On Sunday there was a beautiful display of fruit, vegetables and other produce at the front of the church. It was Thanksgiving Sunday. American Thanksgiving is traditionally bigger than the Christmas lunch. With extravagance to end all other extravagance, the turkey is the pride and joy of every household.

We had a great bible reading that went with Thanksgiving Sunday and here it is below:

28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matt 6:28 - 33

I love it how the rules, or God’s expectations, are thrown down first in the Bible, and the blessings are also mentioned if you follow God’s thinking:

- Keep God at number 1
- All these things will be given to you as well

At our opening chapel, Peyton read us:

“Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” Proverbs 3: 9-10

The same pattern follows:

- Give God the best as an offering, to demonstrate that you know His place as number 1!
- As a result, God will shower His blessings upon you.

Sometimes it may be financial reward, but for me, the real blessing from God is peace. It’s the comfort of knowing I’m living for God, and an ease I feel when going to sleep at night. God’s blessings for me are a loving family, joining a great community, working hard as a witness for Him and the capacity I have to enjoy the life He has given me.

I pray: Lord, help us to keep You where You belong, in the centre of our hearts and the front of our minds. Help us to always give thanks to You, as You provide us with everything we need, Amen.

Adam Borgas

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**Student Leadership for 2012**

**Bibbies (Green)**
- Captain - Olivia Moore
- Vice Captain - Georgia Butson

**Echidnas (Red)**
- Captain - Jean Marchant
- Vice Captain - Georgie Myer

**Wallabies (Blue)**
- Captain - Caitlin Curtis
- Vice Captain - Mark Noack

**The School Captains for 2012 are:**
- Taliah Ebert & Dominic Travaglione

The Student Representative Council for 2012 will be announced in next week’s newsletter.
Apples for Sale
We have locally grown Pink Lady Apples for sale from the office at the bargain price of $1.50 per bag.

Canteen Manager “Help Wanted”
We are looking for someone to be responsible for the running of our school canteen. This will involve the ordering of stock and organising helpers for packing lunches on a Wednesday. If you would be willing to take on this role, please contact the office.

Meet and Greet BBQ
The Meet and Greet BBQ is scheduled for tomorrow (Friday, 17th February) commencing at 6:00pm. Could all families who are coming along, please either bring along a large salad or a large dessert (enough for 2 families) to ensure that we have enough to go around. In addition, could you please bring along chairs/picnic rug, plates, cutlery and drinks.

NAPLAN Data Forms
If you have not returned your NAPLAN Data Form could you please ensure that you return them ASAP. *(These are for students in years 3, 5 and 7).*

An introduction to the PYP—Workshop
Would you like to know what the PYP is all about? Do you want to know more about the approach that our students use in their learning? On Thursday, 23rd February, at 7.00pm, Mr Borgas will be presenting a workshop on the Primary Years Program, and how it is a unique learning program. All of the school community is invited, whether you are a first time parent at this school or just want to see how this curriculum covers traditional learning. Classrooms will be open immediately after the session, for parents to visit and see the PYP in action. We hope to see you there!

Reading Workshop
Mrs Beelitz will be running a Reading workshop to equip parents with skills to help with reading at home immediately following the PYP. This workshop is open to all parents and will look at the importance of reading, and how you can encourage reluctant readers. It will also give some practical ideas and processes for hearing children read. This will be held on Thursday, 23rd February, at 7:30pm after the PYP workshop in the Reception classroom.

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Nomination Form for School Council Representatives
We need to elect two representatives from our parent body, to be a part of School Council. If you would like to take on this position or know of someone else who would, please nominate.

I would like to nominate ................................................................. as a Parent Representative on School Council.

I have spoken to this person and they are happy to stand. ......................................................... Signature

This election will take place at the Meet & Greet BBQ - Friday, 17th February 2012.
Leukaemia Foundation
World’s Greatest Shave
www.worldsgreatestshave.com

You may have noticed that both Mr Borgas and Mr Braun are looking a bit scruffy and hairy at the moment. The reason for this is that they have both decided to take up the challenge and “Be Brave and Shave” for the Leukaemia Foundation’s “World’s Greatest Shave”. If you would like to support them, feel free to pop into the office and place a donation in the donation box.

Silent Auction
Commencing today, we will be taking bids for a silent auction for the privilege to shave Mr Braun and Mr Borgas’ heads. If you would like to vie for this once-in-a-life-time opportunity, please place a bid with the office staff. We will print an update of the successful bids each week in the Newsletter. The winner or winners will be announced in the Newsletter on Thursday, 22nd March with the “shaving action” taking place on Friday, 23rd March 2012.

Crazy Hair Day
So that our students can also show their support for this worthy cause, we will be holding “CRAZY HAIR DAY” on Friday, 23rd March 2012 (shave off day)! Students who wish to take part in this, need to style and colour their hair at home and bring a gold coin donation to school on the day. We will also have crazy biscuits and cupcakes available for purchase on the day.

P&F Notice Board
Please note: our first meeting for 2012 will now be held on Friday, 24th February 2012 commencing at 9:30am (after chapel) in the Hall. On the Agenda:

- WLPS Sports Day
- P&F AGM
- Fundraising ideas for the year.

Hope to see you there!
New members always welcome!!!
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**Friday:** Connelly

**Monday:** Curtis

**Tuesday:** DeVroome

**Wednesday:** Duffield

**Thursday:** Dutschke

**Thursday:** Ebert/McCarthy

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**Prayers**

- Pray for healing for those members of our family and community who are currently suffering from an injury or illness.
- Thank God for providing us with a lovely school and ask Him to be with those who attend the **Meet and Greet BBQ** on Friday night as we enjoy fellowship and good food.
- Ask God to be with those people who are mourning the loss of a loved one at this time.

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**Birthdays this Week**

**God Bless You!**

- **Kyon Rayner**
  - 17th February
- **Lilli Hull**
  - 22nd February

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**Lutheran Worship**

**Sunday 19th February - Transfiguration**

- Waikerie: 9:00am
- Lowbank: 9:00am
- Morgan: 8:30am  HC (Pastor Ruwoldt)
- Ramco: 10:30am  HC (Pastor Ruwoldt)

Parish Office - 8541 2689 (Thurs & Fri - 10:00am until 1:00pm)
Tim Hensel (Youth & Family Worker) - 8541 2689

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**Rosters**

**Cleaning this Friday, 17th February 2012**

- Library/Computer Room: Fechner
- Art Room: Arnold

**Canteen next Wednesday, 22nd February 2012**

- Morning/Lunchtime: Thomas

Thank you - your help is appreciated.

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**Students of the Week**

Teachers are encouraging the attitudes of appreciation, commitment, confidence, cooperation, creativity, curiosity, empathy, enthusiasm, independence, integrity, respect and tolerance as a tool kit for successfully relating with others. As a way of celebrating the demonstration of these attitudes by students, staff have elected these students this week.

**6/7 Class**

**Creativity - Taliah Ebert.** Taliah was very creative with her homework this week, creating a great “picture/find-a-word”. 😊

**Respect - Georgie Myer.** Georgie is always respectful towards her peers on adults. Keep it up Georgie! 😊

**4/5 Class**

**Independence - Reilly Hollamby.** Reilly regularly shows independence. This is evident through his ability to find a quiet activity to do if he completes a task as well as being ready for new tasks. 😊

**Commitment - Shelby Strauss.** Shelby has been very committed to completing her work, especially her planets poster in our Unit of Inquiry. 😊

**2/3 Class**

**Appreciation - Felicity Arnold.** Felicity shows her appreciation by always using beautiful manners. 😊

**Confidence - Matthew Schmidt.** Matthew shows confidence by trying new ways of doing things and helping others. 😊

**R/1 Class**

**Confidence - Haylee Gore.** Haylee has demonstrated confidence in her ability as a learner. She is confident with all her tasks, particularly in writing and news-time. Well done Haylee! 😊

**Independence - Cody Thiele.** Cody has shown independence as he completed his writing tasks on his own. Great work Cody, keep it up! 😊

**Reception Class**

**Curiosity - Latia Loffler.** Latia has been asking lots of questions in class about our Unit of Inquiry entitled “Getting Along”! 😊

**Enthusiasm - Flynn Andrew.** Flynn works with enthusiasm on all tasks and he contributes enthusiastically to discussions. 😊
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