

IMMANUEL INSIGHTS

Term 2 Week 9, Thursday 29 June 2023



Dates to Remember

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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2023 TERM DATES

Term 2

Mon 1 May - Fri 30 Jun

Term 3

Mon 24 Jul - Fri 29 Sep

Term 4

Mon 16 Oct - Wed 13 Dec

Let Your Light Shine

Recently we experienced a special day. It was the winter solstice, the shortest day and the longest night of the year. Winter is a time when we feel like we're living in a cave, and we may need uggies and oodles, a hot drink and a warm meal. In fact, I'm tucking into some pumpkin soup with toast as I write this.

But it is also a time of hope. Because from this day on, the days will get longer and brighter, you beauty! The winter solstice reminds us that even in the darkest times, there is always a spark of light within us that can grow and shine.

That light comes from God Himself. He is the source of all life and light. Jesus said that He is the light of the world, and He also said that we are the light of the world.

Last week at Worship and Praise, I talked about why and how we tell others about Jesus. I shared my thoughts on how I think the best way to do that is by letting our light shine before others, serving others. By living in such a way that others see Jesus in us. Showing love, kindness, compassion, humility, forgiveness and peace in all we do.

Especially during these cold and dreary days, we have great opportunities to let our light shine and celebrate the goodness within us and in others to help brighten up our days.

Winter is a time to embrace and remember that we are all connected by a common source of energy and love.

May you have a blessed winter and holiday break with your families. And don't forget to turn on your lights. You never know who might need them.

Richie Cochrane (PE Teacher)



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MESSAGE FROM DARYL

As we end this first semester of 2023 I wish you all a safe break from the routines of school and say thanks for your support over these first two terms.

Over the next couple of weeks you'll notice the new JP Playground going in which is very exciting. We've used this last week of term to trial students heading straight into class in the morning – partly because of the weather and partly because of the loss of the playground. We have found that the start to the day has been far more settled which has been interesting. Staff will discuss this over the PD Week next week to gather thoughts about how we might structure the start of the day moving forward.

In terms of iGOSH, we wish Katrina and her crew every blessing for the Vac Care period. Bookings for this are very tight and we realise that many people book kids in as a holiday activity, where as for some the care is critical as they have no support and need to work.

In the future we will need to assess why kids are accessing Vac Care and give priority to those who need it rather than those who are attracted to the program as a fun thing to do - which it is we understand! Increasing our numbers for licensing is not an option at this stage.

During the PD Week our staff are spending a considerable amount of time in the area of Literacy Learning, as well as a day on reviewing our Behaviour Management Policy and Procedure. Hopefully by mid term 3 we'll be in a position to share with our community this revised policy and this was largely in response to feedback we received through the Strategic Planning data gathering from our community.

We farewell a number of staff in the coming days and say thanks for your contributions to our learning community. Ben Jones, Leticia Semmler, Becca Altus, Sally Feltus, Ann Shillabeer and Shelley Schild – varying roles and lengths of service but all invaluable and appreciated. (Becca Altus and Leticia Semmler will return in the future and we'll see the others around too in other capacities, which is all terrific.) Blessings to you all and see you in a few weeks.

Daryl



THANK YOU GAWLER IRRIGATION!

We would like to thank Gawler Irrigation in Willaston for their recent donation of an Irrigation controller for the school grounds. For all your irrigation needs head to:



Lot 11 Paxton St,
Willaston SA 5118 ,
ph 8523 2350



INSTRUMENTAL MINI CONCERTS



Last week our Private Music Students held their end of Semester Instrumental Mini concerts in Taikondi during recess. Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers and friends came along to enjoy watching the students perform with their tutor.

A huge thank you to our dedicated Music Tutors Dallas (Voice) , Michael (Drums), Dave (Guitar) and Karen (Piano) who share their talents teaching our students.

SPOTLIGHT ON MUSIC with Mr Hueppauff

CABARET EVENING

Once again our Cabaret Evening was a huge success this year, it was wonderful to see our students and staff showcasing their talents up on the stage in front of parents, friends and our school community.

Thank you to all who attended, Mr Hueppauff, the Music Tutors and our staff for putting together a fantastic night which was enjoyed by all.



CURRICULUM UPDATE

VR SESSION, ICT—Knowledgeable – exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines

Last week students had an opportunity to take part in some Virtual Reality sessions and test out some Virtual Reality equipment in their classes. The sessions linked in to units of inquiry that students have been involved in.



Year 6 UOI - Balanced – understanding the importance of giving attention to the variety of different aspects of our lives

Our Year 6 students have their “Street Eats” night tonight, and students have been working hard to prepare everything for this special evening. The evening is the culmination of work students have been doing on a unit of inquiry into culture and identity.

Central Idea: Groups express themselves through their way of life

Lines of Inquiry:

- Traditional cuisine and adaptation
- Connections between identity and language
- Attributes that define cultures

The unit has incorporated learning from the unit of inquiry, Languages Other Than English, maths and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. Students will be serving up dishes and sharing language and culture from around the world.

Year 2 UOI - Inquirers – nurturing curiosity and developing skills for inquiry and research

The Year 2 students have been finding out about technology, the way it changes over time and the effects of these changes.

Central Idea: Technology changes the way people interact with their environment

Lines of Inquiry:

- Changes to technology and human practices
- Impacts of technological change
- Ways to manage impacts on the environment



They have been focusing on transport and they have had some opportunities for some pretty engaging learning. They have looked at planes at the Gawler airfield, compared old and new versions of police motorbikes, and this week got a chance to look inside a big rig here at school.

CURRICULUM CONTINUED....

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Remember, we have a special Premiers' Reading Challenge this year, as the PRC celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2023. The challenge involves reading 12 books over the course of the year, including 8 from the Premier's Reading Challenge list (<https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/book-list/>).

As part of the 20th anniversary of the Premier's Reading Challenge students can take part in the 20 book challenge, where they read 20 books over the year. Students completing this challenge will win an additional award.

The Premier's Reading Challenge concludes on 8th September (Week 7, Term 3).

ICAS Competitions

Information was sent via Operoo recently regarding ICAS competitions, which are being held in Term 3. The competitions involve a range of tests in which students in year 2 - 6 can take part: Digital Technologies, Writing, English, Science, Spelling Bee and Mathematics. Testing for the competitions will take place in August.

The system for registering to take part has changed this year and is now being done online. If you wish to register your child for ICAS go to Parent Portal to purchase test at this link: (shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps) and enter our school's access code: **NQR466**. *Registrations due by 31 July.*

If you have any questions about ICAS competitions, please contact Andrew Boesch.

iGOSH

iGOSH Contact: Katrina Ponte 0447 661 555 or 8522 5740 Opt 3
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July Vac Care - We are excited to start our 3 week program next week.

An email was sent Tuesday outlining some final reminders about the vac care

All cancellations and extra bookings need to be emailed / phoned to Katrina

We look forward to sharing our Day Book pages with you via Seesaw and our Parent Information Board.

Term 3 Bookings - Information regarding the new parent App and changes to our fees, cancellations etc were also emailed.

Please download the Spike App and book for Term 3

All bookings will need to be made through this App.

Carebookings have been closed and we will not be using this system anymore.

The only bookings you can't make are casual bookings. These are less than 2 days notice, which you will need to contact the service to make the booking.

If you have any issues or questions about the new App, please contact Katrina Ponte.

Pam Tilbrook

GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Role: Year 3 Teacher

Favourite quote or proverb? Don't count the days, make the days count- Muhammad Ali

What's the top destination on your must-visit list? Maldives (belated honeymoon we didn't have)

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

If you could snap your fingers and become an expert in something, what would it be?
Any kind of musical talent would be nice

Strangest thing you have eaten? Escargot (snails) in France



COMMUNITY NEWS

PEACEFUL KIDS - Andrea White

Several Immanuel students have participated in the Peaceful Kids program in term 1 and 2 this year at Immanuel. Next term Andrea White the facilitator can offer a modified 5 week program for students in Foundation to Year 2. There are limited places are available. For more information please call Andrea on 0438302546 or you can go to the website <https://www.togetherwemakeadifference.com.au/>

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SKATING - On Monday 10th, 17th of July and Wednesday 12th, 19th of July in the school holidays @ 12:00 - 2:30pm at the Gawler Sport and Community Centre.

GAWLER YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - Gawler Council are offering a number of activities over the school holidays including Escape room, Clay workshop, Light Saber Fitness class and many more cool activities. Go to <https://www.gawler.sa.gov.au/recreation/youth-space> for program info.

LEAGUE STARS - Rugby League school holidays clinic , Friday 14th July 10am - 1:00pm, Central Districts Rugby League club. Please call Casey for info ph 0419 249 141

FROM THE OFFICE

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniforms can currently be ordered through Operoo - Scan the QR code below or find the eform in your Operoo Forms Library. Orders can be paid over the phone with a credit card and sent home via class message box or collected by parents at the end of the school day.



SECOND HAND STALL

Second Hand Uniform shop is open on

Friday afternoon -

3:10pm -3:40pm

STUDENT REPORTS

Semester 1 reports will be sent home tomorrow. Please open at home and share with your child.

END OF TERM

Tomorrow is the end of Term 2. Normal dismissal 3.25pm



OPEROO

We encourage parents to use the new Student Absentee Operoo form which can be located in your Forms Library, simply click on the form, fill in and submit. You may still choose to report your child absent by calling the absentee line ph: 8522 5740 which is still available.

We are asking parents NOT to email teachers and front office staff directly to report Absentees, as these staff members may be absent too.



COMING SOON!

ONLINE
PAYMENTS APP
- QKR

During semester 2 Immanuel Gawler will be introducing the QKR App for easy and convenient online payments including Subway orders, Uniform purchases, SAPSASA etc. Stay tuned for further info coming soon.

RHYTHM KIDS WITH

MR HUEPPAUFF

Rhythm Kids—Mondays @ 9am in the Music room for our Pre schoolers (3-5yo) and their parents. **No Cost, All welcome.**

ILSG OPEN DAYS - Next open day is on Thursday 10 August at 9.30am.

**WISHING OUR SCHOOL
COMMUNITY A RESTFUL AND**



LOST PROPERTY

We have many uniform items in the lost property box at the Front office with no names. Please pop by and have a look if your child has items missing