

BEAUDESERT DISTRICT CHAPLAINS

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Jade Cocks **Beaudesert State School** **(Tues, Wed & Thurs)**



What a blessing to be able to share with you some of what has been happening in Chaplaincy at Beaudesert State School this term.

Our HOPE Cooking group is back in swing, and with the support of the Sunrise Rotary Club, we have been able to help families as well as having the opportunity of learning some great life skills. This term we have enjoyed cooking brownies, quiche, choc chip biscuits and cheeseburger sausage rolls.

Our HOPE shop has moved up to R Block and while this was a big move, it has been working well and is open each Tuesday and Thursday before school. A massive thank you to Jillian, Lorrain and Janice for all of their help.

After having to put brekky club on hold throughout 2021, it has been wonderful to recommence this service to the students. Brekky club runs on Wednesday and Thursday morning with the help of volunteers from some of the local churches, community groups and our own staff. I would also like to thank Coles and Scenic Rim For Real Milk for their generous support.

I have loved continuing our Kindness Project this year and seeing the enthusiasm on the student's faces as they tell me what they have done that is kind and also ask what our next challenge is.

Next term we are looking forward to holding our next Bella Girls Group as well as starting Group Triple P parenting sessions. Another very exciting thing for next term is our inaugural Chappy Colour Run. This will be a very fun and colourful fundraising event held in Chappy Week on Friday 28th May.

Sam Fillery **Beaudesert State High** **(Mon, Wed, Thurs)**



Tamrookum State School **(Tues, Fri)**

It has been a great start to the year with our programs at Beaudesert SHS starting up again.

I'm also pleased to advise that I'm starting my role as Chaplain at Tamrookum SS.

A lot has happened in only a couple of weeks at Beaudesert SHS. Our Green Groom, where students can chill and build friendships while playing games, has become so popular that we are now looking for a larger space.

At Tamrookum SS I have started a Breakfast Club on Tuesdays and Fridays. Many thanks to the YMCA and the Scenic Rim Robotic Dairy for helping us out with the Breakfast Club supplies.

And many thanks too to Chaplain Jade Cocks. We are running her All Stars Friendship Group Program at Tamrookum.

I am looking forward to seeing what Term 2 brings.

Tish Harris **Gleneagle State School** **(Thurs & Fri)**



Veresdale Scrub State School **(Wed)**

It's hard to believe the term is almost over! I look forward to sharing with you a bit of what I've been up to at each school.

I am at Gleneagle SS twice a week, where it's been a big term for food! I helped the students celebrate Healthy Lunchbox Week

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by making some healthy snacks for them to enjoy at lunchtime, and I was given a large donation of tortillas and wraps from SCT Logistics that I was able to hand out to our families. I've also started hosting a morning tea once a month which I call "Food for Thought", in which I share an article on well-being and yummy snacks for our staff to enjoy.

Some of my favourite times of day are play breaks after eating time! The students give me ideas of active games they'd like to play, and everyone is welcome. I am also mentoring the Sport Captains as they lead the young house in Active Kids activities once a week. And, of course, no week would be complete without Lego Club on Tuesdays and Uno Club on Fridays!

Next term I hope to run some colourful fundraisers, encourage dads and father figures to join our Dad's Group, and lead the Rock and Water Program at Gleneagle SS, just to give you an idea of what there is to look forward to!

I am at Veresdale Scrub SS four hours a week, and I manage to fit a lot in! I provide classroom support to the Prep teacher, lead the Rock and Water Program for the Year 4 class, and see many students one on one for pastoral care and support. I also really enjoyed participating in the

school's Cross Country Day a few weeks ago!

Please pray for the families and staff at these schools, that they would experience peace in times of turmoil and transition. They are great places with great people!

What is a Chaplain?

As a School Chaplain, we are a safe person for young people to connect with at school, providing a listening ear, caring presence, and a message of hope.

We are in the prevention and support business: helping students find better ways to deal with issues ranging from family problems, friendship issues, peer pressure, self-esteem issues, bullying, depression, grief and loss, anti-social behaviour and class/school refusal.

Chaplains are often members of the Student Support Services Team and work with the team to provide care needed for students. We not only deal with these issues outside of class, but can also come into the class to work with students whether it's doing school work with them or helping them achieve an academic goal.

Chaplains provide support for parents and staff in the school community along with knowing a variety of organisations that can help. We not only help with a range of issues on a daily basis,

but also run fun and self-building programs for students including programs such as Reflections/Friendship programs, Social Skills, Skills for life, plus loads more.

Chaplains are not just a big part of the school community, but also part of the local community. We like to be able to help out wherever we can.

Get Involved!

Some of the ways that you can get involved are:

- Pray
- Provide financially to help bring stability to the Chaplaincy service
- Volunteer to help with programs at the school
- Become part of our Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC)

If you are interested in supporting our local chaplains financially we would love to provide you with the details of how you can donate or you can donate online by going to www.suqld.org.au/donate and selecting for your donation to go to "**Beaudesert District Chaplaincy – General Support**".

Thank you for your support!

