



WEEKLY NEWS

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OUTDATED CULTURAL DEPICTIONS

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If you watch a Disney movie over the school holidays, many will display this new disclaimer: 'This program is presented as originally created. It may contain outdated cultural depictions.' It's an example of a recent trend, where enlightened (or woke) people feel the need to criticise, censure, and distance themselves from views held in the past.

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Is this a helpful trend, or not? I do agree that previous cultures accepted levels of racism, or sexism, or other forms of discrimination as normal. We do not wish to endorse that. Having said that, I am disturbed and unsettled by this new trend, for several reasons.

It is profoundly arrogant. We are enlightened, they were not. We have arrived, they are outdated.

This arrogance in turn shuts down dialogue and debate. If one holds a view different from the mainstream view, then you are racist, or sexist, or discriminatory. All out of step opinions are all lumped together, considered 'unsafe', and not allowed to be voiced and heard in public.

This represents a seismic shift. Voltaire was perhaps the most influential philosopher of the 18th Century (1694 – 1778). He affirms the right of the human individual to be a free thinker. Hence "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." Can you hear the passion of a French revolutionary?

The current mindset also fails to appreciate that we all see things through the blinkers of our culture. What disclaimers will be put on movies made in this decade in years to come?

Community, especially and including Christian community, must live in this illusive tension between standing on biblical historical foundations, being confident about those truths, yet open to discussion, and aware that at times we all have culture bound glasses that shade what we see. All of this must happen in ways where our endeavours to speak truth are done in love.

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

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

Ainsley R. (7pm), Mel F. (7pm), Erin K. (7pm), April A. (7pm) and Katie C. (7pm).

THOSE IN HOSPITAL

Betty B. (8am) following a fall.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Helen S., Bruce M., Diana M., Kath H., Ella H., Jean D., Lorna B-W., Glenys N., Barbara B., Barbara L.

8AM/2PM

Peter H. recovering from surgery. Diane L. treatment ongoing - waiting for specialist. Mavis B. waiting for an operation, 3rd week in July. Pat W.'s son, Antony - ongoing treatment, Antony's fiancée; Sue K - ongoing chemo. Gordon M. home recovering.

9:30AM

Judy W. collapsed vertebrae in lower back.

10AM

Ronnie VK, Michael E, Janelle S, June C - all ongoing conditions and treatment. Michelle S. peace and strength as she undergoes treatment. Jason R. home recovering.

7PM

Christine L. recovering from surgery. Shaina J. son, Roman, waiting for appointment. Pray for good health while waiting. Billy Harvey - chemo treatment. Gary McDougall - ongoing health problems.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts deep love for You, increase in us devotion, nourish us with all blessings, and so by your mercy keep us steadfast in faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



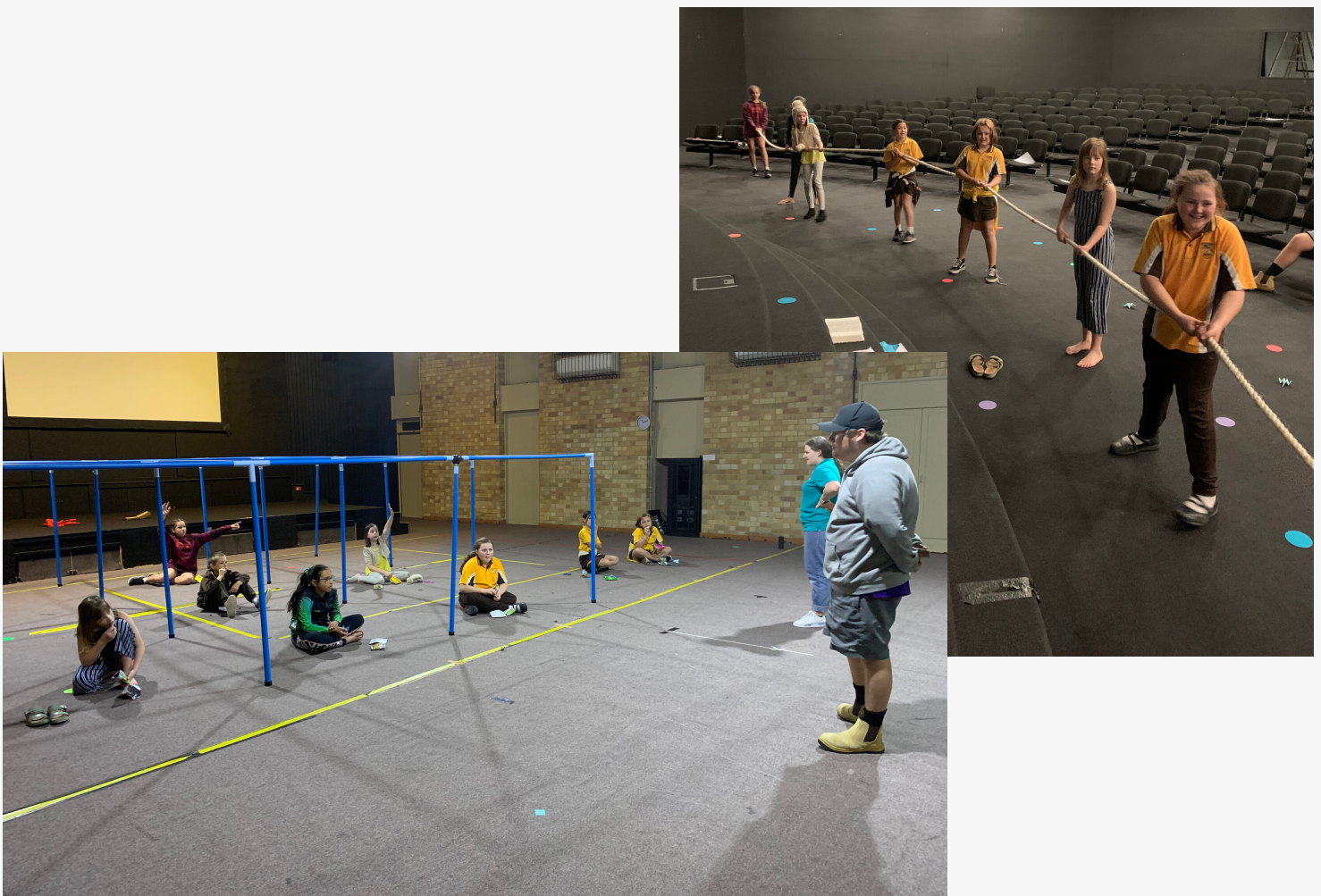
CONNECT KIDS

Connect Kids has been meeting face to face on a Thursday and Friday afternoon for the last 3 weeks. Each week we have seen around 30 children attend the Connect programs.

We have loved being back spending time together both playing lots of fun games and learning about how God always keeps His promises (made to Abraham: Land, Offspring & Blessing) and that we can know that God loves each one of us and sent Jesus as the promised Saviour.

Our Connect midweek program is on a break for the holidays, however we will be returning face to face with a NEW PROGRAM (watch this space) in Term 3.

Thank you again for your support and prayers - the Connect Leadership team greatly appreciates it.



DAC OP SHOP REOPENS

As COVID-19 restrictions continue to lift we are beginning to get more and more enquiries from our community regarding the reopening of the Dapto Anglican Op Shop.

With this in mind, we are pleased to advise that the Op Shop will be reopening from **Monday 27th July**.

We have made the decision to open the store to support our community. Dapto Anglican Op Shop plays a vital role in our community by ensuring our customers have access to great quality items at reasonable prices, as well as providing support for the most vulnerable in our community, especially now that we are in winter.

As we reopen, we will be taking a number of additional precautionary measures to ensure that we continue to keep our teams and customers safe whilst they visit us. These include:

- Additional cleaning of our stores throughout the day and every evening
- Rearranging the store to allow more room for people to move about (some product may not be on display)
- Limiting the number of customers within the shop at any one time
- Encouraging physical distancing of 1.5m
- Hand sanitising stations at our store entrance

We appreciate that while many of us have been at home we have all been cleaning. However, initially, we will not be accepting donations as we look to clear the backlog at our sorting facility. As soon as we are able to take donations we will let you know.

We will continue to monitor the situation regarding COVID-19, and will adapt our practices to the changing environment to ensure we can keep our community as safe as possible.

