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# NEWSLETTER

Highfields Community Church

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## BEING A VILLAGE

Romans 12:5  
"so in Christ we,  
though many,  
form one body,  
and each member  
belongs  
to all the others"

**NEWS FROM MINISTER** 1

As we move into the Christmas season its important for us as Christians not get dragged into the commercial frenzy ...

WELCOME

Jonathan Jason Moore born 31/10/22  
weighing 3.4kg

**PROPERTY TEAM** 11

Our next event will be a working bee on Saturday 3 December and your help would be highly appreciated.

**News from Marius ,**

I agree with Paul in Ephesians 1:16 where he says: "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." When I think about our congregation I am grateful for what God is doing in and through the lives of many here at Highfields. I thank each one of you as you share your gifts with the rest of our church family giving glory to God. As we move into the Christmas season its important for us as Christians not get dragged into the commercial frenzy and craziness of the so-called "silly" season and really reflect what it means that God sent His son to the world. Here at HCC our theme for term 4 is SHARING... we are called to GO and to share the Good-news of Christ. But before we go and share it is important to stop and have a look at our own lives and make sure we LIVE the gospel, we need to make sure we live properly among our friends and neighbours as we read in 1 Peter 2:12 "Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors."

My challenge to you and myself is to slow down this season, to see the need around us, to love, to live properly and to be ready to GO and share the good news of Christ.

Blessings, Marius



# CALENDAR

## *Upcoming events*

27

November

### WELCOME

#### SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Whether you are new or have been part of our church for a while we invite you to our welcome sausage sizzle to meet others and learn more about our church

### CHURCH LUNCH

On the 4th December we will lunch together as a church . Just bring your lunch to church and enjoy building new friendships. This lunch will happen monthly on the first Sunday of each month. (This is an informal lunch and everyone is looking after his own food and drink)

4

December

23

December

### CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Come along with your friends and a picnic blanket on Friday the 23rd December at the HUB.

Starting 6:30pm

## Guitar Ministry

We are now up to the third week of our second 8 week guitar course.

During the last course, we built a fantastic team of guitar tutors. From 3-4pm each week, we have church members who receive instruction from Tony and Annette and Peter, then when our students arrive at 4pm we have up to eight tutors available. This allows us to give more personalised attention to students with a diverse range of skill levels. So our team now includes Tony and Peter, Annette and Cliff, plus Aleena and Katherine.

We are truly blessed to have so many people contributing to this ministry.

We have purchased six guitars that are now church property, a further two were donated by a member of the community. And most recently, a lovely Yamaha classical guitar was donated by Susan Schulz. So now we have a total of nine guitars available to lend to students, plus four new music stands purchased by the church.

We appreciate your prayer support for this ministry, especially as we seek to build relationships with people in our community. We only use Gospel music for our songs, so the message is getting through!

We thank Peter Matthews for initiating and coordinating this ministry !

### Congratulations Naomi

Naomi has been working through the process of discerning God's call on her life. After attending the Synod selection panel Naomi has been accepted as a Candidate for Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church. In 2023 she will begin the formal process of training as well as completing her bachelor of Theology. Congratulations Naomi!



Thank you to each and every person who supported us with Operation Christmas Child. In total we packed 55 boxes on the day, Suzette picked up 25 extra from Koorong the next day and packed them as well, so in total, **HCC and Kids Church 'gave' 80 kids a reason to smile this Christmas.** We also received shipping donations for 31 boxes.



Kids' Church now have three new volunteers and we are always praying for more to come. Thank you to every person who offers their time and energy to help us, and please feel free to let us know if you would like to bless us with your help too - it would be highly appreciated.

*Suzette Vermeulen*

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Youth Group gathers at The Hub on Fridays, 6:30 pm

Our theme across Term 4 is "Share", we will experience, discover and learn what this focus means for us across the next couple of weeks

For more info call Merryn Gaggi: 0467 020 638

## Growth Group meets Sundays 5:30 at the Hub.

The focus of his group is to gather to discuss various issues teens are facing; we study the Word of God and also go on short excursions' exploring "real life" situations .

For more info call Marius at 0447161457



# Destiny Rescue™ rescuing children

Dear Highfields Community Church

Myself and all at Destiny Rescue want to extend a huge thank you to all those who attended and got involved with the recent Jazz Fundraiser for our incredible cause. This year, Destiny Rescue has seen the successful rescue of a massive 2579 young women and children. Last week alone saw the rescue of 41. Among these 41 lives were two six year olds. Your giving and sowing has made a difference and this carries eternal weight. Looking forward to come and give you an update and thanks in person.

With gratitude and love

Marc Nuss Destiny Rescue



What a beautiful night raising funds for Destiny Rescue. A big thanks to all our table hosts and also Toowoomba Grammar School for the live entertainment

**Funds Raised: \$3751**

## Join our Property Team

We are looking for people interested to serve on our Property Team, this team manage and facilitate the up-keep and maintenance of the property.

We don't need experts we just need some passionate people willing to serve.

Our next working bee is on Saturday 3 December and your help would be much appreciated.

**Jaco Van Der Merwe:** Phone: 0428 584 433 Email: jacbus123@gmail.com



**The Highfields Community Church Meals Ministry** is up and running. We are currently focusing on supporting the Toowoomba branch of **Eva's Place – Pregnancy and Early Parenting Support Service** with meals for their new mums. Recently we have also been able to bless some families within the congregation with meals. If you are aware of a specific need which we may be able to help with please let me know. If you are interested in participating in this ministry please feel free to send me an email or give me a call. Alternatively, feel free to catch me for a chat after one of our Sunday Services. Blessings Jenny

## CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION @ HIGHFIELDS STATE SCHOOL

Christian Religious Instruction aims to give students hope, love and a sense of value. It has been part of the Public Education system for over 110 years and assists students in becoming confident and creative individuals. It helps build a sense of self-worth, self-awareness and personal identity, assists them in managing their emotional, mental, spiritual and physical wellbeing. They explore age appropriate Bible stories, the life of Jesus and discover for themselves the relevance of the Christian faith. CRI assists students to question, explore and discover the Christian faith for themselves.

At Highfields State School we offer a program that is based on learning about our wonderful God who loves them. The program reinforces core values of responsibility, understanding, respect, tolerance, inclusion, integrity, freedom, compassion and caring. At the beginning of 2022, there were 621 student enrolments for Years 1 to 6 and 431 students currently opted in to CRI. The percentage enrolled in CRI 69.4%

Instructors are provided with all relevant teaching materials (Connect) and support is given. If God is speaking to you about becoming part of this wonderful team OR if you need more information you should contact Maureen Timperley 0429 097 307 or e-mail "ctmperley@bigpond.com"

According to independent eyewitnesses, 13 wise-looking men gathered at the Atzeni's Murphys Creek home on 8<sup>th</sup> October for a BBQ breakfast. Brekky was evidently good (eaten with gusto; no food poisoning reported). There was much conversation. The world's problems were smartly dealt with—they handed them all over to God.

For the reflection, they became like little children, listening intently while their teacher, Mr Matthews, read them a picture story book titled "The Short and Incredibly Happy Life of Riley" by Colin Thompson. It's a story about humans not being content with what they have, always wanting more—unlike Riley, a very easily pleased rat. Great book. Thanks Peter.

A big thanks to Jenny, Tim and Janice Wheeler and Brian Willmet for their help with organising me and the BBQ.

Thanks all for your friendship and fellowship.  
Mick Atzeni





# BIBLE Women's STUDY

Our ladies' Bible study group meets on **Friday mornings at The Hub at 9:30am**, during the school term.

We kicked off our meetings during Term 2 of this year, by looking at the Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians, and being reminded to stand firm in the Gospel no matter our circumstances. Term 3 saw us delve into the Psalms of the Sons of Korah, where we resonated with the heartfelt cries to the Lord for justice, mercy and redemption. This term, we have been studying the book of Matthew and have seen the Kingdom of God come to earth, because the Kingdom's King - God incarnate, Jesus the Messiah - is here! This has been a great encouragement leading up to Christmas.

Our Bible study group welcomes visitors anytime! We understand life can be busy - so even if you're not available every Friday, feel free to come along whenever you can. There are about 7 of us that do meet each week, so you will be sure to see a friendly face, and be encouraged by a group that strives to read, understand and obey God's Word.

Jay Moore

## Ladies fellowship

Next Lovely Ladies get together is a Morning Tea on Saturday 19th November, 10am at Emerge Cafe, Toowoomba

Any feedback or suggestions for future ladies' fellowship, please email Kym on [ladies@highfieldscommunitychurch.com.au](mailto:ladies@highfieldscommunitychurch.com.au)

## Morning Devotions on Zoom



We are a friendly, relaxed group, seeking to disciple one another and grow our faith through regularly engaging with the Word of God. Meeting at 7:15am on Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri each week.

(usual finish before 8am)

We simply read through a passage of scripture and then reflect on it together. There is no pressure to share if you prefer to just listen.

Come whenever you can and stay as long as you are able.

Contact Naomi Bell on (0447 351 931) or Email: [nomes\\_100@hotmail.com](mailto:nomes_100@hotmail.com)



## Weekly GROWTH opportunities:

\* **Home Groups:** We would like to offer you the opportunity to join a home group, **please scan the QR code, or text "Growth group" to 0447161457 with your name.**



### \* Men's Bible Study:

Thursdays, 8:30 am at the Hub. Pls call Iven: 0423 810 315

### \* Ladies Craft Group:

Thursdays, 10:00 am at the Hub. Pls call Jenny: 0434625994

### \* Women's Bible Study:

Fridays, 9:30 am at the Hub. Pls call Jay: 0410 511 577

### \* Guitar Group:

Fridays, 4:00 pm at the Hub. Pls call Peter: 0422 412 796

### \* Youth Group:

Fridays, 6:30 pm at the Hub. Pls call Merryn: 0467 020 638

## Highfields State School Chaplaincy Update—Andrew Bell

Term 4 is always a big term in schools. There are the many events that are part of concluding the year. It is a term with a range of pressures with assessments to check on learning and report cards to be written.

With the broad range of things unfolding in schools at this time of year, it ensures that the roles of support staff in schools, particularly chaplains, tend to be very active – supporting students, staff and families with pressures of what is unfolding and the reality of changes on the horizon. It is an amazing role to be able to care and support the school community.

Recently, we have held our Supporters Afternoon Tea, where we bring together financial supporters and key people who offer their encouragement and support – to say thank you for that support.

We're particularly thankful for our regular donors, who contribute regular amounts, helping to give greater certainty on the financial side of chaplaincy, allowing us to focus on serving and caring. We also have held our Chappy Cupcake Day which was a huge success, raising over \$1000 towards our Chaplaincy Service. The money raised was exciting, but the real joy was the way the school and wider community came together to support and focus on Chaplaincy. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making it such a huge success. Thank you for the prayer, support and encouragement our church offers to our school community, and particularly to me in the role of Chaplain.

Blessings, Andrew Bell

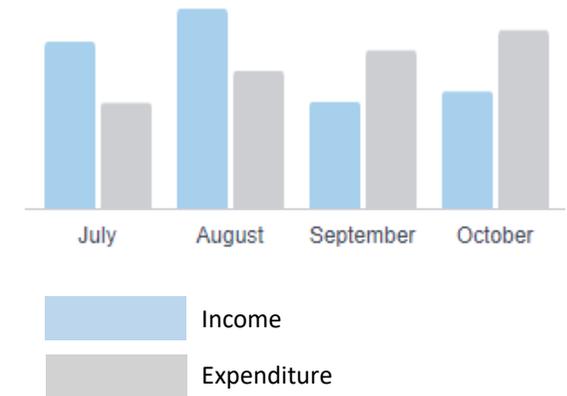
### Prayer Points for Chaplaincy

- Give thanks for recent successful Chaplaincy events and Fundraisers.
- Give thanks for the privilege to serve in the school community.
- Pray for our Principal and school leaders as they manage the many details in preparing for 2023.
- Pray for students, staff and families struggling with changes on the horizon.
- Pray for staff members contending with health difficulties or grieving loss.
- Pray for energy and sustaining for the entire school community across the final weeks of the school term and year.

## Financial Summary

This financial year started well, with generous donations, however, income has dropped significantly in the last two months.

We thank God for His generosity and trust Him to provide our needs.



## Our "Serve Tree"

Thank you to each person who put their hand up to serve, and continue to serve, during this year.

Our serve tree's leaves have been growing and flowers have bloomed. Let's pray for the fruits to grow and the tree to flourish again next season.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

We meet every Thursday 8:30 am for bible study and then have coffee at Kerb Café afterwards.

All welcome

Congratulations Stephen and Jay with the birth of Jonathan Jason Moore



31/10/22

3.4kg

I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139 : 14



CONNECT



GROW



SERVE



GO

Letter from our Chairman Cameron King, *Let's Go!!*

The focus for the last term of the year is 'GO'.

In 2022 we have 'Connected', 'Served' & 'Shared' now it's time to put into action and 'GO'. Even though it's getting to the 'crazy time' of year we can still GO to family, friends, work mates, those around us and be a support and encouragement to them. Christmas is not that far away, now would be a good time to encourage those around us to help others know the true meaning of Christmas – not the commercial side.

The Leadership Team meets once a month and we are working on getting to know each other better, to build relationships and support one another. We encourage you to do the same so that we become a stronger 'church' family and not just a group of people who meet once a week. We are looking at ways to better equip our people – Welcomers, Growth Group Leaders, Sunday School, Youth Group etc. A Planning and Visioning retreat will take place in January 2023 for the team to plan the year ahead. There will be a working bee on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Jaco is the man to see if you are able to help out.

On behalf of the Leadership Team, I thank you for your prayers and support and we look forward to celebrating the up-coming Christmas season with you.