

FEDERAL GOVT (again) ENDORSES THE NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM (NSCP)

The Minister of Education Dan Tehan confirmed that more than 1,000 schools and families had written to the Govt, supporting the NSCP. He went on to say that *"The National School Chaplaincy Program has been an overwhelming success which has provided a strong foundation for students to reach their full potential in learning and life"*.



Thumbs-Up for Chaplaincy

Prior to the election, the Coalition government stated that...

- ◊ The Morrison Government will continue to support NSCP at least until 2022.
- ◊ Around 3,000 schools nationwide (362 in SA) will participate in the program
- ◊ It will provide pastoral care services to students
- ◊ It will also support the wellbeing of the school community.
- ◊ The Program assists more than 3,000 schools to engage the services of a school chaplain.

Assembly – I spoke at the whole assembly at the beginning of the year. This year I focused on bullying and spoke about my own story and experience at school. Although it was only in the beginning of the term it is still being talked about across the school both staff and students and mentioned in some year 8 English reflections. I guess they were listening :-)

Lunchtime program is busy with students trying out our new STEM facility. Some students with behaviour problems have been referred to me. Chatting, engaging, sharing games with them, helps them to reconnect.

Grief - I am supporting a family dealing with grief after the loss of their young child.

At our school assembly, I was introduced by our Well-being Co-ordinator and had the opportunity to address the whole school as PCW and talk about my role and programs. I also announced to the students that we will be running Breakfast Club every day of the week! Our school previously ran Breakfast Club only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Leadership has provided extra staff to help run Breakfast Club every morning.



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Prayer Group has grown this year with new members across year levels. Very pleased to have some new faces turning up each week, and to have such passionate young people wanting to pray for their school. Dave Brown from TTG Anglican continues to join us this year.

Volunteers – Working with the school in allowing 3-4 young people from Torrens Valley to help us in school with mentoring and other help across the school. It's been a long process, started at the beginning of the year. Paperwork and leadership decisions have kept things moving slowly. Maybe next term we will start.

I have been blessed to have had the support of the Journey Uniting church. A group of leaders have been in to help make milkshakes & play some games within my lunchtime year 7 program and have helped to cook a whole school breakfast for the staff and the students.

Support - I have been working closely with parents this term using my extra time to create stronger connections. Prayers for continued hope and wisdom in every conversation and for the parents and students who are living with very difficult circumstances.

Getting known - I have started working with selected Students recommended by Staff and Parents. I've been into most classrooms to introduce myself, as well as attending a Staff and a Governing Council meeting to introduce myself and tell people who I am & what I do.

Trivia Quiz has begun with 10 tables, two teachers table. We are a smaller group but we have had more participation from Year 8's.

Food Support - Pathways have continued to provide fruit & food support for families in need. They are hugely appreciative of this resource from Clovercrest Baptist

Café 12 / Barista Course – Café 12 committee has been managing the Café really well. The group really work well in the space and have been taking good care of it this year. The Barista Course has more than 30 students signed up this year working with Soul Food Community Café providing valuable links for future years.

Easter Presentation – SMG's Life Matters team visited for our Easter Presentation at lunch time in the library. We had about 60 students in the library listening to Matt and the team. We also had representatives from Torrens Valley Christian Centre come along from the youth group. Since the presentation we have had three more people attending prayer group.

Hands-on Help - Breakfast Club Program Fri mornings; ♥ Lunch Time Activities in the Library
♥ Assisting with the School's Student Representative Council;
♥ Being trained in the "What's The Buzz" Program in order to run it with selected Students;
♥ Assist with Kitchen Program.

*I would like to thank our faithful supporters for your continued prayers & support for us.
We would not be able to do what we do, if we did not have your support.*

Easter Program - We used the idea of looking at the Easter egg and see how new life comes from an egg, and in a skit saying how "it is used as a symbol to illustrate the new life/fresh start people can have with God when they believe in Jesus and put their trust in Him and decide to live His way". We introduce students to who Jesus is and what He did by the 6 small groups reading and gleaning a different event of teaching and miracles in Jesus' life before our team presents the Easter drama. There is also a little craft which students made to take home along with a free little book of Luke if they wished to accept one. 130 books of Luke were received by the students. Very positive responses from students and staff.

How to help this ministry:

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