

CHAPLAINCY WEEK

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Chaplaincy Week is your chance to tell your school community, chaplaincy supporters and the wider community what makes chaplaincy great, and why it is such a vital service in your school.

The key to a great Chaplaincy Week is creativity. This pack provides a number of suggestions, as well as some practical advice, but at the end of the day your Chaplaincy Week may look nothing like what we imagined– and that's fantastic.

You know your school and you know your community, so take advantage of those connections, church contacts, business partners, supporters and opportunities in your area to make the most of this great week. Think outside the box and engage others to help you... Your Field Development Manager is available to give advice or direction. Chaplains can often feel that they are alone in the school, but this week is a reminder that they couldn't do what they do without a huge support network.

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

Blessings

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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. Speak to your Field Development Manager if you have ideas for Chaplaincy Week. They may be able to point you in the right direction for making your idea work.

ONLINE

ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Advertise your Chaplaincy Week activities on your school's social media sites. Highlight the work of your chaplain including programs and good news stories.

IN A LOCAL CHURCH

TALK TO LOCAL CHURCH LEADERS

Start talking to leaders of local churches, asking them if their Sunday service (on either 22 or 29 May) could incorporate a chaplaincy theme.

HEAR FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

Invite your school chaplain to visit local churches. Have them share chaplaincy stories with church congregations and to seek prayer, volunteers and financial support.

PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT CARDS

School chaplains could make their Partnership Support cards available to the congregation.

MAKE USE OF CHURCH NEWSLETTERS

ask churches to promote Chaplaincy Week and your particular school chaplaincy program. In the weeks leading up to Chaplaincy Week, provide them with:

- ✓ Chaplaincy Week dates – Sunday 22 to Sunday 29 May
- ✓ A list of your own particular Chaplaincy Week activities that may need prayer or participation from local churches
- ✓ The need for financial support
- ✓ Other prayer points

IN YOUR SCHOOL

BREAKFAST CLUB

- If your chaplaincy supports or facilitates a breakfast program at your school, then this is an opportunity to showcase what you do. Use it as an opportunity to publicise Chaplaincy Week to the local media and to community leaders.
- Invite community leaders (mayor, councillors, state and federal politicians), business leaders, local celebrities and parent supporters to help serve breakfast to students.

Email community leaders with the following information:

- Chaplaincy Week dates – 22 to 29 May
- The time, day and location of the school breakfast
- How long you would like them to attend
- What you would like them to do during the breakfast (eg cook and serve sausages)
- What you would like them to do after the breakfast (eg say a few words to students and any media present about the value of school chaplaincy)
- Other Chaplaincy Week activities you're doing

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 Field Development Manager. Make contact with them early to check if interested.

START NOW!



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 Regional Manager for anything off-topic.

DAY OF HONOUR

Select an individual volunteer or staff member (or include all staff members) and thank them for their service to young people and families in the school community. Honour them appropriately in front of other staff or leave a suitable gift or treat from the chaplaincy committee 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.

SCHOOL EVENTS

- Organise a talent quest or music celebration for students.
- Hold a special school assembly to acknowledge the work of chaplaincy in the school.
- Plan a sausage sizzle for students.
- Organise a staff barbecue or breakfast to acknowledge the completion of NAPLAN testing and thank staff for all of their effort.

SOCIAL EVENTS

A dinner, a breakfast, a trivia night – these types of events are great ways to build connection in your community. They will require plenty of planning so you will need to start early and work with others.