

ABOUT OUR CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER



HELEN SMETHURST

- I am married to Phil and the mum of Claire and Jen as well as grandmother to Elisha, Isaac, Jacob and Georgia.
- I started working at Elizabeth Park schools in May, 2004.
- I like reading, playing board games & cards, cooking for family dinners, singing, laughing, and caring and encouraging people to be ALL they can be.

At Elizabeth Park Schools I am involved in:

- Supporting students 1-1
- Playgroup
- Volunteers' afternoon tea
- Excursions
- Camps
- Year 7 graduation
- Breakfast Club
- Supporting teaching staff/ students/parents/caregivers

HOW

You can make an appointment to see me

- By telephoning the school
- By leaving a message in my mail box situated in the school Library
- By leaving a message at the front office
- By referral eg Class Teacher, Assistant Principal in Wellbeing, or Principal.

WHEN

Helen is at school on:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Phone: 8255 1160

WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER DO?

- Work in co-operation with teachers, and Senior Staff to support the wellbeing of students.
- Subject to parental/caregiver consent, be available to students as a listener and support.
- Be a support, resource and referral person for families and staff in the school community.
- Be in Resource Centre at lunch times.
- Accompany classes on some excursions and camps.
- Work with others in the school and its community to develop services, programs and strategies that meet the needs of 4-13 year old children living in our area.
- Provide a Christian presence in the school on behalf of the local churches.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

In a Government School, the Christian Pastoral Support Program is primarily a service of pastoral care for students and their families who want this support. They are not in the school to evangelise on behalf of a particular faith group.

Their role requires them to respect both the secular character of the Government School and the variety of thoughts and beliefs within the school community.

As a Christian presence in the school, the Christian Pastoral Support Worker represents and encourages key Christian values, and celebrates the diversity of Christianity.

The School Christian Pastoral Support Worker is jointly accountable to the Department of Education and Children's Development (DECD) through the School Principal, and the Playford Christian Network.

Who Employs Our Christian Pastoral Support Worker?

Helen is employed for 14 hours a week by Schools Ministry Group funded through the Federal Government National School Chaplaincy & Student Welfare Program. (NSCSWP)

SCHOOLS MINISTRY GROUP (SMG)

The Schools Ministry Group was set up by the Heads of Churches to oversee and support Christian Ministry in Government schools. The group consists of representatives from all the major Christian Churches and several youth and children's mission organizations.

SMG is responsible for developing policy, giving pastoral and resource support to over 280 C.P.S Workers, liaising with schools and churches about the Christian Pastoral Support Program and organising in-service training for Christian Pastoral Support Workers in South Australia.

SMG

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CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS

*A positive initiative that has emerged
from encouraging community involvement
in Government Schools*



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