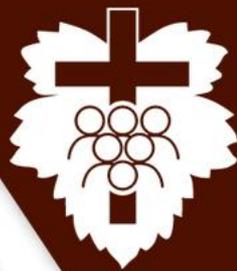


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This term we focus on how Jesus shows He is God through miracles. From the feeding of the 5000 to bringing a young girl back to life Jesus performed a number of amazing miracles. His first miracle written about in the Bible is that of turning water into wine at a wedding. I'm sure there would be plenty of people who would like to be able to do that!

The definition of a miracle has always fascinated me. It is often used loosely I believe. For example, "It was a miracle that my football team won on the weekend." When you google miracle there is one definition that mentions - "a remarkable event or development that brings very welcome consequences and an exceptional product or achievement, or an outstanding example of something."

Over my life I feel I have experienced my fair share of miracles. Most of these would be travel experiences such as surviving a Red Sea ferry trip that almost ended in disaster to almost being part of the London bombings. I would have to throw in the birth of my children as each and every birth is not only a gift from God but a wonderful miracle of a new life.

Whatever your definition or understanding of what a miracle is, we can be confident that the miracles that Jesus performed were the greatest of all. His miracles were remarkable and showed the true power of God. The 4 gospels in the Bible all speak of the amazing feats that Jesus did. Jesus certainly didn't need to show his power but through the miracles He performed he was able to turn many non-believers into believers. *John 10:37-38 - Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.*

Of course His absolute greatest miracle was that his resurrection from the dead. Something so amazing it is truly difficult to understand.

May there be little miracles in your lives and when they occur it is my wish that you recognize them and that God is the provider of all miracles.

Tim Kriewaldt

Welcome to term 3. It is amazing to think that we have passed the halfway mark of the year already. I trust that the holidays allowed you to have a break from routine. A school is a very lonely place during holidays and it was wonderful to welcome the students back on Monday morning; their chatter and laughter certainly make the buildings 'come alive'. The staff are also refreshed and are prepared for the new term. We once again look forward to your support as we aim to offer a program which stimulates, enriches and motivates the students so that their learning is broad and deep.

Blessings,
Shane

Student Led Conference: On Tuesday and Wednesday next week we will be holding Student Led Conferences. These are a great opportunity for parents to visit and hear from their children what they learning (and experience it), discuss aspects of your child's work and hopefully gain an insight into your child as a learner. Further information is included in the newsletter.

Newsletter: As you know the newsletter is currently distributed in hard copy every fortnight. Many parents have commented over time that the newsletter should be distributed online as it suits the way information is accessed for them. The preparation of a hard copy newsletter takes a lot of resources (paper being one). Therefore a decision has been made to now distribute the newsletter as an online document. Parents / caregivers etc. who are to receive the newsletter will be informed via email that it is ready for viewing (we will use the email as given to us via our database). The newsletter will look completely different than it currently does now and I understand that one of the features of the newsletter for some families (and students) is the front page which always has photos of students and their activities. This page will continue as a gallery page in the online version – which you will be able to print should you so desire. If you still require a hard copy of the newsletter sent home could you please inform the office. This edition of the newsletter will be the last paper which you will receive as we will move to an online copy from the next edition (Wednesday 8th August).

Homework policy: Over the last term the staff have been reviewing the Homework policy. After much discussion the final review has been completed and is available on the school website for your perusal. One of the aims of the review was to provide consistency and clarity across the school in regards to the expectations with this. GGLPS maintains its stance as a 'no homework' school but has put processes in

place for students to complete some tasks at home.
Key changes include:

- 'Homework' at GGLPS will now be known as 'home inquiry';
- Any home inquiry expectations will be set out in the weekly cluster newsletter;
- Yr 5 and 6 are seen as transition years in preparation for High school requirements.

The revised policy is available for viewing under the Parent Portal section of the website (under policies).

Staffing: There have been a number of slight adjustments in the area of staffing over the last few weeks.

- Ruth Carter: Ruth has been absent for a large amount of this year. Ruth has informed us that she will be on leave for a little longer. After a number of years of putting her whole self into her role here at GGLPS she has decided to take some time out for herself to focus on her health. We look forward to seeing her return to GGLPS in the future. Ruth's key role in the school was that of curriculum and PYP leader (Learning and Teaching coordinator).
 - Jayne Zadow has been appointed to the role of Learning and Teaching Coordinator for the rest of 2018 (2 days per week). Her classroom duties will be taken up by Kayla Dametto. Parents of students in Jayne's class have received further communication about this.
 - Stephen Paech will continue to teach in year 4 on Fridays for the rest of this term.
- Sue Prideaux: Sue is on Long Service Leave for the first five weeks of this term. John Greenwood will replace Sue.
- Joy Doecke: Joy remains on leave for this term. Kayla Dametto will take on Joy's duties for this term.
- Elaine Baldock: Elaine will commence Long Service Leave from next week (for six weeks). Kerry Abraham will replace Elaine during this time.

Sign in system: Over the next few weeks we are trialling a new sign in system for all visitors to the school. Parents who are on the school site between 9:15 am and 2:45 pm will be asked to use this system as well. It is important that we know who is onsite in the case of evacuations / invacuations. Signing in (and out) will occur at the front desk using the iPad. A sticker will be issued and needs to be visible on clothing while on school grounds.

Student Led Conferences

A highly effective part of reporting progress to parents includes the opportunity for students to share their learning with their parents/caregivers. These are called student led conferences (SLC) and are led by the student themselves. They will take place in week 2 of term 3, Tuesday 31st July and Wednesday 1st August between 3.30pm – 6.30pm. Book via <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> and paste in the code **me8mc**. The conference format will depend on the age of the student and everyone involved must understand the purpose of the SLC and their role.

Purpose of student conferences:

For the student to:

- share their learning journey with their parents
- demonstrate a deeper understanding of their learning with evidence
- take ownership of their learning and behaviours
- have quality time on a one to one basis with their parent/parents/caregivers.

Therefore:

- the discussion about the learning will be between parent/parents/caregivers and student
- students are responsible for sharing their learning

For the parents/caregivers to:

- see the learning process their child/children have gone through.
- have quality time on a one to one basis with their child/children.

Therefore:

- parents are encouraged to help guide the conversation through the provided prompts and suggested questions.
- offer verbal and written feedback to their child/children.

The role of the teacher is:

- to guide and prepare the students to become confident participants and share their learning. The development of their training will naturally be progressive as students move through the year levels.
- to support and guide parents with prompts and suggested questions encouraging student/parent communication.
- not to engage in parent/teacher conversation, parents wishing to discuss their child's learning with the teacher will be asked to make an appointment at another time.

Student led practicalities:

- SLC bookings can be made **now** online
- Source and book the baby sitters or book students into GGOSH (\$2 per child) through the website

after booking your appointment time.

- You will receive a formal invitation from your child outlining the format of the student led conference.

We believe that students, parents and teachers will find this experience rewarding. This is an opportunity for you to celebrate your child/children's learning and achievements with them.

BOOK WEEK 2018 - "Find Your Treasure"



This term we are celebrating Book Week with a whole school Dress Up Day. This will take place on Tuesday 21st August. The theme is "Find Your Treasure". The children can come dressed as a pirate (no swords please), but treasure doesn't need to be pirate related, there's also Indiana Jones, Aladdin and Egyptian themes, the options are endless!

GGLPS P&F PRESENTS

BEER & WINE

Tasting Experience

Saturday 18 August – 7pm

In staff room \$10 per person

Nibbles provided & paella available to buy. Bar available to buy drinks after tasting

Family & Friends Welcome Too!

Purchase tickets using Qkr App or at front office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – Tuesday 14th August

Photo envelopes are due by **Wednesday 8th August**.

Even if you **DO NOT** intend to purchase photos, we still require the envelope to be returned. If you wish to have a **family photo** taken, please collect a separate envelope from the front office.

Further information regarding the uniform for the day will be advised shortly.

CC'S DISCO – FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST

6.30PM – 8.00PM IN THE WORSHIP CENTRE

\$5 ENTRY - REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL

REGISTER VIA Qkr! Or at front office – no payments on night.

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE FOR ORDERING – All proceeds go toward the Golden Grove Lutheran Church renovations.

6x4 trailer - \$120

7x4 trailer \$140

8x5 trailer \$200 + \$180 per additional layer

Kindling \$10 per 7.5kg bag

Further details are available on the online ordering form at

<http://bit.ly/gglcwood>



RAPID BAY JETTY

Saturday 11th August at 11.00am

FISHING FROM JETTY or ROCKS
MEET at RAPID BAY JETTY CAR PARK
WEIGH IN at 5.30pm
ALL WELCOME

Contact: Graeme Hoklas at School Reception for further info

Next Event: 9th September (Sunday) St Kilda Breakwater 6.00am



Church this Sunday is in the Worship Centre at Golden Grove Lutheran Church

9.30am with Pastor Greg sharing the message 'Jesus provides for our needs'.

Children please join us for Kids at Heart children's ministry time. This Sunday's Bible Song topic is 'Jesus feeds the five thousand'.



Followed by tea/coffee and fellowship.

6.30pm Salt Factory service. You are welcome to come for a light meal at 5.45pm (gold coin donation)

It would be great to have your company.