Chaplains Report for MOSS P&C Wed 7 September 2016

- Wednesday mornings are at the **ECDP Playgroup** meeting with parents and engaging in the children’s play and music activities.
- **2015 Siblings Catch-Up Day Camp** held on Monday 27th June 2016, at MOSS in G block. Present were 7 siblings who made up the “Chocolate stars” group from 2015. Very positive experience for siblings reconnecting and sharing.
- **2016 Siblings Club** (previously known as Siblings Support Day Camp) to be held on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd September 2016 between hours of 9am till 3pm, at MOSS in G block and playground. Scripture Union Qld (SU) has confirmed covering the insurance (confirmation email, SU Certificate of Currency, and copy of the Risk Management Plan received on 22nd August). I am the nominated director of the event. Jean McCausland-Green and myself co-facilitating, with 3 USQ psych students, a nurse for one hour on one of the days, and a person with current first aid on both days (my husband is assisting). Same costings for food and activities as last time (repeating the same activities as the first Siblings Support Day Camp). Jennifer McDonald will be purchasing items. To date, 9 siblings will be attending (2 from other schools).
- **Days changed to full days Wednesdays and Thursdays** (will allow me more time to visit classrooms, as well as do some admin at school where to date, admin is mainly done after hours from home)
- **Financials:** current cost for a chaplain for 2 days is $23,000 per year (includes wages and extras). $20,000 is covered by NSCP funding. Still need to raise $3,000 for 2017 (fundraising, local churches, individuals)
- **Fundraising** – Have received extremely generous donations from Centenary Uniting Church ($2000 and $300) to pay for rest of 2016. Hope to speak at one of their services soon. LCC members and I discussed other means of fundraising.
- **LCC** (Local Chaplaincy Committee) was held at MOSS Thursday 18 August. The next LCC meeting is Thursday November 17th at 1 pm.
- **Homeless Appeal** (toiletries) is continuing. Donations box is in staff room. Have received a Certificate of Appreciation from the MaD (Making a Difference) team
- Assisting at **Sports Day morning tea** this Thursday
- Connecting with students, staff and volunteers in classrooms, at gates, walking round school (assistance for families etc)
- Parents: Home visits, phone calls, catching up at events and at school.
- Attending alternately on **Thursdays**: visiting classes, grocery hampers pack and distributions 12.15-1.30, MyTime meetings 9-11, Little Kings 9.30-10.30, local ministers and chaplains prayer meetings at Good News Lutheran 10-12 (scheduled for second Thursday of each month).
- **Chaplains News** written for MOSS newsletters
- **Jindalee Lions Children of Courage Awards** – in planning
- **Term 4 In Service Day** – Tuesday, October 25 (my day off). Location: Village Ave Community Church, Coopers Plains.
I asked Carolyn Swann if psychologist Jean McCausland-Green could speak again at a MyTime event to share about sibling issues (MyTime event last Friday the 2nd of September, which I was able to attend for some of the time as it was my day at the other school).

- Both schools have jointly cooperated for me to be able to attend to matters or events for either school.
- Assisted our students at McIntyre Riding recently
- Attended annual SU Conference in August
- 2016 CDP (Chaplains’ Development Planning) - submitted Thursday 28 July (worked with my Annual Operational Plan and my DET Work Plan).
- **Pastoral care** for any and all in our MOSS community for emotional (grief and loss and life’s daily struggles and challenges), social (connecting with new and existing staff and parents and families), spiritual (prayer and conversations), and practical support.

I feel blessed to be here, working with such a great team and being able to join you in celebrating our students’ achievements whilst supporting you in any way that I can.

Thank you, Hedy
MOSS Chaplain