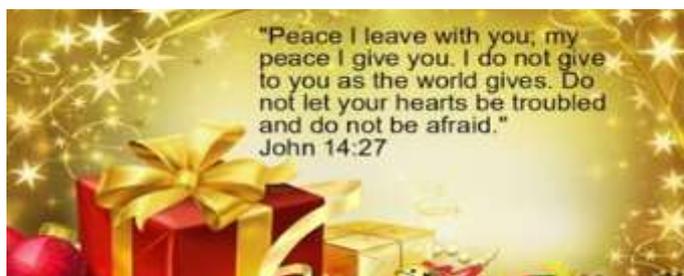
Peace that passes all understanding

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7

We all know how stressful life can be, particularly at this time of year. Even if things are relatively good in our lives, the demands for a 'perfect' Christmas and holiday season can overwhelm us. Despite the angel's decree of '**peace be with you**', we can feel anything but peaceful and we can miss the beauty and wonder of Christmas. For some it's even worse. There can be grief of loss or a feeling that everything is falling apart. It is into these situations that Jesus wants to offer his peace.

The apostle Paul instructs us in how we can receive the peace that comes from God. **Paul tells us that our life is more peaceful when we commit our concerns to the Lord and we trust that he will hear and answer our prayers.** When we pray, things change. Praying with that certainty allows us to rejoice, even in the tough times because we know that God is at work. God encourages us to pray for peace in our lives. As we do that, we do experience contentment, joy and love.

In John 16 Jesus says '**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid**'. So often we are robbed of peace when we turn to those things that are not of Jesus and expect to be content. **Only the peace that comes as a gift from God will completely satisfy our souls.** Chasing after the false peace that is offered by the world is a fool's errand. May we rest in Jesus and receive the peace that is beyond our understanding as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.



Christmas at Golden Grove

Sunday December 22nd

Fellowship Service and the decorating of the Christmas Tree.



Sunday December 22nd

"An Australian Christmas"

dress rehearsal

@ 6:30pm

Salt Factory

Christmas Eve

Tuesday December 24th

Drama "An Australian Christmas"

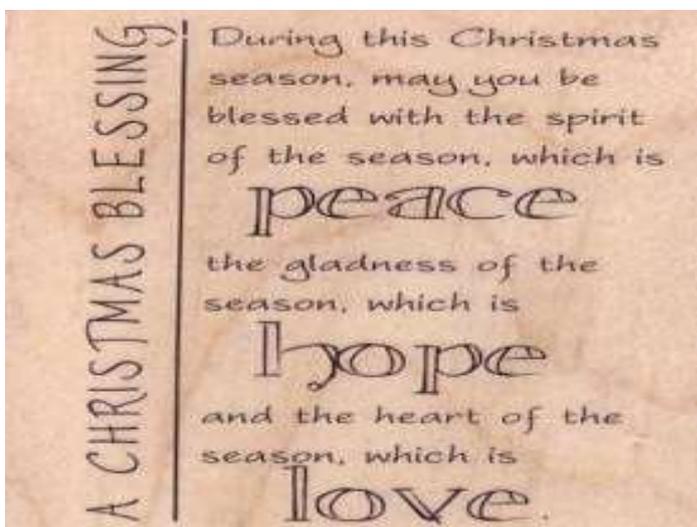
7pm @ Golden Grove Lutheran Church.

Christmas Day

Wednesday December 25th

9:30am Lets Worship the new born King—Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

We welcome all to join us over this Christmas period to praise & worship Christ, the reason for the season.

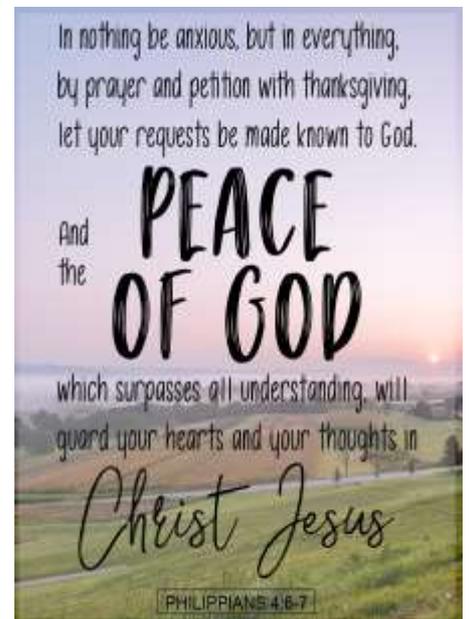


From the Editor

Another year has flown by and it is time for the final edition of LITV for 2019. This magazine has been around for 25 years and continues to be a wonderful communication tool for the church and school communities. This will be my final edition as editor. I am thankful to my amazing God for this wonderful opportunity to serve you in this capacity. It was very important that the magazine have a strong focus on God's word and His message to us, for without Him nothing would be possible. When I began I felt that there were many people in our congregation who had important stories to share that could encourage us on our faith journeys. It was also essential to build our community with information on events and of things happening in both school and church. So...a huge thank you to all who have contributed articles, events and photos. Special thanks to those who opened their hearts and shared what was often a painful journey with us. Thank you to all those who have read and enjoyed the magazine. I am sure that God has been at work through this magazine, touching lives with words of encouragement and His love. Thanks also to my proof readers who picked up those mistakes, so that it was the best we could do. Lastly thanks to my husband who has put up with my long hours of hogging the computer and stress levels as the deadline got closer and closer.

The theme for this edition is Peace - 'Encountering the peace of God'. I pray that the Almighty God, the creator of the universe, who created each individually and uniquely, who loves each of us unconditionally, will bless you richly and give you His peace. He wants to be a part of our lives walking with us in the difficult and the good times. He wants us to trust Him and allow Him to be in control. He will give us an inner peace that provides us with the strength to accept where we are and to go on in God's grace, peace and strength. Christmas is this beautiful time of the year when we receive Jesus - 'the Prince of Peace' as a baby in Bethlehem, who came to bring an eternal peace to us all through His death and resurrection. So my prayer for you is that God will be the centre of your Christmas celebrations and His peace will abide in you, now and always.

Rosalie Hoklas – Editor contact email: hoklas@internode.on.net



GGLPS & GGLC Carol Evening





- Rainer Mayer (principal of school) began the “Lutheran School & Fellowship Magazine” in 1994.
- Renamed The “Golden Grove Lutheran Magazine”. It was an extension of the previous magazine with Dave Shrowder & Alison Ahrens the new editors. Items added were a prayer list, fellowship news, classified ads, cartoons. It was an A5 booklet
- Published monthly in the beginning, then every 2 months and eventually every 3 months.
- This is the 25th year it has been produced.
- The October/November 2000 edition was renamed “Life in the Vine.” A new format making the information more readable & accessible.
- It always has been a free production. In 1999 it cost \$50 for paper & photocopying. To help cover this cost people were asked to donate cash or reams of paper.
- The advertising of businesses and services available within the congregation and school families were featured each edition.
- Tania Nelson began as editor in 2004 continuing until 2009 with a team of helpers. Book reviews & sporting updates were included.
- Brian Quick took over the reins as editor from 2009—2012. During this time a new format was devised.
- In 2013 under Rosalie Hoklas as editor it was produced in colour and available on the GGLC website.
- It has been available to all school families as well as congregation members and friends.
- The magazine has been a communication tool to keep families informed about church & school life. Since 2013 it has also had a strong spiritual focus with Bible verses, and personal faith stories.

Tania Nelson, former editor reports:

“I’ve always believed in the importance of good communication and I’m passionate about ways to bring the community together and make connections. *Life in the Vine* met both of these aims for me, and it still does. I was delighted to be a part of communicating the wonderful things that were happening in the Golden Grove Lutheran community across both church and school. And I’m sure that in some small way the communication and storytelling that occurred via *Life in the Vine* made connections and helped to grow the community for God’s purposes.”

“Jesus said ‘I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit’. I pray that through the branches of the Golden Grove Lutheran members and friends, who are sustained by The Vine (Christ), much fruit is evident and Golden Grove Lutheran is known in the community for its love.”

*I had the privilege of serving as editor of *Life in the Vine* for three years. The magazine received a revised look in line with the growing communication strategy of the congregation, of which I felt the magazine was a key part. It was a pleasure to help facilitate sharing the stories of God’s work in the church community, particularly the many photos, with thanks to all those who generously contributed over the years.*
Brian Quick—former editor

Highlights from Church Council

Jon Schutz - GGLC Chairperson

Budget – At the upcoming Half-yearly Meeting we will be discussing the provisional budget for 2020 and reviewing 2019. On the positive side, with your support for the **“2019 Budget Appeal - 21 ways you can help”** as presented at the AGM, **we are heading towards a modest surplus for this year**, which is a much better position than the \$20k deficit that was projected mid-year. Nevertheless challenges lie ahead, and we need to start thinking of fundraising events such as this year’s fete as being regular parts of our annual budget.

As the **fete** has been covered elsewhere in this issue of Life in the Vine, I will not double-up, but would like to record on behalf of the GGL Community **our thanks to Blair Boyer for attending, speaking and opening Café Connect – and for supplying free donuts!**

Renovations – with the arrival of the chairs, we consider our renovations program of the last 2 years complete (ignoring a few small loose ends), and I would like to thank everyone for their patience and their support in many ways. The Official Café Opening and Fete was a fitting way to celebrate and say thank you for all of the blessings that have come with the café and office relocation.

With renovations off the agenda, in the new year Church Council will be returning its attention to **revisiting our Core Values.**

Growing Young - The Christian Education Team and youth leaders have been studying the book “Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church” and have brought that discussion to Church Council. One of the key outcomes to date is that we must look to be **intentionally intergenerational** in the various things we do as a congregation, as an essential element to being a welcoming church and in particular to help to keep our younger members involved and active in the church.

Verena Johnson from the LCA Church Worker Support Department visited us on Friday Nov 22nd to talk to staff and volunteers and to observe the café and playgroup in action, and then again on Nov 25th to meet with Church Council. The mission of the Church Worker Support Department is to ensure that **all church workers “start well, stay well and finish well”**, and since their establishment in 2016 they have done similar visits to more than 190 congregations. Verena was able to give feedback on things we are doing well and things that need more attention, so those will be added to our agenda for next year.

Shortly we say **farewell to our Youth Coordinator Paul**. Paul has been a blessing to our congregation for the last 3 years and will be missed. The recruitment process for Paul’s successor is well under way.

As this is **Rosalie's last Life in the Vine** edition, on behalf of the congregation I would like to extend our **deepest thanks to Rosalie for her service** in this role. Every edition has been a bumper edition, the variety and depth of articles being appreciated by all. We currently have no one to fill the role of editor so this 25 year tradition of Life in the Vine will come to an end. Next year the Communications Team will be looking at what we might be able to do to fill the gap in some way.

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice!
Strive for full restoration, encourage one another,
be of one mind, live in peace. And the God
of love and peace will be with you.
2 Corinthians 13:11



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GGLPS
Christmas
Picnic

Good food,
activities,
fellowship



Confirmation

The purpose of confirmation instruction is the building up (edification) of a confirmand in the Christian Faith. It is to help the person:

- *personally confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and take personal ownership in declaring, by the power of the Holy spirit, their own allegiances to Christ.
- *eagerly explore the awe and blessings of God and the mysteries of the Christian Faith.

On **Sunday 23rd November** 4 young people confirmed their faith that was confessed and given at their baptism. They shared their faith statements which they had written and their confirmation text. Family and friends prayed for and with them. Growing our faith is a lifelong journey with Christ.



Mieke Appelt Confirmation text: **John 15:5** **"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."** I believe in God the Father, I believe in Christ the Son, I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God three in one. I believe in the 10 commandments. They are God's guide to be used with our conscience. We have to be smart and live in grace.



Cameron Preiss Confirmation text: **Proverbs 3:5-6** **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."** I like this Bible verse as it tells me that I should trust in the Lord and be thankful that he is always trying to do the best things for me. Also whenever we stray away from God, we are leaning on our own understanding, which is never better than His judgement.



Hayley Rathjen Confirmation text: **Psalms 139:14** **"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."** I love this verse because it says that God has put time into making us who we are. Without God, I believe that our life would be a mess because we couldn't talk to anyone about personal things. I believe that God's love is never ending and I know he listens to my prayers.



Geordie Mills Confirmation text: **Genesis 1:3** **"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."** As God created the heavens and the earth as a new beginning for the universe, Confirmation is a new beginning for me in my relationship with God. Just as a spark started the universe, which continues to expand, this journey is the spark of my ever expanding relationship with God.

Christmas: the Son of God expressing the love of God to save us from the wrath of God so we could enjoy the presence (peace) of God. John Piper

The confirmands were given the book "Don't waste your life" from the congregation.



Baptism, Café Opening, Fete



I am a child of God



Golden Grove Lutheran Community Fete

On a sunny Sunday in October, there was a little corner of Wynn Vale that was revved up and ready to go! This was for our Fete, held to celebrate the official opening of Café Connect. Multitudes of people from within and outside this Lutheran community came through our gates. **The Member for Wright, Mr Blair Boyer, representing Tony Zappia, the Federal member for Makin**, summed up the atmosphere within this community when **he said there was a warmth about the place, where you could feel "Laughter, acceptance and love", a "peaceful, relaxed, accepting place" and that our "coffee is better"** (than Starbucks or Gloria Jeans). Mr Boyer acknowledged that we are doing something very special with the **money that has been secured through grants from two levels of government and the LLL, and through fundraising, to pay for the building of the Café. We provide a safe, warm, accepting place for one and all.** And on that Sunday October 20th, it was more than that - it was a loud, fun, joyous place!

The **school was open for viewing**, the Worship Centre was filled with market stalls, arts and crafts and home made food. People were lining up for the Devonshire tea, jams and cakes, and browsing through handmade crafts. **The Coffee machine was operating at maximum capacity, with 2 coffees produced every 3 minutes**, for nearly 5 hrs! The Kid's games and art competition had them wide eyed in anticipation, as they poured over the prospective prizes on the tables. The second hand stalls were a hit - there was something for everyone. Three ponies giving rides around the oval were busy all day. The bouncy castle was popular with the little ones, as were the **free donuts provided by Blair Boyer**. Not to mention the opportunity to throw a wet sponge at Pastor Greg!

The **drawing of the Raffle** was a major point of interest, with the first prize being a \$500 travel voucher, donated by Jason Hillier of Travel Whizz. The **lucky winner, was Kevin Kreig**. Heartfelt thanks are sent to Jason for his generous prize, and to the donors of the hamper goodies, including Exsalonce Hair and Beauty, (located at the Sunnybrook shops).

Many thanks must go to the many volunteers who helped in numerous ways to bring the celebrations to fruition. Whether by donations of goods for sale,

distributing promotional material, assisting with set up and pack up, ground staff, the baristas, cooks and food servers, people who grew and sold plants, donors of raffle prizes and kids prizes, or the many hours of organising before hand. The day went well and all involved are pleased. **Approximately \$6000 profit was made, which is going to support our mission and ministry areas at GGLC including children's programs, youth, young adult and adult ministries, plus Asaroka.**

Fundraising is becoming an increasingly important component of the GGLC annual budget and the fete and other opportunities will be discussed in more detail at the GGLC Half Yearly Meeting on Dec 15th. The organising committee is making considerations towards when the next fete might be held. (If you would like to make any suggestions for future fetes, please drop a note to Rob at the church office on office@gglc.org.au. Thanks!)

Blessings, Lesley Friedrich



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A Day of Thanksgiving & Celebration



Sunday 20th October 2019





Ken Campbell, 90 years Young

Dear Ken, It's a great privilege & honour to share in celebrating and giving thanks for your 90 years young. Ken you have always said 'God is good' & indeed he is. He has given much blessing in you & through you.

A dear & valued friend. A man of some distinction, always well dresses, with a smile & positive attitude. Ken has always given himself in service & involved himself across so many areas of our community here at Golden Grove (beginning in 1994) & the wider community. Ken is a great encourager, always positive & uplifting.

*Ken has headed up **men's fellowship & men's breakfasts** often with guest speakers.

*Put on **wine & cheese evenings** to enable fellowship & social connectivity. Ken is a **great wine master**, always choosing a great drop.

*Took on the roll of **head usher**, organising associated duties, always available to assist, teach & be there, filling in when needed.

*A member of the **pastoral care team** & a real carer.

*Always willing to **welcome & talk** to the new comer.

*A man across generations—**always happy to engage with young & old alike**.

*Regular & **committed helper** on worship rosters with readings, prayers, ushering & counting offerings.

***Involved in the GGAF Fishing Club** & being part of their expeditions.

*Ken has had a great **involvement in the GGLPS (school)**, using his accounting background to assist Graeme Hoklas (Business Manager) with things financial plus serving on the Finance Committee.

*With vast experience & credentials within **public**

speaking Ken has given his time coaching, supporting & encouraging young students at the school in the debating teams & interschool events. *Ken has had a long association **with Rostrum & public speaking**. A member of Rostrum Club 20 who meet twice a month in the Fellowship Centre.

We pray God will keep you in good mind, spirit & strength to continue onwards & upwards to your hoped for 100 years celebration.

For this moment we give thanks & celebrate your 90th. God Bless & Happy Birthday.

Written & read by Judith Whaites on Sunday December 1st when the GGLC congregation acknowledged Ken's birthday during the service & a shared morning tea.



Ken's 90th was recognised at the school's volunteer afternoon tea. The fishing club also took the opportunity to wish Ken blessings at the clubs presentation night.



G G Lutheran Youth

Wow, end of another year and my last with this church. It's been an amazing term with the **new discipleship program being a hit. It's called 'Get Real'**. Leaders share their testimony with the youth. Their low points in their faith and how, with God's help they overcome them to be the leader they are today. **We then break into groups and get real with each other**, talking about our struggles & working alongside each other creating an environment where we feel safe to share our struggles. **A place where we can respond with God's love** and not shame or judge. It's been very positive so far. We open the café for drinks and have time to sit and chat about life and again get real with each other.

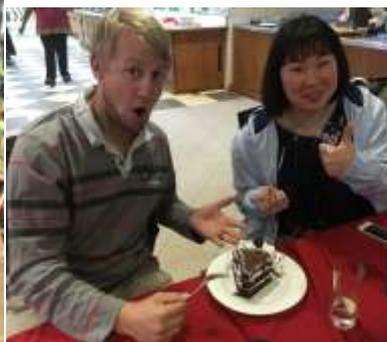
We still have a few games nights throughout the term. One of our biggest events was the **ping pong-a-thon**. It was a community event with the goal **to raise money to bring people out of slavery. As a church we raised about \$5,000 which is outstanding**. Our youth played (quite literally) a big part. Two youth did the full 24 hours, with others committing throughout the night. It was good to see all areas of the church get behind it. I'm sure it will be bigger and better next year.

We have also had some of our **youth join the Salt Factory Band. This is exciting**. It connects youth with church. It's about getting excited to come along to worship. They are now apart of leading the service and inviting friends along. This has been very positive for the band as they are not needed every single week and can now rotate between who's in the band.

So, youth ministry is going very well. I've been blessed to be a part of it for a long time. **I would like to invite anyone who is interested in seeing what happens at youth to feel free to come out and see for yourself. If your interested in helping out we would love your support**. If your 20 years or 90 years old it doesn't matter. You are never too old for youth and the youth love it when older people come in and visit/ help out.

Well that's it from me so for the last time thank you and God bless

Paul Voigt Over & Out



God
bless you
all.
Paul
Voigt



My time at GGLC

It's crazy to think that almost 4 years ago I started working for the church, and what a ride it's been. I feel like during my time here there has been a lot of experimenting and trying different formats that would fit our different youth personalities in the one program. There has been a lot of trial and error but that never worried the amazing youth leaders we have here. I fully believe we now have the format we want as a youth group. Both having fun on our games nights and discipleship with our new "get real" nights, when a leader shares the struggles they have encountered in their walk with Christ or how they became a follower of Jesus.

Coming into the role of youth worker was a bit tough. There had not been a paid worker for a few years so coming up with a format from scratch almost, was challenging. However, **I had amazing support around me**, those who were happy to give me some help (Jesse & Luke) and the team of leaders who were all too willing to just go with the flow and try things out. **I have very much enjoyed my time here and all that the team have achieved together. I am sad to be leaving this community where I have felt so very valued and supported. Leaving will be hard, but I'm full of confidence that the new youth worker will take the youth program to new heights.**

There are so many memories to look back on. I think the trip to PNG was a big highlight. **Coming in almost every Friday was always the highlight of my week and working with amazing leaders and youth full of fun & energy**. I will always look back on my time here with great fondness and no regrets or wishing I got to do other things. I'm happy with the time God gave me here and I look forward to the next chapter of my life with my family. **I am moving to QLD to study a Bachelor of Ministry at Christian Heritage College** and spending Friday nights with my growing family which will welcome baby Voigt in February.

Thank you to everyone in the church for supporting me in my role & life. I look forward to visiting in the future. Thank you for this opportunity.

It is amazing how quickly the end of the year comes around; it doesn't seem that long ago that we were beginning a new school year, looking forward to the year ahead. This last term & especially the last few weeks of the school year are certainly busy ones. It is a surreal feeling as one closes one year but also looks ahead to 2020.

One of the highlights of this term is the official opening of a number of projects which we have undertaken over the last few years. The major one was the construction of a new classroom along with the refurbishment of three others in the same block. Our other major project was the refurbishment of a number of classrooms with the addition of 'breakout spaces' & the corridor becoming an internal learning space. Senator Anne Ruston will officially open these on the 6th December at 2:00pm. We sincerely thank the Federal Govt for Capital Grants which have enabled these projects to be possible.

There are a number of changes with staff for 2020. Lauren Neumann (maternity leave), Georgia Burden and Amber Lownds (moving to work closer to home) & Lisa Katsikitis (return to study). Graeme Hoklas who has been our faithful Business Manager for over 14 years has also announced his retirement. All these staff will be sadly missed. We thank God for their service to the school, no matter the length. We pray that God will continue to bless them all as their paths take a new direction.

We welcome to the school: Karen Howell (Business Manager) & teachers: Amy Hughes (Tanunda Lutheran), Angelisa Marino (St Paul, Blair Athol), Ashley Jeong (Redeemer - Nuri) and Emma Fitridge.

As we move into the Christmas season we focus on the birth of Christ. Christmas is a time when we encounter the peace of Christ. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate this peace as a community during our joint picnic and carols evening in the final weeks of the school year. May God grant you his peace during this wonderful time of the year.



Remembrance Day



Exhibition



MOT Breakfast



Year 6 Graduation Class & Teachers



Year 6 Graduation Dinner



Children's Ministry

When God talks about peace he is referring to more than just an absence of strife or conflict. Peace, when it comes from God, is a our complete wellbeing and contentment. In our children's ministry, we strive to deliver programs that have our children's spiritual wellbeing at heart as well as assisting their overall development. Each ministry has had a particular focus this term.



Our Wednesday playgroup has used percussion instruments as the vehicle to develop concepts of slow, fast, loud and soft. To supplement this learning, the children have made musical instruments in their craft time with the assistance of the GGLPS students.



We are blessed to have continued high attendance to our Friday Mainly Music program. New songs have been introduced and just like Wednesday, percussion instruments have been a feature of the musical activities. It has been pleasing to witness relationships blossom between children and carers as the year has progressed. We know that God's Holy Spirit has been at work joining us together as we sing and speak the truth of God.



Kid's @ Heart

The Sunday morning children's program has been varied with the children making Reformation biscuits when we learned about Martin Luther's protest in the early 16th century and creating gifts for our confirmation graduates along with their regular times. We are committed to children's discipleship activities that expose our children to the Word of God and encourage them to explore their own faith. **May God continue to bless our ministry to children.** Natasha & Pastor Greg



Asaroka News



A meeting of 'Friends of Asaroka' for those interested in all things to do with Asaroka is on 5th December. Recommendations from the 2019 team to be discussed are:

- **the rewriting of the GGLPS partnership,
- ** future projects long & short term
- **how to assist the high school in presenting needs to LCA mission
- **the Asaroka fund—what is it used for? who is responsible?
- **ways GGLPS can be more involved.
- **the water issues for the schools

PRAYER

Dear Great God I pray that Asaroka and Golden Grove must stay strong. We confess our sins. Please forgive us. Help us all to maintain our partnership with Golden Grove. Help the grade six students at Golden Grove Primary school. Most of all, help us all to be good to you. God bless you all. THANK YOU!!!!

NAME → Rhonda Mathias
Grade Six

A huge thank you to all those who took prayers from the Asaroka Primary School children & responded with cards & letters. These have

been sent to Asaroka with some photos from the trip. The children will be so excited to receive them.

Prayer:
Thank you heavenly father for bringing our friends from Australia safe to Papua New Guinea. Thank you for bringing them safe to Asaroka Lutheran Primary School. Amen.

Bible Verse: Romans 5:8
But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Bible Verse: Matthew 7:2
Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.

Bible Verse: Matthew 7:2
For everyone who asks receives and the one who seeks finds and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Bible Verse: Revelation 3:20
Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him and he with me.

By Matilda Keph
Year 4 Asaroka Primary

We have just had news from Pastor Jacob & teacher Dan. The news especially to do with the elementary school is an answer to prayer. They write:

"Good afternoon. God is good and He is doing amazing things here. Asaroka through the leadership of the Principal have purchased a new school tractor from Japan at the cost of K150,000.00. We have dedicated it and it is now ploughing the farm. We are planning for Gr 12 graduation which will be held on December 11th. Also God is good to Asaroka Elementary School and they have set up a permanent ablution block with two 9000L Tuffa Tanks installed to store water. Glory to God. We are waiting for the teaching and headmaster appointments for 2020. We hope another problem does not occur over principal position. Pass our greetings to all our friends there."

For Sale Bilums \$10 - \$20 & spears \$5. Great Christmas gifts. Please speak with Rob in the GGLC Office if you would like to purchase one.

Keep a look out for the canvas painting that will be hanging in the café. The artist Gusavo Vano was a previous student at Asaroka Lutheran Secondary school.

A huge thank you for your prayers, care and support for the Asaroka ministry throughout the year.

PRAYER

Dear Lord
Great God you are holy and everlasting God. I pray to the one who where at Australia, Father help the Golden Grove Primary with their education. I want to say thank you Golden Grove for coming at Asaroka. I hope that the Lord be with them on their journeys most of all help us all to be faithful to you, I commit this prayer in your name Jesus Christ.
... Amen ...

Naomi Wesley
Sex: Female
From: Asaroka Lutheran Primary School.
To: Golden Grove Primary school

Mission statement: Giving all people opportunities to fish in a Christ centred environment.

SEMAPHORE JETTY—14th September

24 fishers turned up at Semaphore in perfect weather at 3pm-24 degrees, good tide and 9 km wind. After difficulty finding a car park and with great expectations unfortunately “Flipper” the resident seal was patrolling the jetty, checking crab nets and chasing away the fish. Bites were experienced late in the day however all scale fish were undersize. Cow fish were caught by Rae Hill and Dennis Arthur. Allan Hasler netted a sand crab of 13cm. 17 fishers adjourned to the Federal Hotel for a good meal and fellowship.



CAMP at POINT TURTON CARAVAN PARK— 11-13 October

Excellent spring weather greeted 38 campers for the weekend at the excellently appointed park— being located alongside the jetty and 2 minutes from the tavern for tea on Friday night. The jetty was most popular for fishing however Burners Beach and nearby rocks were also visited by a few. The Saturday produced 93 fish weighing in at 6.37kg and comprised mainly tommy ruffs plus much variety including salmon trout, drummer, squid,

luderick, trumpeter and cow fish. Zimmo scored 27 fish including largest catch of the day—a 27cm drummer. Next came Chris Simanis with 23 fish. Manu McNeill won the junior prize with 5 fish including a 24cm salmon trout and squid.



A delicious BBQ meal at the park’s camp kitchen was arranged by Louise Sumner with helpers and enjoyed by all. Sunday morning a short stint of fishing only produced a nice squid jagged by Mark Caldicott.

COMMUNITY FETE—20th October

GGAF participated in the Fete arranged by Golden Grove Lutheran Church in with an outdoor stall. The new Connect Café was officially opened. A crab net raffle raised \$426 for the Asaroka PNG mission of the church and was won by GGAF member Ben Teh.



PRESENTATION NIGHT-23rd November

42 GGAF members and friends attended an informative and fun filled evening at the Lutheran Church complex at Wynn Vale. Ian Zimmermann (Zimmo) MC'd a busy program including powerpoint presentations of each event, numerous door prizes and fishing quizzes. Prizes were presented to Senior and Junior winners of each event and President Graeme Hoklas thanked this year’s committee for their dedication in planning and attending events. Total number of members in 2019 were 61 including 12 Juniors. Steve, Lyn and Bryce from **Spot On Fishing Tackle Shop** were sincerely thanked for their ongoing support and sponsorship during the year. The 2019 Senior Champion is Chris Simanis and Junior Champion is Joseph Hocking. The Encouragement Award was presented to Amelia Smith.



We wish all fishers a blessed Christmas and a happy and safe New Year and tight lines for 2020.