



PRAYER SUPPORTERS NEWSLETTER

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BURNSIDE INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
PASTORAL CARE WORKERS

BICC Update

QUIZ NIGHT REPORT

Ten local churches were represented at our recent Quiz Night and they made up a good crowd. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves, even if they didn't win a prize. Geoff Thomas was our Question Master and he was excellent as always.

At the same time we had 67 youth in the Hall at a combined function with a range of activities, including eating, of course. The band was excellent. The summary of our fundraising is as follows:

Trading table	\$432
Youth Event in Hall	\$565
Ticket Sales, Donations and Silent Auction	\$6,120
TOTAL NET PROCEEDS	\$7,117

Our last Quiz Night, held in 2019, raised \$7,290, which was a record. This year, emerging from Covid, we made \$7,117, which is amazing. It is an excellent tribute to the many people whose combined efforts brought the Quiz Night into being – and helped clean up afterwards. It all enables us to have PCWs in schools for extra hours.

Thank you to all the local businesses who have shown their support by donating goods for this year's BICC silent auction:

- One Rundle Trading Company
- Jurlique
- House of Health Central Market
- Norwood Foodland
- Adelaide Zoos
- Village Baker
- National Pharmacies
- Woolworths
- The Feathers Hotel
- Coles
- Tony & Marks
- KFC
- King Pin Bowl Norwood
- Beerenberg
- Soul Factor Gospel Choir

Thank you also to the individuals who have donated goods, sold tickets, purchased goods, attended and shown support.

PASTORAL CARE WORKER SUPPORT GROUP REPORT

At our end of May support group meeting we met Jacqui Maynard for the first time. It was a delight to meet her and hear that she is really enjoying her work at Glenunga International High School. God is at work there in encouraging ways.

God is also at work in the other schools through our other PCWs and they too had things they gave God thanks for. As always there are challenges but also the confidence that God is at work through them to help and support vulnerable students, staff and families.

There was, as always, much to pray for. We also prayed for Marryatville High School and their need for a new PCW. We look forward to welcoming that new person to our group, hopefully soon. The support group continues to be a valuable resource and encouragement for our PCWs, and an encouragement too for those of us who have the privilege of being their supporters. Please add your prayers to those of our group.

Catherine Carr

Prayer Points

The Burnside Inter-church Council has listed a few specific needs to uphold before the Lord in prayer and believe together for God to move:

- For students and staff fatigued by the challenges of Covid;
- For renewed vigour and stamina in schools to overcome these challenges
- A child losing a mother so soon after losing dad!
- For challenged families with domestic violence;
- For What's the Buzz; Kids Hope and Scripture Club at Burnside PS
- Jacqui at Glenunga International High School
- For Scripture Club and Staff Prayer Group at GIHS
- For sound government at both State and Federal levels; that they continue to recognise the importance of chaplaincy in schools
- For students faced with homelessness, hunger and anxiety for their future
- For the PCW vacancy at Marryatville to be filled.

PCW Giving Update

Our Church is committed to supporting our local chaplains financially. Please take a moment to review our Ministry Partnerships on our website:

www.burnsidefamilychurch.com/partnerships

For those folk giving to PCWs, the process has been updated. So we can fulfil our commitments across our ministry partnerships, please let the church know if you are giving directly. You can make tax-deductible gifts to help fund our chaplaincy services in local schools. For legal reasons, the money needs to go via the Schools Ministry Group (SMG), which employs the

Pastoral Care Workers, with a clear indication it is for the benefit of Burnside ICC. When you give, BICC would like to acknowledge your gift so that you know that it has finished up in the correct place. To enable that to happen, please follow the suggested steps below.

(1) Donate by cheque sending to: Schools Ministry Group

12 Angus Ave Edwardstown 5039

Clearly indicate for the benefit of Burnside ICC & ask for a receipt.

(2) Donate by credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express):

a) By phone - Ring 8378 6800 with your credit card in hand. Clearly indicate it is for the benefit of Burnside ICC and ask for a receipt.

(b) By the internet

- Go to the SMG website: <https://smg.asn.au>
- Click on "Donate" in the second line, right hand end
- Click on the left hand end box "Chaplaincy Services"
- Click on "One-off Donation" or "Regular Donation"
- Click on one of the boxes with suggested amounts OR type your amount in the empty box at the right hand end of the row.
- Click on "Give Now".
- Complete your details using the form which appears on the screen.
- Click on the small box alongside "Notify someone of your donation".
- In the large box which appears in the next line, type in:
m.c.lake@bigpond.net.au

This is the email address of our Treasurer. We need it so that we can send you an acknowledgement of your gift.

There is a small handling charge for the use of the electronic system (2.4%). Normally this is added to your donation and is shown at "Cover platform fee". If you want SMG to have to pay it, click on "Remove".

- Check all your entries AND click in the box at the bottom.
- Enter your card details and click "Submit".

You can then log out of the donation at part of the system and also out of the SMG system or out of the internet completely. You should receive a receipt by email very quickly. Thank you for your gift.

Glenuga HS > Jacqui Maynard

It's so exciting to be writing my first newsletter article for this amazing body of people. How blessed we are.

Some of you will know me courtesy of my history with the local Burnside Uniting Churches (as the first youth leader.) Since then I have worked in a number of Christian youth areas including Scripture Union (head of Youth Work and Camps), Clovercrest Baptist (Creative Ministries Director), Wirraway Homestead (Staff member and trainer), Asquith Girls Schools (Christian Studies Teacher), and Cru (Summit School Camp Leader and trainer.) In the world of PCW, I spent 8 years as the PCW for Eastern Fleurieu School working in both the high school and 2 of the primary aged campuses. It's great to be back in the PCW world again.

I started work at GIHS in Week 9 of Term 1 2022. This was an incredible time to start not only with the full effects of COVID affecting staff and students but also the last stages of building going on, and the move of Year 7s into secondary schools, resulting in the school growing to 2200 students. I feel blessed more than words to have my own office in the Wellbeing space of the school. Most of the time, I need a revolving door as students come through to chat. Every day is full in every essence of the word.

It's also great to have an active Christian Club at the school. They're an incredible group of teenagers who run their own games, prayer times, and Bible studies. I learn just by being there. There is also a staff prayer group that meets twice a week. Another incredible blessing.

Please continue to pray for us as a school and me as I get to know people and work out how to serve the students who come into the Wellbeing Centre, while also getting to know other students in the school. (I've made contact with the Musical Theatre Group. Can't wait to get into that.)

Thanks for praying for us and everything else you do. Couldn't do it without you.

Jacqui

Marden SC > Tim Wells

We cannot solve the world's problems. We cannot always solve the issues confronting students. Australia has a homelessness challenge and has had so, for many years. We cannot solve that. Covid is wreaking havoc in different ways now; fatigue, anxiety through change and altered timeframes. It is still out there, we cannot solve that. What a negative picture this is.

Our distribution of bread and cakes is well and truly up and running and as every year, is very popular. I hear students saying; "This is amazing!" or "I love Tuesday Bread Day!" Three students have been not just relieved, but exceedingly grateful to receive food hampers in recent weeks.

Two students, were faced with significant accommodation issues, one in a toxic situation and significantly at risk. Both have safe, secure, long term accommodation.

Our School Formal, challenged and at risk throughout the Covid era, has once again been facilitated with our largest gathering of students ever at the Hilton Hotel; - 120 students!

I think of the "Tale of the Starfish;" (have a look online it's there;) a little girl confronted by thousands of starfish washed up on a beach during a storm are baking in the sun. One by one she throws them back until she is challenged by an old man, who tells her she can never help them all. She picks up one and throws it into the sea remarking; "I helped that one!"

Two students have safe housing; three are fed and a campus celebrates its Formal. Students and Staff are supported. We cannot solve all the issues, but through God's help, we have helped some. We have reassured many. Our continued presence on campus serves as a persistent and importantly, a consistent surety that help, support and encouragement are available and have never left. Be assured that the efforts of the Burnside Inter-Church Council positively impact our Marden Campus, indeed, all our campuses. Each year when funding is challenged and renewed, we can rightly say; "Well, we helped that one! Thanks be to God". Tim

Burnside PS > Donna Kingston

Hi all, what a year it has been already! Our teachers and students have been affected by the effects of COVID in unexpected and immeasurable ways. I have had teachers needing to talk about their stress levels already this term. Teachers who are usually calm and fair are being snappy and cannot understand why. They are needing to take days off and we are only in week 4. A little packet of red frogs was popped in every teachers' pigeon hole, as a little encouragement, kindly donated by "Red Frogs" and Knightsbridge Baptist. I am seeing more students having major meltdowns in the classroom, who are needing a lot of help to learn how to self-regulate. Two of our young students have needed support this term due to a parent passing away. One was expected and the other was sudden. The one who knew Mum was dying, only found out recently that Mum was not going to get better. She now has no living parents as her father passed away a few years ago. Her next challenge, which will be in a couple of weeks, is needing to leave the school to be with family in a different country. There have been some disclosures of domestic violence from students, suicidal thoughts from others, and some students identifying with the LGBTQIA+ community. It is hard to believe that I am writing this report about a primary school.

I have been to a couple of professional development courses/seminars on wellbeing to help me to be better equipped to support our students. One of the courses was called, "What's the Buzz". To cut a long story short, Burnside are now using this wellbeing program in every classroom instead of the previous ones like "Friendology" and "Mind up". The head of wellbeing and I worked together to teach the first lesson of sixteen, to all 28 classes, to show the teachers how to deliver this program to their students. The program involves prize boxes for every classroom and these are being purchased with the money raised at an Easter fundraiser at Knightsbridge Baptist. Kids Hope is going well with seven of our nine mentors now coming into the school on a weekly basis. We are in the process of allocating two more children to the remaining two mentors. It can be a long process if parents do not respond quickly to the consent letters. Scripture Club, (the new name) has just been given the green light to go ahead.. Sharon, (a Kids Hope mentor), will be leading this with me on a Tuesday during the lunch break.

I look forward to sharing stories from Scripture Club in the future. Donna

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