IMMANUEL INSIGHTS

Term 1 Week 2, Friday 10 February 2023



Dates to Remember

SCHOOL CALENDER

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SCHOOL DAY

7am to 8:30am iGOSH 8:50am - 11:00am Lessons 11.00am - 11:40am Recess 11:40am to 1:40am Lessons 1:40pm - 2:10pm Lunch 2:10 - 3:25pm Lessons 3:25 - 6:00pm iGOSH

2023 Term Dates

Term 1

Mon 30 Jan - Fri 14 Apr Term 2

Mon 1 May - Fri 30 Jun

Term 3

Mon 24 Jul - Fri 29 Sep Term 4

Mon 16 Oct - Wed 13 Dec

As a 'Saler', Saturday mornings are often spent prowling the streets hunting down those cardboard boxes that indicate you are on the right scent towards your quarry. And occasionally 'Garage Salers' will get their talons into the most prized prey – something brand new (that the fledgling seller obviously has absolutely no idea of it's true value.)

It's what drives them on....

From cars to bras and everything in between, I think we all like new stuff. Like a new car, new stuff smells differently and we look after it differently too – at least for a little while! But unfortunately 'new stuff' is only new until it is used once. Then it becomes old (or preloved, at least.)

As we start a new year with new uniforms and new books, the bad news is that these things will not remain new for long.

The crayons will become shady looking and new trousers will soon get holes in their knees.

But imagine if everything could be 're-newed' afresh every day? How good would that be!

2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us: 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a] The old has gone, the new is here!'

A new start every day – that's the best news you can get as you start a new year I think. Every blessing to you all for 2023 and welcome especially to our new staff and students.



Daryl



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MESSAGE FROM DARYL

Welcome to our first Immanuel Insights newsletter for 2023!

We've had a terrific start to the school year and we especially welcome all those who are new to our community. (In a week or so, those who are new will be sent a survey as we gather feedback so we can continue to grow and improve in the orientation and transition process.)

Term 1 is shaping up as a super busy one with camps, excursions, Extravaganza, NAPLAN and much more. One event we have held already was the Parent Information night, which many of you will recognise was changed in format from previous years. Any feedback you might have about this would be welcome – our intention was to make it more relational/social/conversational and not just about the transmission of information.

Plans for relocating the Zion Preschool onto our site are progressing and it's looking likely that building will commence in the middle of this year, which is really exciting. This will have some impact on traffic flow and car parking but we'll update you on that as it gets closer.

In regards to the School Carpark, Please refer to the map on page 6 and 7 which explains traffic flow through our school.

I wish you all every blessing for the year ahead and sincerely thank you for your ongoing support of our wonderful community.

Daryl

WELCOME MISS WAIN AND MRS SAVAGE

Immanuel Lutheran School would like to welcome back Tania Wain to our Year 1 teaching team after spending a year as Director at Zion Pre school. We also wish to welcome Heather Savage to the Foundation team as an LSA.





ALL THINGS CANINE!

This is Rosie!! She is a Therapy Dog and she'll become a part of our community (hopefully) at the start of 2024. At the moment though she is studying hard and undergoing rigorous training in preparation for this. You might see her around a bit on Mondays as she does her training here on site. Sincere thanks to our P and F who are part funding this venture, which we know will be an enormous blessing to many of our kids and community as a whole.



New Policy: In doing our planning and investigations about having a Therapy Dog, we uncovered significant issues around people bringing their own dogs on site, largely insurance issues. Therefore, we need to introduce the policy that people cannot bring their dog on site between the hours of 8.00-4.30pm on school days. (This is whether they are on a lead or not.)



Assistance dogs excepted

Thanks for your understanding around this.

Daryl

2023 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Introducing our School Captains for 2023

- Thomas H, Emily P, Lauren S and Zac M from Year 6

Congratulations on your appointment.



MEET THE IGOSH

Thank you to our iGOSH team for their wonderful Vacation Care Program which was a great success.



Katrina **Director**

TEAM 2023

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Rachel



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Rianca



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Emma



Bailey



Isaac



Brayden



Bailey



Georgia



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Sandra



Heather



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Lauren

IGOSH BOOKINGS

Term 1 bookings are open online at **www.carebookings.com.au**Please make your bookings here. Bookings close at **2pm Friday** for the week ahead.
Any bookings needed after this will need to be phoned/emailed/texted direct to Katrina.
Bookings made by Friday 2pm are charged at a permanent rate.
Bookings made after 2pm Friday are charged at the casual rate.

A brief summary about iGOSH

- We open at 7am each morning and close at 6pm
- Bookings are essential as we have staff:child ratios that we must adhere too.
- If cancelling, we require 24 hours notice for no charges.
- Cancellations less than 24 hours will be charged at the session rate.
- Invoices are emailed and payment can be made by EFT at the front office or bank transfer.
- All children need to have a hat when at iGOSH. This can be left in their bags or an extra hat purchased from iGOSH and left in our hat drawers
- Sunscreen is also compulsory when the UV is 3+. We have a sunscreen station where we encourage children to apply sunscreen.
- We cater for all dietary needs and we work closely with the school for medications that children require. So please keep us updated with any changes either dietary or medical.

Mornings

We open at 7am—We offer breakfast from 7 – 8am, included in the fees.

Children are dismissed at 8.30am to go to school.

Afternoons

We offer a fruit snack at 3.30pm and a light snack at 4.30pm.

We have a supervised homework time from 3.45 - 4.15 each afternoon. Please refer to the clipboard on front desk to record your child's name.

We close at 6pm

Vacation Care

We offer onsite and off site days.

The program comes home around week 6 of each term. - Bookings are made at www.carebookings.com

Consent forms will be on Operoo

Zion Kindy

We provide a bus service to and from Zion Kindy for all kindy children who are enrolled at Immanuel. Bookings are made at www.carebookings.com

iGOSH offers care Friday mornings and afternoons as well, due to the later start and early finish at Zion.

SeeSaw

We use Seesaw as our main communication with updates and sharing your child's observations.

Please check this regularly and we hope you enjoy reading the observations we write regarding your child at iGOSH.

The first updates were sent this week regarding Observations and our Super Stars Award system.

We welcome all the new children and families to iGOSH.

We are looking forward to a fun year.

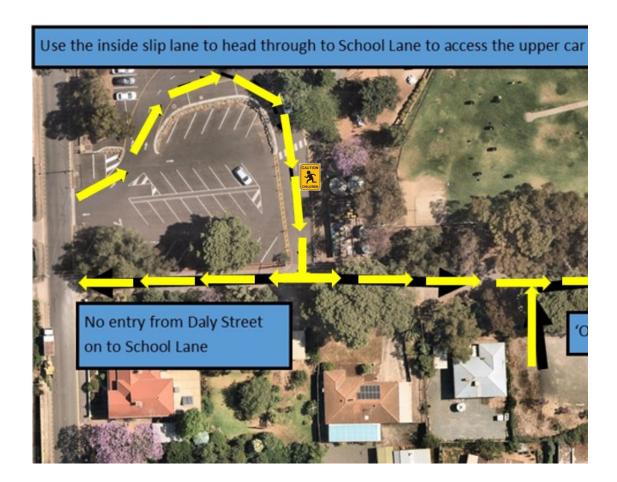
Katrina Ponte

MAP AND CAR PARK INFO

Daly Street Car Park

If you need to head up School Lane, enter via the Daly Street Car park entrance – go around the Kiss and Drop drive through - and then turn left at the end.

(That first section of School Lane is too narrow to have cars going both way!)

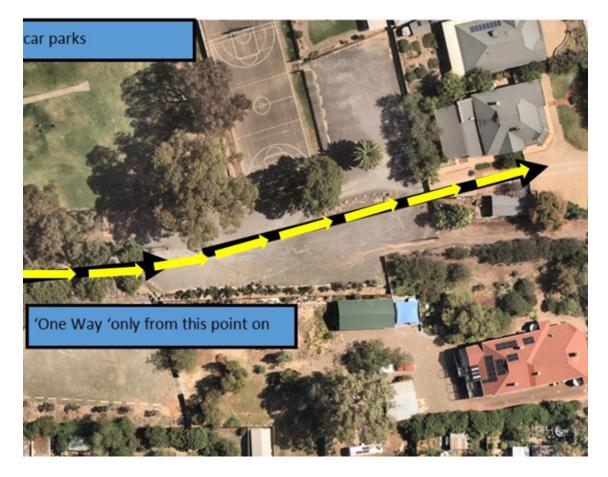


School Lane Car Park

If you are using the car park in School Lane (or along School Lane) make sure you head out up to East Terrace through the school house yard driveway. You **can not** head back down School Lane towards Daly Street from the top car parks.

(There is a sign there that says 'STOP'!!)





SPOTLIGHT ON WELLBEING

A fantastic start to the year. It's been great to see plenty of happy smiling faces around the school, but we also recognise that starting school, whether it is a Foundations first year at school, you are new to the school or starting a new grade, these first few weeks can take adjustment (both for children and for families).

Building a positive mindset is a valuable skill that we can take with us throughout our lives. It has been shown to improve overall happiness and wellbeing. Regular positive thinking exercises or questions can get you into the habit of thinking more positively. Some ways to assist your children with building a positive mindset is by asking them some questions that could assist them in identifying positive experiences from their day.

For example:

- * What are 2 things you enjoyed about today?
- * How did you show kindness to someone today?
- * What is 1 thing you are looking forward to about tomorrow?

Start small – if this is a new routine for your family, don't expect huge answers in the beginning but as you begin to build this into your family time, the vocabulary will start to build. If you are met with, "I don't know" or "I can't remember" or "nothing", that's ok. Perhaps share some stories about your day and things you were grateful for. This can help with building your child's vocabulary and trying to find some of those small but important positive moments in their day.

Circle Time

We run weekly Circle Time sessions within the classrooms. Circle Time helps promote positive relationships throughout the school. It aims to give children the tools to interact by listening to each other, sharing emotions, experiences and thoughts and problem solve together. Our Circle Time focus for this term is emotions/feelings and the right to be safe. We will discuss concepts such a identifying our own feelings and recognising feelings in others, empathy, risk taking, identifying safe places and how to feel safe. We will be drawing from the Keeping Safe Curriculum and the Bounce Back Program.

Small Group Programs

As part of wellbeing in the school, we also offer small group programs. Seasons for Growth and an abridged version of What's the Buzz.

Seasons for Growth is an evidenced-based program developed by good grief that supports children and young people to learn change is part of life, emotional responses, problem-solving, making good choices and developing support networks. We recognise that when changes occur through separation, divorce, moving schools or location, bereavement, etc, assisting young people in learning how to make sense of these changes can be very beneficial for them. What's the Buzz is a role-play and play-based program that explores the benefits of developing social skills and friendship.

Should you like to discuss the suitability of these programs for your child, please feel free to contact me heidig@ilsg.sa.edu.au
Heidi Gogall

CURRICULUM UPDATE

The IB (International Baccalaureate) aims to develop internationally minded people who can help to create a better and more peaceful world. Through the Primary Years Program (PYP) students are encouraged to develop attributes of the IB Learner Profile: <u>Inquirers</u>, <u>Knowledgeable</u>, <u>Thinkers</u>, <u>Communicators</u>, <u>Principled</u>, <u>Open-minded</u>, <u>Carinq</u>, <u>Risk-takers</u>, <u>Balanced and Reflective</u>.



Year 1 Unit of inquiry

Balanced – balancing different parts of our lives to promote wellbeing.

The Year 1 students have started the year looking at ways people can be different and alike as part of their first unit of inquiry. Central Idea:

Personal experiences and characteristics create our identity <u>Lines of Inquiry:</u>

How we experience the world through the senses Similarities and differences between myself and others Ways we can appreciate inclusiveness

The Year 1s were busy being creative and came up with some great self-portraits, paying particular attention to facial features and expressions.

Year 3 ICT

Principled – acting with fairness and honesty and taking responsibility for our actions. There was some excitement in the Year 3 classes as our Year 3 students received their iPads. They spent some time setting their iPads up and they commenced the iPad Boot Camp, a program aimed at helping students learn to become responsible users of their iPads.

Year 5 Maths

Thinkers – using critical and creative thinking skills to solve problems.

Our Year 5 students began their year of maths with some work on problem solving. They looked at a variety of problem solving strategies and started putting together a "toolbox" for problem solving. Mr Wundersitz led students through some problem-solving tasks and was dressed appropriately for introducing them to the toolbox.

Year 5 Art

Reflective – thoughtfully considering the world and our own ideas and experiences.

The Year 5 classes were also involved in some great creative work. They spent some time reflecting on their Christian Studies topic about the world and our place in it then they went outside to find some natural materials. They used these to make some spectacular natural mandalas.



PARENTS & FRIENDS AND CARERS GROUPS

Parents & Friends Group

Thank you to those who attended the P&F meeting. If you missed the meeting you can still join the P&F, email Jenny in the Front office for further details.

E:jennyj@ilsg.sa.edu.au
Our P & F group are hosting our
Extravaganza Event on Saturday 4th
March, more details to come soon.

Carers Group

Our Carers group will hold their first meeting of 2023 on Friday 3rd March @ 9:00am before worship and Praise. Please respond to the Operoo Carers Group Registration of Interest form if you are able to help out in any way.

W & P Coffee & Chat



This year our lovely friends at Gawler Lutheran church are offering Coffee & Chat at 9:45am before our worship and Praise service.

All welcome to attend!



CALLING ALL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY STARS!



If your child participates in after school activities and they have done something special that you would like to share with our school community please feel free to send some information and photos to Mr Cochrane via email.

E: richiec@ilsg.sa.edu.au

GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Sally Wandel

This week
we meet
"Mrs
Wandel"
from the
Front
Office

Role: Learning Support Assistant Favourite quote or proverb?

"Be yourself as everyone else is taken" Oscar Wilde

What's something you've done, but will never do again? Skydiving

If you could have a superpower what would it be and why?

Time travel – back in time so I could visit anywhere in the world and visit people and places in our amazing history.

Strangest thing you have eaten? Camel burger in Fez, Morocco

Favourite book or movie?

One of the best books I have read is "When All is Said and Done" by Neale <u>Daniher</u>, it was so inspiring.

My favourite movie is "The Bourne Identity"



????? Getting to Know ILSG QUIZ ?????

1. How old is Immanuel Lutheran School?

2. How do you spell our Sport teacher's surname?

3. What time does our school day finish?

4. What does SAKGP stand for?

5. How many school Captains do we have at Immanuel?

Find out and write down your answers and pop them in the entry box at the front office desk. Don't forget to put your NAME, YEAR LEVEL AND CLASS on your entry. The first entry drawn out of the box with all 5 correct answers will win a prize pack from Subway (1 Entry per student please). ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 18 February at 3:30pm. The winner will be announced in the Monday Memo email and posted in the next Immanuel Insights Newsletter.



QUIZ SPONSERED BY - SUBWAY (Gawler, Murray St)

OPEROO INFORMATION - FORMS LIBRARY

The following forms are available in your Operoo Forms Library

- Student Absentee form
- Private Instrumental Music Program Enrolment form
- 2023 Student Medication Request Form
- Student Medication form Camps/Excursions



We would like you to encourage parents to use the new Student Absentee Operoo form however you may still instead choose to report your child absent by calling the absentee line ph: 8522 5740 which is still available.

We are asking parents do not email teachers and front office staff directly to report Absentees.

Responding to eForms promptly will stop you receiving reminders. Please also ensure your medical information is up to date at all times and action plans are uploaded to Operoo.

UNIFORM SHOPS

Uniforms can be ordered and paid over the phone with a credit card and sent home via students or collected by parents at the end of the day. Uniform purchases outside of this time are by appointment with the front office.

Second hand Uniform shop will be open on

Mondays 8:30 - 9:00am And

Fridays 3:10pm -3:40pm

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL CROSSING PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

8:30am - 8:50pm OR 3:20am - 3:45pm



Full training provided. If you are interested and able to assist at any of the above times AM, PM or both please contact Jenny at the Front office. E: jennyj@ilsg.sa.edu.au

VALUING SAFE COMMUNITY TRAINING

Wednesday 15 February 2:30pm or 6:30pm. Email jenny to registerjennyj@ilsg.sa.edu.au





Orders are due in by 3:30pm Wednesdays via class message boxes or the front office for lunch on Friday. Order forms are also available to print off on the school website. Please have correct money in each individual students envelope—clearly named with class details facing the front of your ziplock bag.

RHYTHM KIDS

Rhythm Kids starts week 3 @ 9am in the Music room for our Pre schoolers (3-5yo)and their parents

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic book orders are due back by the end of week 3 (Friday 17th February)

LLL BANKING

Deposits can be made every Tuesday via the message boxes or direct via the front office. www.lll.org.au