

## CHAPLAINCY REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to represent our congregation on the local chaplaincy committee of the Camp Hill Infants' and State School. In that role I present this report.

This committee was set up in 2007 to apply for Federal Government funding to pay for a chaplain in the school. Scripture Union Queensland recruits and pays the chaplain from the government funding it receives. This covers his wages for two days a week and the committee raises the money for the third day.

Lamington drives, garage sales, sausage sizzles at film nights in the park all contribute to the funds raised. As well as fund raising, our committee has provided morning tea for the teachers.

Our church community has contributed over \$800 by way of a retiring collection on the third Sunday of the month and this has been greatly appreciated. These are some activities that we support.

The chaplain, Chris Allen works with children who require emotional support as a result of family breakdown, grief, or learning difficulties. He really enjoys this aspect of his work and continually looks for opportunities to help and nurture the children. With the help of one of the teachers, he runs a SUPA club, a Christian based program which aims to promote social values and skills in society. It emphasises God's role in the children's lives and has direct bible input. The children who attend are enthusiastic and Chris has distributed Youth Bibles to the Year 7 students involved. The Breakfast Club is still running strongly on Monday mornings and it is a great time for Chris to have a chat with the children in a relaxed environment. Students from Churchie help with the breakfast and IGA Carina continues to support this venture. This year, Chris would like to start a fitness program in conjunction with the breakfast club.

A beading class which runs fortnightly with the help of one of our committee members is always packed with children who love making bracelets as gifts for their families and friends. This is another opportunity for Chris to talk with the children in a relaxed environment.

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