



WEEKLY NEWS

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IT STARTED WITH A KISS BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

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Luis Rubiales' kiss on the lips of Spanish world-cup-winning player Jenni Hermoso is the incident that just won't go away. In part, it's because the Women's World Cup is about more than just football – it was a showpiece event for equality.

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When everyone was celebrating, filling stadiums and orchestrating a world-stopping sporting event with women at the centre of it, some white male undermines the crowning moment with a stolen kiss that reeks of past patriarchy.

Hermoso steps up to reclaim the platform, declaring the kiss non-consensual. "I felt vulnerable and a victim of aggression. I was simply not respected," she said in a statement on social media on Friday, 25 August.

Rubiales responds, "Is a consensual peck going to take me out of here? I won't resign". But this is not a conversation. When a less powerful person takes to social media, they are not seeking a back-and-forth exchange, moving towards clarity and shared understanding.

Such statements tend to be broadcastings of identity, grounded in experience – often involving (perceived) harm. When a victim pronounces their position, when they have been vulnerable and authentic, there is only one valid response – recognition and affirmation. It's checkmate to Hermoso. Rubiales can only listen and then resign.

Except Rubiales is not playing by the same rulebook. In his mind, this is a disputed incident hijacked by identity politics. And he is not alone – a number of males, and even a few females, including his mother, think Rubiales may have been clumsy – but he is not evil.

What is unsettling is our culture's inability to navigate a values clash. Binary battle lines of powerful and powerless, leading to the conclusion that we must simply respect and listen to the voices of past and present victims, do not serve us well. I am all for giving lesser-heard voices a platform. But we must also re-learn to listen, appreciate the best in the views of others, debate, agree and disagree – all done with love and respect.

Women's Conferences

The last few weekends were filled with women of all ages and stages gathering to praise God!

Both the Wollongong Women's Conference (held on the 19th of August) and OneLove (held on the 26th of August) were joyous events that left people feeling challenged, encouraged and inspired.

Check out some of the photos of our beautiful DAC Women!



Staff Fun Day

Last Thursday was the DAC staff fun day, which gave us the opportunity to bond as a team. The weather was beautiful, as the skies cleared and the sun shined. It was a great way to take a break and be in the presence of one another, while also reflecting on how good God has been to us. We enjoyed a delicious meal before teeing off at mini golf, where we saw the competitive nature of some and complete laughter from others (plus some cheating efforts). For those interested, the overall winners of mii golf were David and Amy. What a fun afternoon!



FUNDRAISER
TRIVIA NIGHT
FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER



Trivia Details

This Saturday, we are expecting over 140 DAC members to gather for trivia to raise funds for the new dishwasher and a child safe fence out the front of the church.

Here are some details for those coming:

- Door open at 4:50pm.
- Children's dinner will be available on arrival.
- You'll be able to purchase round multipliers, double points and extra rounds.
- The first round will commence at 5:15pm sharp.
- Dinner will be served between rounds at the table.
- Drinks will be available for purchase.
- The night will finish around 7pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

ST LUKE'S ADDITIONAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP

TUESDAY
5TH SEPTEMBER
7-9PM



RSVP:
FRIDAY 1ST
SEPTEMBER



Come join us for a light supper and spend time with families who are walking a similar journey whilst we make a small terrarium and discuss the topic...

How to look after ourselves as we support our children and their needs.

To support with catering for this event, RSVP is essential. Please RSVP to Vikki: vikki.shaw@stlukespreschool.org.au

Prayer and Praise Night

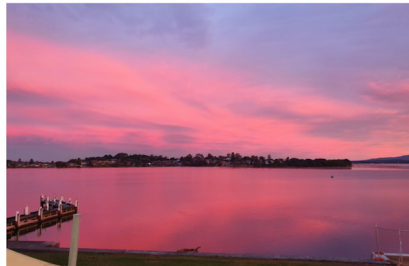
Save the date! We are having a Prayer and Praise Night here at the Ministry Centre on Thursday, the 12th of October, from 7:30pm.



Empty Nesters by the Lake

Join us for a leisurely stroll along the Illawarra Yacht Club Walk, where you can take in the stunning views and enjoy the fresh air. This event is specifically designed for Empty Nesters, so come along and meet like-minded individuals while getting some exercise and fresh air.

The walk will take place on Saturday, September 9th, starting at 2:30 pm, followed by some afternoon tea inside the club from 3:30pm. Afterwards, why not stay for dinner and continue the conversation with new friends? To RSVP and secure your spot, please contact Ruth Finney at 0409 746 255. We look forward to seeing you there!



Safe Ministry

Dapto Anglican Church is committed to Safe Ministry Practices. If you have a question or concern, we are here to help.

Please contact:

- Julie Houghton, Parish Safe Ministry Representative, by confidential email safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au or through our church office on 42611001
- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945



Greece and Turkey Tour

In just under one week, David Rietveld will be leading a group 'in the footsteps of Paul'. They will be travelling around in Greece and Turkey. Please join us in praying for safe travels, for protection from illness and that each person may continue to grow in their love of God.



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

A prayer based on Ephesians 1:16-22

We give you thanks, our Father, that you called us into the fellowship of those saved by your grace. We pray that you will give us and all your people, your Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we will know you better. Open our eyes, we pray you, to the glorious hope to which you have called us and the riches of the inheritance of your children. May we all experience the incomparable power of the risen Lord Jesus, the head of the Church and the one who fills everything in every way, to your glory. Amen

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

MOURNING

Please pray for Kathy and Mark S (10am) following the death of Kathy's mum last Sunday morning. Also, continue to pray for Paul and Jeanette B (10am) following the death of Paul's father.

EXPECTANT PARENTS

Tara and Nathan O.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Please continue to pray for our people in Residential Care Homes: Jean W, Kath H, Phyllis D, Audrey & Alan R, Gae & Allen Q (Allen is home from hospital, please keep praying for his health), Elsie N, Barbara L, Pamela B, Betty B, Gordon M, Beth W (Piper House, Dapto); Robyn K (Digger's Rest, Corrimal); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H, Trevor W (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Wendye C (Farmborough Uniting, Unanderra); Cheryl T (Hammond Care, Horsley); Graham S (The Links, Wollongong); Brian B (William Beach Gardens, Dapto).

8AM / WED 2PM

Please pray for the daughter of Bron & Graeme E following a medical episode last Sunday. Please continue to pray for Deb P's son, and her brother.

10AM

Please be praying for a safe surgery, recovery and answers for Roman (Shaina J's oldest son) as he is scheduled to have surgery on his spine soon; Pray for Elizabeth L following surgery on her foot. Pray for good healing; Pray for Janice S as she waits to see if she needs surgery; Also pray for Andrew W as he continues with his treatment. Also, continue to pray for Phillip P that his health will improve.

6PM

Please continue to pray that Jael's health will stabilise.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Please continue to pray for Lynne N as she has a visit to her Surgeon and her Gastrologist. Pray for her as she starts on new medication soon. Also, continue to pray for Lynne's brother, Stephen, as his Targeted Chemo is going well. Please keep praying for positive results.