



Term 4 Week 9 2024

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The Perfect Lamb of God

“This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:12

Most people know that mangers are animal feeding troughs but in ancient Israel they were made of stone - not what you would see in a modern-day nativity scene. Not comfortable, but great for protection. That's why those who were experts in this matter, the priests, would put their newborn lambs in them for protection. But not just any lamb, the unblemished perfect lambs that were used in the sacrifice for sins. And Bethlehem, where Jesus was born was famous for their unblemished lambs used for the sacrifice. These lambs had to be perfect so they would wrap them tightly in cloth and lie them in the manger to keep them safe.

This is exactly why the only time mangers are mentioned in Jesus' birth story it is being told to shepherds. In Luke 2 it says "This will be a sign for you, you will find a baby wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger." The shepherds would have understood this powerful parallel. They knew exactly what the cloth and the manger meant. This baby would be THE PERFECT LAMB OF GOD! The Messiah who would sacrifice His life for the sins of the whole world. He wasn't just a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger, He was GOD: perfect, sinless and Holy, humbling Himself to become the perfect sacrifice to reconcile us back to Himself. That my friend, that Perfect Lamb, is WHY we celebrate Christmas!

Christmas Baking





Week 9

From the Principal

Every year, as Christmas approaches, I find myself reflecting on the immense privilege of being the Principal at Lobethal Lutheran School. Four years into this journey, the sense of honour and blessing remains as profound as ever.

By accident rather than design, I've spent my career - and raised my children - in rural schools and communities. These environments have been an extraordinary blessing for my family and me. They offer something rare in today's world - the closest thing to the wholesome childhoods of the past.

I often joke that not only do I know every student's name, but I also know the names of their pets. I don't just know their parents; I know their grandparents and even the nicknames they call them. It's a small detail but also a big reminder of the deep connections that make this community so special.

Our school is so much more than a place of learning. It's a vibrant, supportive community where relationships bloom, and every person plays a vital role in the shared life we enjoy. I see it in the little moments - parents staying (sometimes for quite a while!) after school to chat, building friendships as authentic as those of their children. I see it in the big efforts too, like volunteering long hours to sell donuts at fundraisers or passing down cherished family recipes during our whole-school Christmas baking day.

Here are just a few of the wonderful highlights from our school community over the past few weeks:

Incubating Chickens in Foundation

As part of our Kitchen Garden Program, Foundation students have been working with Mrs. Jones to incubate and care for chickens. This hands-on project has been a wonderful way to teach students about life cycles, patience, and responsibility. The excitement is building as we await the hatching of the chicks, and it's been incredible to see the curiosity and care the students have shown throughout this process.



Graduating Class of '24



Week 9



Spreading the Joy Through Song at Gumeracha Hospital

This year, our students visited Gumeracha Hospital to sing Christmas carols for the residents, sharing the joy of the season. This activity is a beautiful example of how we live out our school values of service and community. The smiles and warm reception from the residents were heartwarming, and our students left feeling blessed to have been a part of such a meaningful moment.



Christmas Baking

Our whole school Christmas baking days were a highlight of the term! Under the guidance of our wonderful volunteer Dave Hartas, students baked honey biscuits and gingerbread houses. Not only did they enjoy learning some baking skills, but they also experienced the joy of giving as the baked goods were gifted to members of our community. Thank you, Dave, for sharing your time and talents to make this special day possible!



Champions Challenge: Team Spirit and Success

Our students recently participated in the Champions Challenge, an interschool event bringing together Lutheran schools for a day of friendly competition and camaraderie. It was a day filled with laughter, teamwork, and personal bests. We're so proud of how our students represented our school, displaying both skill and great sportsmanship.

Week 9

End-of-Year Concert: Lights Camel Action

Our end-of-year concert was a spectacular celebration of our students' creativity and talent. The performance of *Lights Camel Action* was a huge success, with students showcasing their hard work and enthusiasm on stage. It was a joyful evening that highlighted the community spirit and the many gifts of our students and staff.

Thank You!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. It's the partnerships between staff, parents, and the broader community that make Lobethal Lutheran School such a special place. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas season and a safe, joyful New Year!

**Blessings,
Steph Kriewaldt
Principal**



Lights Camel Action!



2025 Term Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 28th January - Friday 11th April

Term 2

Monday 28th April - Friday 27th June

Term 3

Monday 21st July - Friday 26th September

Term 4

Monday 13th October - Wed 10th December



Private Music Lessons with Tamara Koop in 2025

Give your child the lifelong gift of music tuition at Lobethal Lutheran!

30 Minute Lessons are given during school time on Fridays

- * **Learn the Piano / Electric Keyboard** - Year 1 and up
- * **Learn the Acoustic Guitar** - Years 3 and up, or the Electric Guitar for Year 5 and 6
- * **Learn the Bass guitar** - Year 4, 5 and 6
- * **Learn the Drum kit** - Year 4, 5 and 6

VERY IMPORTANT: All students need to own their own appropriate sized instruments from the very first lesson. Nylon string 3/4 sized guitars are required for students in Year 3 and 4. A full sized nylon string guitar is OK for Years 5 and 6. A music stand for home practice is also required.

Bass Guitar students need to use a short scale smaller bass guitar to start with, *and an amp!*

Cost: \$32 weekly fee. (8 lessons per term). All Music Books and Theory activity sheets are included in the fees. Any bookings, questions or advice needed please contact Tamara at tamaraj6677@gmail.com or send a text message to **0413 944 636** and I will get straight back to you.