

IMMANUEL INSIGHTS



Term 4 Week 9, Monday 11 December 2023

Dates to Remember

2024 - Holiday hours

Fri 12 Jan, Tues 23 & Wed 24 Jan - Office, Uniform shop and Second Hand stall will be open between 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Week 1

Mon 29 Jan - Back to school

Tues 30 Jan - Parent Information night @ 6:45pm

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 at 2pm in Taikondi

Perspective

As many people rush around trying to get that elusive present or the prized ham, it's good to take a moment, remember how much we already have and what the purpose of Christmas is. Perspective can really take the edge off the festive stress and give grounding. Here is an anecdote I once read...

One day, a wealthy father took his son on a trip to the country to show him how poor people lived. They spent time on a farm with a family who didn't have much to offer them. When they returned home, the father asked his son, "Did you like the trip?"

"Oh yes, very much, dad!"

"Did you see how poor people live?"

"Yes!" the son answered.

"So what did you learn from the trip?"

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog, and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden, and they have a creek to swim in that has no end. We have lanterns in our garden, and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard, and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on, and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us; they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless. The son added, "Dad, thanks for showing me what it really means to be rich."

A moral for the story: it's not about money, clothes, gadgets, or a big house that matters....it's simplicity, love, compassion, gratitude, friendships, values and family that can make our lives rich.

Christmas is a reminder and celebration that God sent his Son as a gift of love, grace and forgiveness, so that we may give love, grace and forgiveness to ourselves and others.

So as we head into this festive season, what perspective do you have? What are true gifts and riches that you receive or give? Goods, objects, possessions? Or a relationship with God, peace within ourselves and family, friendship with others, gratitude for what we have?

Jared Semmler (Year 6 Teacher)



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MESSAGE FROM DARYL

Greetings to you all.

It's hard to imagine, but we're rapidly approaching the end of the 2023 school year.

And it's at this time of the year that we farewell a number of families from our school, as well as students and a couple of staff members. It's also the time of the year where we stop for a moment to appreciate the enormous effort and contributions that have been made by so many.

So, to all of our supporters, whether you're leaving or staying, we give thanks for the blessings you have brought to our school community.

Like any year, 2023 has had highs and lows. Frustrations and joys. Challenges and highlights. It's always been my belief that it's not really what happens, but how it is handled that people will remember. And how we handle things usually boils down to basic displays of character, integrity and care – and I have witnessed countless examples of all of these throughout 2023.

As we approach the long break from school routines, on behalf of our school, I wish you peace and joy for the festive season and say thanks for being a part of the Immanuel community in 2023.

Daryl

FINAL WORSHIP AND PRAISE INVITE

We would like to welcome our Families, Carers and Friends of Immanuel School to attend the final Worship and Praise service here at Immanuel Gawler this Wednesday 13 December, beginning at **2:00pm** in Taikondi.



CLASS OF 2023

We would like to wish our Year 6 Graduates God’s Blessing as they end their primary schooling with us and begin their secondary school journey. Best wishes to the other few families who are also leaving Immanuel to start elsewhere in 2024.



STUDENT LEADERS

Thankyou to our wonderful 2023 school captains. **Zac, Emily, Lauren and Tom** have been fantastic role models and leaders for our school community throughout this year.

2024 CLASS TEACHERS

- Foundation:** Mr Blasche, Miss Pfeiffer,
Mrs Jones, Mrs Manning
- Year 1:** Mr McLoughlin, Miss Wain
- Year 2:** Mrs Cooper, Mr Lord
- Year 3:** Mrs Rollings, Mrs Parish,
Mr Morgan
- Year 4:** Mrs Tilbrook, Mrs Eckermann
- Year 5:** Mrs Peate, Mr Maddren,
- Year 6:** Mr Semmler and Mrs Siviour

Specialist Teachers: Mr Hueppauff (Music),
Mrs Strickland (LOTE), Mr Cochrane (PE),
Mr Tiller (SAKG), Mrs Kreymborg (Art)

Staff 2023
Principal: Mr David Hogg

 David Hogg	 Michael Blasche	 Andrew Blasche	 Nicola Blasche	 Kurt Cochrane	 Shirley Cochrane	 Lutz Elmke	 Angie Eickmann
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FAREWELLS

Farewell to Tayla Yon (Year 6 teacher) who is leaving us to pursue a teaching role at a school down south and we also farewell Timothy Smith (Year 4 teacher) who is leaving to pursue a teaching role at Hope Christian College. Thank you for all that you have done to support and teach the children these past 6 months.



VOLUNTEER THANKS

A huge "Thank You" to our many vVolunteers, Parents, Carers, Grandparents, Families and Friends who have volunteered and helped out in various roles here at Immanuel during 2023. Class Carers group, Parents and Friends committee, Traffic Monitors, Second Hand Uniform stall, SAKGP and Camps / Excursions. Thank you!



BIG DAY OUT

Last Thursday our Foundation classes had a Big Day Out visiting Gorge Wildlife park in the Adelaide Hills. The students got to enjoy a fun day exploring the park and even got to pat the Kangaroos, a Tortoise, a Koala and a Snake! A picnic lunch and an ice block treat topped off the day. It was an interesting day learning all about our wildlife.

"I loved when we walked through the Reptile room" Antonio

"I really loved patting the Snake" Keogh

"It was fun patting the Kangaroos in their enclosure" Evelyn

"My favuirite thing was feeding the baby Kangaroo" Oscar Y



BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all of our students and families who supported our Book Fair last week. It is always exciting to buy a new book or Christmas present. We hope the students enjoyed finding something interesting and new to read.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

Congratulations to our "Christmas is Coming" raffle winners -

1st - Bogale family

**2nd—Harley McInnes
(Foundation)**

We hope you enjoy your prize packs, thank you to everyone who supported the P&F Christmas raffle for 2023.



TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ben and Tom H from Year 6 represented Immanuel Gawler and the Gawler District in the SAPSASA Tennis Championships last week. They had a great time competing with other local students.



TRACK AND FIELD TRIP TO TASSIE

Congratulations to Mitchell and Will from Year 6 on representing SA at the National School Sports Track and Field Championships held in Launceston, Tasmania from Friday 24 - Monday 27 November.

Mitchell placed 6th and 10th in the Discus and Shot Put respectively.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

What a wonderful evening we had last Friday evening for our annual Christmas is Coming event. There was a huge turnout of families, an enjoyable night full of Christmas cheer and fellowship was had by all. Thank you to everyone who could attend. A big thank you to Emma Lange and Gawler Lutheran Church who coordinated, set up and facilitated the evening.





CARING THOUGH CHISTMAS CAROLING



What a treat it was to share our school choirs joyous christmas songs with some local residents at Grandview and Southern Cross Care nursing homes last week. The residents had smiles ear to ear listening to familiar Christmas tunes such as Jingle Bells, they all thoroughly enjoyed the choirs' songs and energy. Our students chatted with residents during the visits and had a lovely time performing for them also.

"My favourite thing was seeing the residents enjoying our songs" Evie A

MINI CONCERTS

During this week at recess our Private Music students have been showcasing their amazing musical talents with their parents, carers and friends by performing in a recess time concert. We have so many talented students and it is always a pleasure to see how they are progressing on their musical journeys. A huge thankyou to all our Private Music teachers Dallas (Singing), Michael (Drums), Dave (Guitar) and Karen (Piano) who visit Immanuel to tutor each week. If you are interested in Private music lessons for your child please register your interest through our Operoo eform.



2024 PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION

Below are the Operoo links and QR code to apply for Private Music Tuition in 2024. The eForm can also be accessed anytime in your Operoo account Forms library.

Click here: <https://groups.operoo.com/forms/977787/submissions/new>



SPOTLIGHT ON MUSIC

In Music this term our Foundation students have been working on Composition and they created machine songs.

Year 1 classes have been studying melodies and experimenting with playing on tuned percussion instruments.

The Year 2 classes are also looking at melodies on tuned percussion instruments.

Our Year 3 classes have discovered how to make old movies through the use of mime and foley.

The Year 4 classes are practicing on the Ukuleles and are learning new chords and are trying to sing and play at the same time which is tricky.

Year 5 classes are also working with the Ukulele and improving their skills learnt in Year 4.

Our Year 6 group is practicing their Exhibition songs. They created a song for their topic being presented in Exhibition.

Dwayne Hueppauff



CURRICULUM UPDATE

Foundation UOI - Our Foundation classes have been looking at living things, the different types of living things, the differences between living and non-living things and the features of plants and animals.

Central Idea: Understanding diversity of living things helps us care for them

- Lines of Inquiry:**
- Classifying living things
 - Features of living things
 - Our connections to living things

This week the Foundations had their Big Day Out. They had an opportunity to see a range of animals up close and to look at the features of these animals and how they behaved. They did a lot of learning and they had a fantastic day.

Year 5 Maths

The Year 5 students have been looking at money and financial planning as part of their maths work this term. They have worked on creating simple budgets to help them prepare for events. Yesterday they held a market day, where they sold different goods which they had made in the school kitchen which were available for sale. Students were given a budget with which to buy ingredients, worked out prices for their products and calculated profits from their market stalls.



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 below:

<https://youtu.be/DkBgu9SPVdg>



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

<https://youtu.be/aGqMjdiYpQs>



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

iGOSH School Holiday Program - Bookings for the Dec / Jan School Holiday program has now CLOSED. All extra bookings, changes and cancellations need to be emailed / phoned to Katrina on 0447 661 55

All accounts need to be at a \$0 balance by every Friday during the Vac Care. Accounts not paid weekly will result in future weeks bookings cancelled. Confirmations for the Vac Care are available via Operoo. Please complete and submit.

New “Pay as you Go” system - The first Direct Debit schedule will be this Friday (8/12/23) between 2-4pm. If you have returned Direct Debit forms, you will NOT need to pay fees this week, as fees will be deducted Friday pm. If you choose not to use Direct Debit, you will need to pay the weeks fees either via bank transfer, or EFT or cash at the front office. Accounts not paid by 1pm Friday each week, will result in your booking app blocked and future bookings cancelled.

Best number to call - If you need to make last minute bookings or cancel bookings, please contact the iGOSH mobile [0447 661 555](tel:0447661555)

COMMUNITY NEWS

2023 CHRISTMAS SEVICES - Gawler Lutheran Church

Sunday 24 December - 9:00am, Immanuel Worship Centre (cnr 2nd & 7th Streets, Gawler Sth)

Christmas Eve Carols and play @ 6:00pm, Immanuel Gawler School

Christmas Eve Carols and Readings @ 7:30pm, Immanuel Worship Centre

Monday 25 December - Christmas Day service with Holy Communion @ 9.00am

Immanuel Worship centre (cnr 2nd & 7th Streets, Gawler Sth)

Sunday 31 December - New Years Eve at Zion Worship Centre (Cowan St, Gawler)

GAWLER YOUTH - School holiday program is now online for holiday program bookings. Go to www.gawler.sa.gov.au or click on this link: [January School Holidays 2024 | Town of Gawler Council](#) for further information.

FROM THE OFFICE

IMMANUEL GAWLER is on **Facebook** - like us to see what is happening in our school community.



HOLIDAY SEASON FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Friday 12 January
Tuesday 23 January
Wednesday 24 January

Front Office, Uniform shop and Second Hand stall will be open between 9:00am - 4:00pm on these days.

LOST PROPERTY



Term 1 2024 returns on Monday 29 January 2024

PARENT INFO NIGHT 2024
Tuesday 30 Jan @ 6.45pm

UNIFORM REMINDER

Students going into year 4 will require the formal uniform starting with the summer uniform for term 1 (eg girls dress or skorts & blouse, boys grey shorts and short sleeve shirt). Please see the office staff for uniform purchases or submit an order online via the e-form in Operoo. All students in F, 1, 2 & 3 will wear the sports uniform only.

QKR APP - Our online payments app "QKR" is ready to launch. We will send all families instructions on how to download the app and set up your accounts in the new year.



LLL BANKING TO CEASE

As of 2024 the LLL have decided to cease school banking. Anyone who has made a transaction in 2023 will be contacted with details. You can also Ph 1800 556 457 for further information.



*May God bless you with joy during
the Christmas season. May His love
overflow in your life and bless those
around you.*