

# IMMANUEL INSIGHTS

Term 4 Week 4, Friday 10 November 2023



## Dates to Remember

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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### 2023 TERM DATES

#### Term 4

Monday 16 Oct -  
Wednesday 13 Dec

### 2024 TERM DATES

#### Term 1

Mon 29 Jan- Fri 12 Apr

#### Term 2

Mon 29 Apr- Fri 28 Jun

#### Term 3

Mon 22 Jul - Fri 27 Sep

#### Term 4

Mon 14 Oct - Wed 11 Dec

## Let's Be Donkeys This Christmas

All nativity plays have some common features: angels with chiffon wings, wise men and their gifts from afar. A weary innkeeper will turn Mary away. A wide-eyed Joseph will bunch the manger's hay. And Mary, weary and sweet will say, "I think today."

Beneath a suspended star a baby will be born, the angels will sing, the wise men will kneel and children of all ages will go home telling their parents that next year they want a part in the nativity play. Little boys want to be Joseph. Little girls want to be Mary. Some want to wear the angel wings or bear gifts from a distant land. But no one, ever, as far as I know, volunteers to be the donkey. Which is odd, actually, for what greater honor could exist than to do what the donkey did? He carried Jesus. I know, Joseph is better looking and Mary is quite stunning. Wise men get the cool hats and angels have the hallelujahs. And the donkey? He just stands to the side and chews on hay.

But look at him. Do you not see contentment in those big, brown eyes? A look of satisfaction on his face? He just delivered history's greatest gift! Before Santa had a sleigh, God had a donkey. Thanks, in no small part, to him, the choir can sing "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given."

I know, I know. We'd rather be Joseph, rugged and bearded. We'd rather be Mary, faithful, beautiful, and immaculate.

But somebody needs to be the donkey. I'm thinking a donkey at Christmas is a good thing to be. The Christmas donkey did his work. He delivered Jesus so Jesus could be delivered. He plodded. He didn't gallop or giddy-up. He did what donkeys do. He steadily stepped in the direction the master directed.

And, upon arrival, he stepped to the side. He demanded no recognition, expected no compensation. He isn't even mentioned in the Bible.

He was happy to do his job and let Jesus have all the attention.

Perhaps we could learn a lesson from the Christmas donkey? There is always a place in the nativity, God's nativity story, for the person who will plod along expecting no applause, bear up under the weight of the long haul, and carry the One who will carry us all.

So here's to the donkeys of the story. May your ride be faithful and your rest be fruitful. And we will do our best to follow your example.

**Tania Wain (Yr 1 teacher) and  
Angie Eckermann (Yr 4 teacher)**



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## MESSAGE FROM DARYL

I hope this email finds you all doing OK. It's hard to imagine that we are almost half way through the final term for 2023!

As you may be aware, we recently had a survey open for parental/caregiver feedback and questions with a plan to address any questions that were raised.

One question raised was around formal uniforms and the possibility of the sport/informal uniform being pushed out to Yr 6s - at the moment students in Yrs F-3 wear sports uniform every day, while Yrs 4/5/6 have a combination of sport and formal. The rationale behind our current practice is the belief that students in the upper years benefit from developing a broad appreciation of context – that is, that there is a time and a place for formalities and 'dress' can be a contributor to that. For example, when representing the school at formal occasions it seems appropriate to wear formal dress, just as we do as adults. In some ways it is supportive of trying to instil respect and appropriate reactions and behaviours in differing contexts.

Another question was around responses to emails from staff. I certainly appreciate that in the busyness and business of every day, emails can slip off the bottom and be lost for a while – in this I include myself and seek forgiveness for the times I have not responded... we know that generally many in our community work in an environment of 'email overload' and schools are certainly one of these.

Our general policy is that emails will be acknowledged ASAP and within 24 hrs at a minimum. Detailed responses can take a little longer (and I appreciate that context plays a part as well). If an email slips off the radar (for any reason) we believe it is better to acknowledge that this has happened, apologise and deal with the content, as opposed to simply letting it slide, which causes greater levels of frustration for parents/caregivers I believe. If it seems that an email has not been responded to you in a timely manner, my encouragement is to pass on a reminder and possibly broaden the scope of people included in the email to include leadership staff.

One of the greatest challenges we have is where an email is sent to a number of staff members. Sometimes it can be beneficial to direct the email to a particular staff member, and then cc others in for their information.

I hope these things above provide some clarity over these questions and I'll continue to use this section of the newsletter to unpack other ones moving forward.

**Daryl**

## SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY - NEW DATE - THIS MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER

We are pleased to announce that Immanuel Gawler's Special Friends Day will now be held on **Monday 13 November between 8am and 11.30am**. The weather is favourable and it is also World Kindness Day so a wonderful day to visit our school.

The plan for the morning is:

8.00am to 8.45am – Pancakes being cooked for students and our visitors

9.00am to 9.30am – Devotion in Taikondi

9.30am to 10.30am – Classroom visits with the children

10.30am to 11.00am – Entertainment in Taikondi

11.00am to 11.30am – Morning Tea for Special Friends

Special Friends are welcome to join us for the entire morning or at a timeslot that suits.

Our Oval will be open for extra carparking spaces and staff will assist with directing you to these areas.

Students will be participating in various World Kindness Day events and have an option to wear something bright and happy in place of their school uniform.

Parents - please share this information with your child's Special Friends / Grandparents.

No need to RSVP, we hope you can join us.

## TOWN OF GAWLER MAYORS CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Paige C, Aria H and William G were invited earlier this week to attend a meeting at the Gawler Civic Centre for a morning tea and an awards ceremony with Karen Redman, Mayor of Gawler as they were selected as winners in the Town of Gawler Christmas Card Competition for 2023.

The Students card design will be printed and used as Christmas cards for the Gawler Council and will also be on display throughout the township. Congratulations to all 3 students, fantastic effort.



## FAITH CHALLENGE – MR COCHRANE

It's been 2 years since the Faith Challenge Athletics Carnival has been held, and boy you could tell as our athletes were running, throwing and jumping out of their skin last Friday up at Faith College in Tanunda.

Selected teams of athletes from six Lutheran primary schools from the Gawler/Barossa area came together to share their athletic gifts. The weather was glorious and the day had a wonderful vibe - a real community, relaxed-country feel to it.

Immanuel finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and the team spirit on display from our children was wonderful to see. We are all so proud of them.

Huge thanks to the incredibly helpful parent group for offering their time and talents to make the day a smooth-sailing event as Immanuel was in the driver's seat coordinating the day.



### Rugby Tag

On Friday of Week 2, 40+ upper primary students competed at the SAPSASA Rugby Tag Carnival in Elizabeth. It was terrific to see so many of our students take up this opportunity of playing this 'new' sport in a competitive environment. Our lead up sessions with Rugby SA coaches in Term 3 held us in good stead for the big day and we were able to transfer these learned skills and patterns of play into these games. Fantastic team work shown by all 4 of our teams.

## DELUXE RIDE and DROP OFF FOR TORAH!

What an exciting entrance to school today for one of our students. Torah from Year 3 had a very special ride and drop off to school this morning in a fancy sports car, a racy ARTURA McLaren! Were you lucky enough to see it? Earlier this year Torah

registered online to win a "Deluxe Drop Off" when SA-FM announced the competition, each week they have been choosing a student to be taken to school in this amazing car. Such a cool experience!



# CURRICULUM UPDATE

## Year 2 UOI

Our Year 2 classes have been inquiring into the sun and the solar system.

**Central Idea:** Human life is organised around the movement of celestial objects

**Lines of Inquiry:**

- Celestial objects and how they work
- Cycles of change in celestial objects
- How people experience changes in celestial objects

This week they made sun dials and measured how shadows move throughout the day according to the positions of the earth and the sun. They also measured the temperature of the air in different places.



**ICAS** - Last term a number of Immanuel Gawler students took part in ICAS competitions, undertaking tests in Digital Technologies, Science, English, Spelling, Writing and Mathematics. Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their certificates at Monday's assembly:

**Year 2** Arthur S – Credit (Digital Technologies, Science); Distinction (Mathematics)

**Year 3** Mila S – Merit (Spelling); Credit (Digital Technologies)

Jay T – Credit (Spelling)

**Year 4** Eleanor S – Credit (English, Science); Distinction (Mathematics)

**Year 5** Jacob G – Merit (Mathematics)

**Year 6** Jude B – Credit (Mathematics)

Kaylin M – Merit (Writing); Credit (Spelling); Distinction (English)

Zachary M – Distinction (Spelling, Mathematics)

Well done to all those students who took part in ICAS competitions this year.

**LITERACY** - This week our school had a visit from Christie-Lee Hansberry, one of the writing team for the Playberry Literacy program. Staff had an opportunity to observe demonstrations of the literacy routine and to discuss the program further with Christie.

We have begun releasing some videos (thanks Mr Morgan) which will help to give a picture of what we are doing in our literacy program and the rationale behind it. The first of our videos can be found at the link below:

[Immanuel's Literacy Program Nov 2023.mp4](#)



## **YEAR 6 EXHIBITION** (Photo Gallery page 8 & 9)

After weeks of research and preparation, our Year 6 students finally had the opportunity to present their Exhibition this week. This year's Exhibition was based around the theme: Sharing the planet and there were many very impressive exhibits. Students looked into such issues as carbon emissions, ocean health and pollution, food waste, racism, animal cruelty and testing, graffiti and deforestation.

It was wonderful to see the work that students put into the Exhibition and to hear them discuss their issues and answer questions so confidently. Well done to Mr Semmler, Miss Yon, Mrs Siviour and Mrs Melville for their work and a big thank you to those teachers who gave up their time to support Exhibition groups as mentors.

*"I found out that Carbon Emissions are bad" - Seth*

*"I enjoyed the parents coming to see our exhibitions" - Lauren*

*"I learnt a lot about Oil spills in the ocean" - Annabelle*



## **SPOTLIGHT ON SAKGP**

### **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) program - Wicking Beds**

In the SAKG program students in Year 5 are introduced to a number of sustainable ways of gardening. Last week's focus was on Wicking Beds. Wicking beds are an Australian invention where essentially you are watering plants from the bottom (where the roots are) via a reservoir. This type of gardening is water efficient, perfect for our hot dry conditions over summer. Students have created wicking beds using recycled broccoli boxes and bath tubs.





CELEBRATE THE COUNTDOWN TO  
CHRISTMAS WITH A FAMILY FUN  
CAROLS EVENING!

Free entertainment from 5-6:30pm including:  
JUMPY CASTLE | INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE  
CAROLS | NATIVITY DRESS UP  
and more!

Hotdogs, Burgers, Sausage sizzle, Drinks, and Desserts  
available for purchase.

Carols commence at 6:30, please bring your own  
chairs/ picnic rug to sit on.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL GAWLER OVAL  
5-8pm Friday, 1st December 2023

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**CAR BOOT SALE - LAST CHANCE TO BOOK A SPOT, \$10 PER CAR - PLEASE BOOK VIA THE OPEROO EFORM, BOOKINGS CLOSE THIS WEEKEND**

<https://groups.operoo.com/forms/1135754/submissions/new>

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING** - Friday 1st December 5:00pm - 8:00pm, on the school oval

**CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS** - 24th -26th November @ Immanuel Worship centre (Cnr 2nd & 7th Streets) Friday & Saturday 9:00am—4:30pm and Sunday 12:30pm—4:00pm.

Display of Christmas trees and all things Christmas. Stalls for purchasing & Children's activities. Morning, light lunch and afternoon tea available. Entry - Gold coin donation.

## IGOSH

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**New "Pay as you go" system** - Please sign and return the new direct debit / fee agreement by the end of this week.

**iGOSH Christmas Closure Dates - Friday 22 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024**

The Dec / Jan Holiday program will be finalised and shared with parents next week.

## EXHIBITION PHOTO GALLERY







# Skye Jones

**Role:** Coordinator of Wellbeing, PE and ICT

**What's the top destination on your must-visit list?** The Chip Barn in the little town of Strathaven, Scotland

**If you could have a superpower what would it be and why?** Teleportation- I'd follow the sun and surf to anywhere around the world. I could even pop into the Chip Barn for a quick bite in my boardies and thongs. That might surprise the locals.

**Favourite movie or song or book?** My favourite movie is The Shawshank Redemption but if I want a good laugh it's got to be The Castle.

**If you could invite anyone for dinner, who would it be and why?** Having comedian Jerry Seinfeld pop over for a barbie would be nice. What's there not to like about him?

**What's the first concert you ever went to?** Mushroom Records 25th Anniversary Concert in 1998 at the MCG packed with 60,000 Aussie music fans. The Hunters, Badloves, Chisel, Paul Kelly were some of my favs.



## ?????SENIOR UNIT EXHIBITION QUIZ?????

1. What night was the exhibition held on?
2. Which year level participated in the exhibition?
3. Where was the Exhibition held?
4. Who was invited to see the exhibition night?
5. What was your favourite exhibition display and why?



NAME.....Year.....Class.....

Pop the form in the entry box at the front office desk. The first entry drawn out of the box with all correct answers will win a prize pack from Subway. Entries close Friday 17 of November at 3:30pm. The winner will be announced in the Monday Memo email & posted in the next Immanuel Insights Newsletter. Last weeks winner was—**Indie W (4E)**

QUIZ SPONSERED BY - SUBWAY (Gawler, Murray St)



## UNIFORM ORDERS

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. QR code-Uniform



## SECOND HAND STALL

Second Hand Uniform shop is open on

Thursday morning

8:30am - 9.15am

Friday afternoon

3:10pm - 3:40pm



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## FROM THE OFFICE

### SUBWAY ORDERS

Orders are due in by 3:30pm Wednesdays via class message boxes or the front office for lunch on Friday. *Please have correct money in each individual students ziplock bag—clearly named with class details. Please make sure names are folded outwards so they are visible to staff.*

### OPEROO - ABSENTEE FORM

We encourage parents to use the 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 do NOT email teachers and front office staff directly to report Absentees, as these staff members may be absent too.*

[Absentee eForm QR code](#)



### SIBLING ENROLMENTS

Please submit your child's enrolment application forms as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available on the Gawler Lutheran Schools website or through the front office.

### UPCOMING OPEN DAYS

Sunday 19 November @ 3pm  
Thursday 30 November @ 9.30am

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Brochures have been sent home today. Orders are due back by Friday 24th November

'WORSHIP AND PRAISE' - from 10:30am Fridays, Coffee B4 Worship from 9.45am in Taikondi.



### QKR APP ONLINE PAYMENTS

Our new QKR App for online payments is currently in its testing phase. This app will be available for families to pay direct online for uniforms, subway orders, school events and many other school payments. Stay tuned!



## LOST PROPERTY





# MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER—WEEK 5

CASUAL DRESS—PLEASE BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION  
TO WEAR SOMETHING **BRIGHT AND HAPPY!**

Kindness Challenge for the week and loads of activities on the day!

Zooper Doopers from  
the P&F on Friday  
17th Nov!

Free Pancake breakfast in  
Warrinthei Courtyard for  
students Monday 13th  
Nov cooked by  
Gawler Lutheran Church  
Volunteers.  
Available from  
8am—8:45am

Happy  
WORLD  
KINDNESS  
Day

Grandparents and  
Special Friends day  
activities from  
8:00am

**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ forgave you.**

**-Ephesians 4:32**