

CHAPLAINCY WEEK

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Chaplaincy Week will look different in 2020 but it is still a great opportunity to tell others in your local school community and the wider community what makes chaplaincy great, and why it is such a vital service.

Schools are still open and chaplains continue to serve their school communities, even in these difficult times. In fact, in times such as these, the need for the support and the listening ear of a caring chaplain can be even greater for students, staff and families.

Let your chaplain know that you are interested in their work and care about them as an individual. Remind them that they are not alone in their work but have the support of a great network of people.

This year we will not see any school assemblies or concerts to celebrate Chaplaincy Week but we can be creative in other ways to share the good work of your chaplain. We hope that the ideas in this pack will inspire other new and creative ideas to suit your context, your church, your school community.

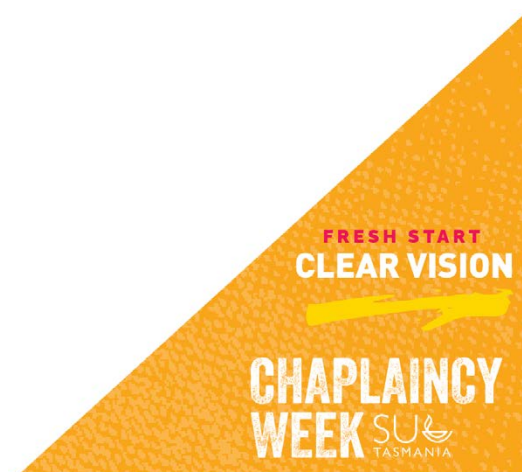
Thank you so much for your efforts, your commitment and your heart to see young lives nurtured.

Blessings

Chris Taylor
State Director -SU Tasmania

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AIM OF CHAPLAINCY WEEK

To raise awareness of and promote the possibilities for chaplaincy in schools in Tasmania.

Chaplaincy Week is an excellent opportunity to promote your chaplaincy service and to raise awareness of the ongoing need for resourcing including financial support, volunteers and prayer support. Chaplaincy Week needs local advocates or champions to make things happen in a local church or school. You could be that local champion.

Speak to your SU Tas Regional Coordinator if you have ideas for Chaplaincy Week. They may be able to point you in the right direction for making your idea work.

IN A LOCAL CHURCH

HEAR FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

Encourage your chaplain to share what is happening for them at school or in their role at the moment. A one minute video clip of your chaplain could be shared in your own church or a local supporting church.

SEND A SHORT VIDEO TO A LOCAL CHURCH

Talk to ministers/pastors of local churches, asking them if their online Sunday service (on either 24th or 31st May) could incorporate a videoed segment of your local chaplain.

SHARE NEEDS

Invite your school chaplain to share (video, hard copy, email, Facebook) the need for prayer and financial support.

MAKE USE OF CHURCH NEWSLETTERS

Include a segment in the current pandemic version of your church newsletter:

- ✓ Chaplaincy Week dates – Sunday 26th May to Sunday 2nd June
- ✓ Specific Chaplaincy Week activities that may need prayer
- ✓ Current prayer points relating to the needs of your chaplain and school



IN YOUR SCHOOL

GIFT OF THANKS

Select an individual (or include all staff members) and thank them for their service to young people and families in the school community. Bring them a coffee, chocolate or token that they will appreciate. Leave a suitable gift or treat from the chaplaincy committee (or local supporting churches) in their pigeon hole.



SCHOOL NOTICEBOARDS

Book the school noticeboard (at the front of the school) to thank the school chaplain for the contribution they make to the wellbeing of the school community.

ART & MEDIA COMPETITION

Promote the Chaplaincy Week Art and Media Competition amongst students. This year we have added a media option for secondary school students (see next page for details).

IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

ONLINE NETWORKING

School Chaplaincy Committees, chaplains and all supporters of chaplaincy are invited to attend an online SCC Networking Event to connect with people from other schools in a similar role.

Details for this event are:

- Thursday 28 May, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
- Online (access details available soon)

RADIO STATIONS

Your local community or Christian radio station may be willing to help raise the profile of School Chaplaincy during Chaplaincy Week by interviewing a chaplain or SU Tas Regional Coordinator. Make contact with them early to see if they are interested.



TALKING TO THE MEDIA

Our relationship with the media is important. By speaking to them we can

- Clear up any confusion about chaplaincy.
- Champion the cause of caring for children and young people.
- Celebrate the great work happening in communities.

Chaplaincy has wide community support but can be controversial for some people, so it's important to remember to only comment on your local situation. Never feel pressured to comment on wider chaplaincy issues and feel confident to direct them to contact the State Director for anything off-topic.

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It will soon be **Chaplaincy Week 2020** and SU Tas are holding an art and media competition. Send us your work and you could be the winner of great prizes listed below.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- Create an artwork, photograph or digital media piece on the topic of '**Fresh Start, Clear Vision**'.
 - For artworks you may use any materials (eg. pencil, crayon, ink) that you wish.
 - On the back of your work, write your name, grade and school.

POST IT BY FRIDAY 1 MAY TO:

SU Tasmania
23 Clarence St,
Bellerive, TAS 7018

Selected entries will be displayed on the SU Tas website as part of our Chaplaincy Week celebrations, 24–31 May. Winners will receive \$100 toward chaplaincy at their school and a \$50 voucher to use at a local bookstore.

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