

IMMANUEL INSIGHTS



Term 4 Week 6, Friday 24 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

**End of Year Worship
& Praise is on
Wednesday 13 Dec**

Christmas Candy

Back in the 18th century, in certain areas of Europe there was a ban on public displays of Christianity. Christians were oppressed and no Bibles or crosses could be owned at the time. One man found this oppression distressing and wished he could share the love of Jesus and the joy of Christmas with the rest of the world.

When Christmas came around, children didn't get to see nativity scenes or enjoy learning about the truth of Christmas. As a candy maker, this man prayed to find a way that he could offer local children a Christmas gift that would allow him to tell the real story of Christmas.

He made a hard candy to remind us that Jesus is our rock. It was the shape of a shepherds crook to remind us of the night the shepherds heard the good news of Jesus and if you hold it upside down it is the J of Jesus.

The red stripes remind us of the blood shed for the forgiveness of sin and the white candy reminds us of the purity of Jesus as our Saviour.

So this season when you see a candy cane be reminded of the Good News of a Saviour, born for you! Now that's really sweet!

I wish you all a very blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of the sweet baby Jesus.

**Angie Eckermann
(Yr 4 Teacher)**



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MESSAGE FROM DARYL

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well.

In following up from the questions raised in our recent survey, one was around 'when/how do we let parents/caregivers know about behaviour matters.' This is often a tricky and vexing dilemma for staff. On one hand we highly value partnership and working with families, but at the same time we don't want to swamp you with trivial or small matters!

It's generally when the small or trivial matters escalate or we feel we're not getting on top of behaviours that we reach out to families to let them know. When we do this the aim is to build awareness and understanding and to also work together to ensure we can optimize the learning environment for children. We're conscious of the feedback we sometimes get along the lines of, 'We didn't know about this and should have known earlier...' through to passing on every little detail. In terms of communication, we will sometime email and sometimes call/touch base in person. This will depend on the context and issue and we try very hard to follow up matters as quickly as we can.

Our staff have been working on an upgrade to our 'Managing Student Behaviour Policy' and this will be shared with families at the start of next year and we expect it will give some clarity to families in this area. The policy will be centred around our four (new) values of Love, Grace, Quality, Teamwork and especially how they relate to the areas of Safety, Respect and Learning. Key goals are to ensure a school environment which protects everyone's right to respect, safety and learning and to help all students to develop self-management skills they will need for life beyond primary school. We see parents/caregivers as key stakeholders and critical partners in helping students develop these skills and helping us create this environment. Our communications with parents are aimed at promoting these goals and keeping parents in the loop as partners and stakeholders.

In recent times we have been meeting with students (either as cohorts or as the whole school) to give proactive reminders. We really value the sense of partnership we have with our families in this area as well as the trust you have in us as we try hard to instill the basic and bottom line belief we hold around 'treating other people the way you like to be treated.'

It's a busy time of the year here at school with lots of things going on as we work hard to ensure we finish this year well and also as we set up for the new year to come. Blessings to you all.

Daryl

WORLD KINDNESS & SPECIAL FRIEND'S DAY

World Kindness Day brings awareness and encourages us all to be kind in our everyday lives. We were blessed to be able to celebrate World Kindness Day with our Grandparents and Special Friends and have them involved in all the fun activities available which made for a lovely school community event. Big thanks to the volunteers from the Gawler Lutheran Church and the school community for volunteering their time, resources, and skills in making pancakes for everyone! Our tummies and hearts were full!

There was a fantastic response to our Kindness Challenge with many children participating and doing random acts of kindness to others. A big well done and thank you to all the children who participated. Thomas H (Yr 1) was the lucky winner of our prize draw and has chosen for the money raised to go to The Salvation Army. Thank you to the P&F with their support, resources, and prizes for this event across the week.

Heidi Gogoll (Wellness Co-Ordinator)



YEAR 1 SLEEPOVER FUN

The Year One sleepover was held on Thursday 9th November. The day started with a visit from the Australian Childhood Museum. There were lots of 'olden day' toys, activities and all the children were challenged and engaged by the various games. With no electronic activities the children became scientists and detectives solving ways in which to play the games.

The children returned at 5:30pm, set up beds and enjoyed a sausage sizzle cooked by Mr Trigg and Mr Wundersitz. Lots of games were played in Taikondi and the oval. The children settled off to sleep, about 9pm and nearly all the children were asleep in reasonable time.

A few early birds, had the children awake about 6:00am. Breakfast was pancakes and toppings and everyone had a hearty appetite.

On Friday the children constructed their kites which they enjoyed flying and tangling.

It was a great experience, the children were really well behaved and they all had a good time. Special thanks to Mrs Darby, Mr Cochrane, Miss Wain and Mr McLoughlin, Mr Trigg and Mr Wundersitz who helped make the sleepover possible.

"I loved the whole thing" Lilly

" My favorite thing was sausage sizzle and pancakes" Tyler

" I loved the movie and yummy recess" Ermina



PIANO PERFECTION

Congratulations to Eleanor S (4E), Olivia G (4E) and Evanti A (3M) who all recently completed Piano exams as part of their personal Music learning with Karen Clarke. All three girls received an A+ (high distinction) for their Preliminary Piano for Leisure exams. What a fantastic achievement.



P & F CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Our P & F committee have put together this fabulous christmas raffle basket which is located in the Front office. **Tickets are 50c each.** Stop by and grab some and you could win a wonderful prize just in time for Christmas celebrations.



ANGUS' GYMKHANA DAY OUT

Angus K (Year 5) competed in the Clare Interschool Gymkhana on Thursday 2nd November and came 7th out of 46 Primary School Students in the high point award. Angus was the only student from Immanuel Gawler to attend and did a magnificent job representing our school.

Congratulations Angus on your achievements at this event.



SPOTLIGHT ON PE

Great excitement over the weekend with our Aussie Men's Cricket Team winning the World Cup and there has also been a lot of excitement during PE lessons at Immanuel with Striking and Fielding Games featuring as our Term 4 focus.

The students have been inquiring into the techniques to perform the key skills involved in games like cricket and tee-ball.

Working well as a team and making quick and good decisions as both batters or fielders have also been areas we have been conscious of improving at during mini-games.

Rugby Tag has also been popular at school with many of our Year 5/6 students attending a SAPSASA carnival recently.

Congratulations to Lincoln H and Charlie B (Yr 6) on their efforts while representing the Gawler District in SAPSASA Cricket last week.

All-rounder Lincoln was economical as a bowler and took 2 classy catches on the first day, while Charlie was impressive with the bat making a ton of runs and retiring 4 out of 5 innings across the 3 days.



Richie Cochrane (PE Teacher)

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Literacy - In our last newsletter we mentioned that we have started releasing some videos to provide parents/ caregivers and others in our community with an idea of what students are doing as part of our new literacy program and why we are taking this approach to teaching literacy.

The first of our videos can be found at the link or QR code here:

<https://youtu.be/DkBgu9SPVdg>



The second of our videos has also been completed. The link and QR code for this video is here:

<https://youtu.be/aGqMjdiYpQs>

CURRICULUM UPDATE CONTINUED....

Year 1 UOI - Our Year 1 classes have been looking at families in the past and how they have changed over time.

Central Idea - Family life reflects changes in society

Lines of Inquiry

- Changes in families and households
- How people spend their time
- Impact of changes in society

Last week the Year 1s had their sleepover and as part of this, they had a visit from the Australian Childhood Museum toy man. He came to the school and shared all kinds of toys which children played with in the past. The Year 1 students had a wonderful time investigating these and trying to find out how they worked.



Year 3 UOI - Our Year 3 classes have been looking into heat.

Central Idea - Understanding the properties of heat allows people to use it in different ways

Lines of Inquiry:

- Ways heat is produced
- Changes caused by heat
- Challenges with using, storing and transferring heat

They have been conducting different experiments to find out what happens when different materials are heated, which materials are good for conducting heat and which materials can be used for insulation. They are constructing some solar ovens based on what they have been finding out.

Year 4 UOI - Our Year 4 classes have been inquiring into water, the water cycle and the ways water is used.

Central Idea - Understanding water enables people to use it in a variety of ways

Lines of Inquiry:

- Processes in the water cycle
- Properties and behaviour of water
- How humans use water

They have had a great time and shown some fantastic creativity developing models to show different ways water is used and the way different systems of water use operate.



Year 5 UOI - Our Year 5 classes have been finding out about living things.

Central Idea - Understanding living things enables them to be utilised

Lines of Inquiry

- How living things survive and adapt
- How humans adapt by understanding specific habitats
- How people use technology to aid adaptation

Last week they had a visit to the Adelaide Zoo and were fortunate enough to take part in a workshop run by zookeepers on the topic of animal adaptation. It was a very enjoyable day.

iGOSH School Holiday Program

The Dec / Jan Holiday program has been sent home with students, and has also been forwarded to families via Operoo and is now on our school website. Bookings are now open and close on Monday 4 December at 10am.

A reminder that iGOSH will be closed from Friday 22 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024

New “Pay as you Go” system

This is the last week to sign and return the new direct debit / fee agreement. All iGOSH accounts need to be up to date, with only 1 week of fees outstanding. Bookings will be cancelled and the Booking App blocked if accounts aren't up to date by the end of this week

Best number to call

If you need to make last minute bookings or cancel bookings, please contact the iGOSH mobile **0447 661 555**. Please avoid calling the Front Office as they cannot see our booking details or numbers, hence there may not be a spot.

If you call the mobile to make extra bookings at short notice, iGOSH staff can still put notes in class trays and email staff about children needing to come to iGOSH at short notice.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS IS COMING - Friday 1st December 5:00pm - 8:00pm, on the Immanuel Gawler school oval, see flyer on the back page for further information. All welcome to attend.

GAWLER CHRISTMAS PARADE - Saturday 2 December @ 7pm, Murray Street Gawler. Murray Street will be closed from 6pm.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS - Gawler Lutheran Church is hosting a 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 tea, light lunch and afternoon tea available. Entry is a gold coin donation.

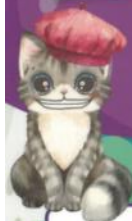
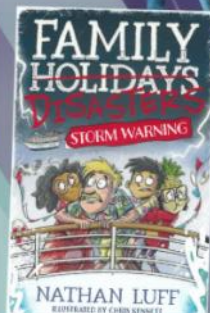
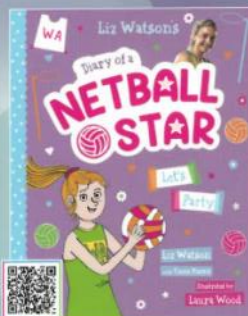
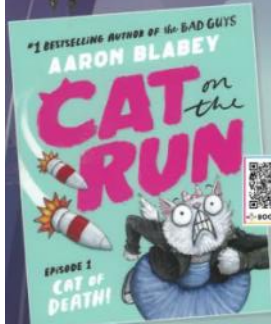
WORSHIP BAND PERFORMANCE - Our School Worship band are playing at the Gawler Lutheran Church service this Sunday 26 Nov @ 10.30am All welcome to attend the service.



SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs



You're invited to our Scholastic BOOK FAIR



Find these
books and
more at
the Fair!



Hats
Off
to
Reading!



Date **MON NOV 27 - FRI DEC 1**

Time **3:30 - 5:30pm MON - FRI/
8:00 - 9:00am TUES - FRI**

Place **TANTA MARTA (Y2 + Y3)**



EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



SCHOLASTIC
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Tanielle Peate

Role: Yr5 Teacher

What's the top destination on your must-visit list? Greek Islands

What's something you've done, but will never do again?
Scuba dived with sharks in Fiji

Which of the 7 dwarfs (Grumpy, Dopey, Doc, Happy, Bashful, Sneezzy or Sleepy) best describes you? Happy, I generally have a positive and uplifting attitude and always try to find positives within a situation. I believe that having a positive mindset can influence all aspects of your personal life.

Strangest thing you have eaten? Snails (escargot at a restaurant)

Favourite quote or proverb? 'Nothing changes if nothing changes'

If we seek change, we have to be prepared to make the effort to experience what may be seem uncomfortable for a period of time.



????? PE QUIZ ?????

1. Which team just won the 2023 cricket world cup?
2. Name 2 types of games have we been focusing on during Term 4 in our PE lessons?
3. How many bases are there in T-Ball?
4. How many players are there in a Cricket team?
5. Tell us what your favourite sport is 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 1 December at 3:30pm. The winner will be announced in the Monday Memo email & posted in the next Immanuel Insights Newsletter.

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

NEW PHONE LINE OPTIONS

Our phone line options have changed - The new menu option is as follows -

- 1 - Office (Front desk)**
- 2 - Enrolment enquiries**
- 3 - Finance**
- 4 - Absentees**
- 5 - iGOSH**

Please note for iGOSH Bookings please call Katrina direct on her mobile ph: **0447 661 555**

Absentees are encouraged to be reported via Operoo

Absentee eForm where possible

We ask parents do NOT email teachers and front office staff direct to report Absentees, as these staff members may be absent too.

QKR APP ONLINE

PAYMENTS

Our new QKR App for online payments is nearly ready! This app will be available for families to pay directly online for uniforms, subway orders, school events etc. Watch this space!



NO RHYTHM KIDS ON MONDAY 27 NOV

OPEN DAY

Our next Open Day is on Thursday 30 November @ 9:30am

SIBLING ENROLMENTS 2025

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.

'WORSHIP AND

PRaise 10:30am

Fridays, Coffee B4

Worship available from 9.45am in Taikondi.



GIFTS OF GRACE - Reminder of this wonderful Christmas idea of giving to those in need.
www.alws.org.au/grace

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Immanuel Gawler Mon 27 Nov—Fri 1 Dec. The stall will be in Tanta Marta (Yr 2/3 classrooms). Great Christmas present ideas!

RECESS TIME CONCERTS

Mon 4 - Fri 8 Dec during recess 11:00am - 11:40am in Taikondi. All welcome to attend, no need to sign in at the Front office.

LOST PROPERTY





**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 GAWLER OVAL
5-8pm Friday, 1st December 2023

No
need to
RSVP