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Life

@theLakes

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Testimony

Welcome!

to Life@theLakes. It is great that you could join us in celebrating the life God has given us. We are excited about what God is doing and believe He is shaping us into a community which restores hope and healing to our broken world, one life at a time.

Our heart is for all people to connect with God - Life - and Each Other ... It is our desire that you would feel at home and find this is a community where you can grow to your full potential, learning to love God and others the same extravagant way He loves you.

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Testimony

**Testify –
Definition: To bear
witness - Give
evidence of truth –
Affirm and declare.**

Each one of us by our words and actions testifies to what we truly believe in and live for. It's the song we sing; it's the life we live and our testimony of actions speaks louder than our testimony of words. **“ They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. ” (Revelation 12:11, NIV)**

When our testimony of words lines up with our testimony of actions, what people see and hear is a powerful witness.

But the questions still remain

- * What does our life bear witness to?
- * What is your testimony?
- * What does your life sing?
- * What does your life bear witness to? Self? - Talents?

- Achievements?
Listen to Paul's testimony, **“ When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. ” (1 Corinthians 2:1–5, NIV)**

One person's testimony is a powerful thing, but what about when you have a whole chorus of testimonies declaring the same truth. Again Paul writes, **“ I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—in**

all your speaking and in all your knowledge— because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. ” (1 Corinthians 1:4–9, NIV)

Each time we give testimony to the transforming work of Christ in us, we both encourage and challenge those around us allow Christ to do that same transforming work in them. The result is more and more people entering and joining in the glory and praise of God.

I hope you are encouraged and challenged by the testimonies that follow.

Phil

Baptism Testimonial

I have come today, because I've decided to follow Jesus to accept him as my saviour and to become one of God's children. In the past I have been extremely selfish and self-centred and always thought I could do everything myself. It's taken a long time, but now I realise, all I used to do was mask and hide my problems,

and that only through God's love and grace through his son Jesus can I be saved. I want to better myself and follow God 100% and I want to know God better and draw closer to him. I need God to show me how to be a better man, husband and father and this can only happen through Jesus. All the sins I have committed have been washed away, because Jesus died on the cross for me. I know God loves me and always has, even though in the past I have rejected him time and time again. I also understand that love in its truest sense is not based

on feelings, but it is to show thoughtful actions, even when there seems to be no reward, love is based more on a decision than feelings, like the movie "fire-



proof' says, you've got to lead your heart, not follow it. Don't always trust your heart, because your heart can be deceived, but you have to lead your heart and to watch out for parasites, these are things that latch onto you and suck the life out of you and your relationships. Usually they are addictions of any kind, which promise pleasure, but actually grow like a disease that consume more and more of your thoughts, actions, time and money. Relationships rarely survive this, because they steal away your heart from those you love. You must destroy any addiction

that has your heart, if not it will surely destroy you.

(This is for my family)

I love you guys so much, and I'm deeply sorry for all the pain and suffering I've caused you over the years, please forgive me and I love you.

These are some of the reasons why I'm here today

to give my life to Jesus and to follow God.

Finally thanks to all of you for your encouragement, prayers and continued support. I really appreciate it. Special thanks go to my wife Tabitha, my children Jayden and Jesse. Also "A Big Thanks" to Peter Boyd, Sharon and Phil, for always being there for me.

Finally thanks to everyone else for your prayers and support.

Many thanks and God Bless

Trevor Carlson

Y-Zone



Term 3 has started, and as expected is in full swing. The Y Zoners have done remarkably well in accommodating the new changes and making the most of the new opportunities. It is truly amazing the work that God is doing in the Y Zoners lives and it is such a blessing to be able to share and walk with all of them on their faith journey.

The Junior and Senior Programs are following different series throughout the term, with the ju-

nior programme focusing on 'Loving Others'. This includes reaching out and welcoming in new youth, accepting differences amongst the group and acknowledging that God has given us all unique gifts. As a Junior Youth leadership team we felt it was important to acknowledge the changes and to help the youth understand that with the changes happening, new relationships will be formed and new youth will be coming along. The senior programme is focussing on what it means to 'Walk with God'. The theme is broad and due to this the theme will be explored through a variety of ways including prayer, devotions, question time and sharing stories and experiences.

Both programs allow the youth to really ask and engage in very real & specific questions/problems that are facing them currently. Our goal is to help them connect, seek and understand our God.

With this, we intend that they learn how to best seek guidance and to be equipped from the source of life, that they may take with them the strength and confidence they need as they grapple through a very challenging stage - the adolescent years.

During the month of August the nights planned are;

Junior

6th August: 'X' Marks the Spot

13th August: Boys Night Out - Girls Night In

20th August: Weird 'n' Wacky

27th August: Fawltly Towels

Senior

6th August: Re:

13th August: Boys Night Out - Girls Night In

20th August: Which suit are you?

27th August: Are you full

Kev & Bec

Support School Chaplaincy

by emailing your Federal Member of Parliament!

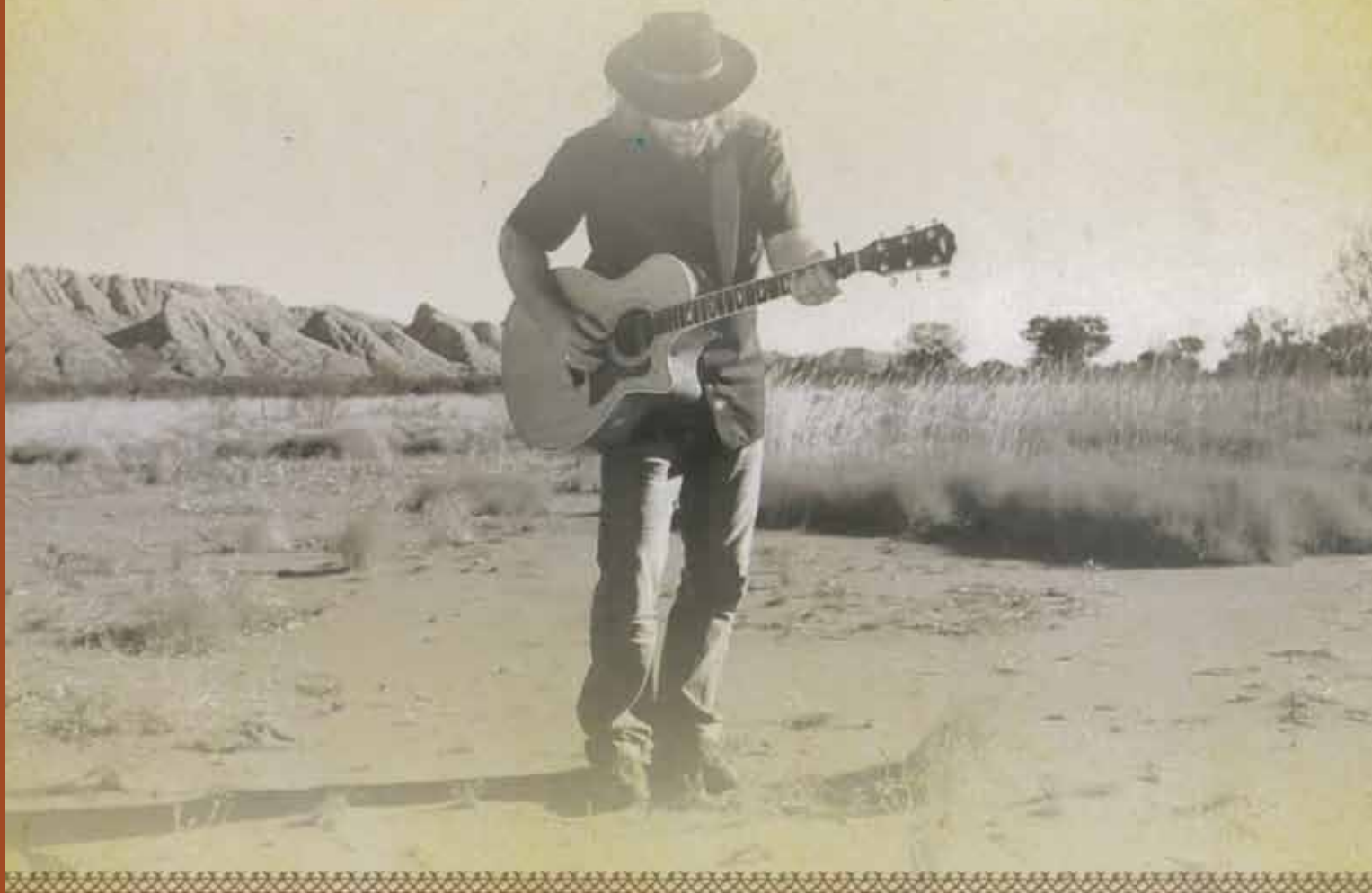
As a supporter of school chaplaincy we are concerned about what might happen in the future: If you too are concerned then show your support by going to:

<http://www.support.school-chaplaincy.org.au/index.php#emailform>

STEVE GRACE

HERITAGE

classic hymns and songs of hope for the journey



www.stevegrace.com

Date: **28 August @ 7:00pm, Cost: \$10**

Venue: **Cairns Civic Theatre** (cnr Florence St & Sheridan St)

Bookings & Performance Information:

1300 855 835

www.ticketlink.com.au

Discover! Course



The first Discover! Course has finished. Nine people began the course (although one had to drop out because of work commitments) with the same number again of 'support' people attending the classes and helping the participants with their homework during the week.

Feedback from the course included that "it was conducted in a simple and open manner, allowing anyone and everyone to speak. No one felt embarrassed about their questions, no matter what they were, and free and open discussion about the questions was encouraged among the participants."

There were eleven lessons on subjects like salvation, the Bible, the church and tithing. Following the lesson on baptism three people were baptised.

One person shared "I never really prayed before. I had tried but it always faltered." Following the lesson on prayer he began to pray. He shared "it isn't heaps of praying but it is a start."

As a result of the lesson

on being baptised in the Holy Spirit, two people received the gift of tongues. One shared "Before Discover! I was seeking the Holy Spirit. Discover! helped me to understand what the Holy Spirit is and more importantly the power of the Holy Spirit. With prayer, I received the gift of Speaking in Tongues. I am unable to



express how I felt that day, the joy, the peace, the fire. I felt alive in the Holy Spirit." **Another experienced being filled with the Holy Spirit in a dramatic way.** "After the session on being filled with the Holy Spirit, I asked God to fill me. Next morning at 5am a human hand woke me up and I saw the shadow of a man standing at the side of my bed. Layers of cloudy air started coming down from the ceiling and resting on me. I became so extremely light and peaceful. I saw the shadow of a bird flying away through

the walls of my room. It was an amazing experience. And not only that, but my response to it, which has been to constantly praise the Lord and thank him, as well as wanting to take action and be a real follower. I can't have enough of it. This is all new to me, very unique and certainly has its purpose. This spiritual experience has strengthened my faith and has given me conviction that I am on the right path."

Everyone (including the leaders) felt that in some way they had been changed by the course. "During this course I have felt my passion and excitement growing as I came to

understand more and more of what Christ has really done for us all... This course has meant a major shift in my faith and the way I feel as a child of God."

A new Discover! course began on 19 July at the back hall of the church on Mondays at 9.15am. It's not too late to join up if you'd like to. Speak to Angela Harding or Rosemary Woodward or phone the office for more information.

Angela

Childrens Ministries



I hope everyone had a great holiday! We are already in Term 3 – can you believe it! Anyway – this term in Alien Kidz! we are doing a Master Chef theme with our focus on Bread, Salt, Yeast and Mustard seeds. Jesus spoke about each of these food items and we are going to look at why. There will be fun elements along with way – with Taste tests, Celebrity Chef “cook offs” and lots more!

Kick Start last week we looked at being HUNGRY - being desperate for God! It was an opportunity to talk about the importance of seeking God and filling up on Him who satisfies instead of all the junk the world wants to fill us with. They watched a great rap by Tamara Lowe – if you want to have a look at it – it is on YouTube called “Jesus Rap Tamara Lowe”.

Sharon xx



**GET
CONNECTED**

LIFE Groups

The Heartbeat of Church Life!

Commencing 1st Week of February

Life Groups are an ideal place to build genuine friendships and intentionally grow in your Christian faith. Whether it is studying the bible together or receiving support through prayer and encouragement, Life Groups are a great way to experience authentic Christian community.

Check out the 2010 Life Groups List for more information.

Monthly Calendar

August

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>1</p> <p>8:30am Service 10:30am Service Speaker: Phil Gen: 1-3 Image Bearers - Seeing ourselves through God's eyes</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.15am Discover! Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids 12:00pm CCMN Mtg</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 8.45 Koala Kids 10.30 Koala Kids</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids</p> <p>6:00pm Worship Practice 7:30pm PL Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids</p> <p>12.30pm Sparetimers</p> <p>5.30pm Gecko's 7.15pm Y-Zone</p>	<p>7</p> <p>First Aid Course</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30am Service 10:30am Service Speaker: Created Male & Female - under- standing the male</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.15am Discover! Group</p> <p>MIG Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 8.45 Koala Kids 10.30 Koala Kids</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids</p> <p>6:00pm Worship Practice 7.30pm Connect Supper</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids</p> <p>Edge Hill School Fete 5.30pm Gecko's 7.15pm Y-Zone</p>	<p>14</p> <p>First Aid Course</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30am Service 10:30am Service Speaker: Created Male & Female - un- derstanding the Female 3:00pm Kick Start</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.15am Discover! Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 8.45 Koala Kids 10.30 Koala Kids</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids</p> <p>6:00pm Worship Practice 7:30pm MTL Meet- ing</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids</p> <p>5.30pm Gecko's 7.15pm Y-Zone</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30am Service 10:30am Service Speaker: Mutually Satisfying Marriage</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.15am Discover! Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 8.45 Koala Kids 10.30 Koala Kids</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids</p> <p>6:00pm Worship Practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids</p> <p>5.30pm Gecko's 7.15pm Y-Zone</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Steve Grace Concert - Civic Theatre</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30am Service 10:30am Service Speaker: Raising Image Bearers - parenting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30am Prayer 9.15am Discover! Group</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8.30am Prayer 9.30am Koala Kids</p>				

Regular Weekly Activities

Prayer at Church

8.30-9.30am each week day

Sunday Service and Kids Church 9.30am

Koala Kids play group in Hall

9.30-11.30am Tues, Thurs & Friday
8.45-10.30 & 10.30-12.15 Wed

Adult Life Groups

- see next page for more details

Worship Practice 6pm Thursdays

Geckos 5.30pm Fridays in Hall

Youth - YZone 7.15pm Fridays

Prayer for the Nations

- various days, places and times



Want to Connect?

Sometimes it can be a struggle to connect meaningfully with one another in a large gathering and often we can feel isolated. Finding a place to belong in a Lifegroup will draw you into a close knit, caring community where people know, love and support one another. It's an ideal way to become part of an environment that nurtures authentic Christian community, biblical teaching, and on-going discipleship.

Lifegroups 2010

Where	Please Contact	Who	When	Contact Details
Mooroobool	Barrett, Fay	KYB-mature ladies	Weekly - Tuesday 9.30am	4053 2002
Whitfield	Birrell, Colleen	Mixed mid 20's up	Fortnightly - Wed 7.30pm	4032 4806
Edge Hill	Cossa, Sandro		Fortnightly - Tues 7.30pm	4053 7219
Mooroobool	De Vries, Caleb	Mostly Couples	Fortnightly - Wed 7.30pm	0414 524 598
Stratford	Dixon, Grant	Mostly over 45's	Weekly - Tues 7.30pm	4039 3114
Kewarra Beach	MacLachlan, Maureen	Mostly over 45's	Fortnightly - Thurs 7.00pm	4057 8774
Rotates Southside	Harrison, Greg	Couples with Kids (25-40)	Weekly - Wed 8.00pm	4036 1528
Redlynch	Morrell, Rohan	Married Couples	Fortnightly - Wed 7.30pm	4055 2374
Redlynch Rise	Morris, Noelene	KYB - ladies	Weekly - Wed 9.30am	4039 2030
Brinsmead	Nicholls, Kevin	18-30's Singles	Fortnightly - Tues 7.30pm	4034 1108
Redlynch Grove	Pashley, Mel	Mostly 50's	Weekly - Wed 7.30pm	4039 0699
Kanimbla	Mollenhauer, Glen	Young Couples, Singles	Fortnightly - Mon 7.30pm	4039 4730
Edge Hill	Price, Sharon	Women's	Weekly - Fri 11.30am	4032 2774
Woree	Shliahov, David	Mixed mid 20's & up	Weekly - Mon 7.30pm	4033 0732
Kanimbla	Wilson, Brett	Mostly Couples	Fortnightly - Wed 7.30pm	4034 2415
Kanimbla	Woodward, Rosemary	Young Mum's	Fortnightly - TBA	4034 1282
Whitfield	Harding, Angela	New Christians	Weekly - Mon 9.30am	4032 0720
Edge Hill	Page, Susanna	Families	Weekly - Sun 12.00pm	4053 2436
Brinsmead	Tina Smith	Couples with young families	Fortnightly - Fri 7.30pm	4034 3421

Outreach

This month MIG would like to show you some of the missionaries CLCC supports financially and prayerfully



The Sinclair family in East Timor working with MAF Prayer Points:

- That the runway restoration project in 'Same' would be delivered quickly and unhindered
 - The Lord's protection each day upon our family in our comings and goings, at work and at home.
 - For the people and nation of East Timor, that the many deep physical and spiritual needs here would be met.
- Brad, Rachel, Emily, Brianna, and Joshua

Bek Hohnke is also deep in Asia in a very male orientated country which she finds challenging. Her work is mainly with the local women and children. She constantly



asks for prayer for wisdom with the many relationships she makes. Her desire to share the Lord with women really stretches her. She would also like wisdom in decisions about her role in this country which she considers the place God wants her to be. Maybe a change of town, area or type of work.

Helen and Marty Rowe in Laos, Asia, working with World Concern (with TEAR) on community development.



Some things we are asking God for:

- Wisdom and stamina
- World Concern has asked that we stay here in 2011 to finalise the closing of the project. We need to make a decision regarding this soon.
- Positive change in our villagers – particularly that leaders will be empowered to lead well.
- Growth in understanding of the development process in staff (including ourselves)
- For open hearts to be and do whatever God has in mind for us here.



Margaret Pashley is in the Philippines reaching out to street children, giving them a future and a hope at the 'Centre for Change'.

Sharlee Young is also in Asia spreading the word, and teaching many hundreds of new pastors and believers in quite difficult circumstances.



Jossy Chacko and family with Empart are planting churches in northern India.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE AND MANY OTHERS WHOM WE LOVE AND SUPPORT. Blessings,

Penny

The Road to Damascus must have followed a beach

Adapted from the message from Acts 9 by Liam Bradford 4 July 2010

There is a line
Where the ocean
Meets the land
And by this line
I must make a stand
For one side
There is a fragile strength
And on the other
The waves assault its length

See the strength of Saul
He had made his stand
He would not accept any that
crossed
The line he made upon the
sand.
Born and bred and fervently
adhered
To his beliefs he lived and
breathed
And acted on his conviction.

There is a line
Where the ocean
Meets the land
And by this line
I must make a stand
For one side
There is a fragile strength
And on the other
The waves assault its length

Saul had hardened his heart
He heard the Word and got it
wrong
Yet by the grace of God
He crossed his line and
turned around
And saw his life was fragile
ground

There is a line
Where the ocean
Meets the land
And by this line
I must make a stand
For one side
There is a fragile strength
And on the other
The waves assault its length

God loved Saul through it all
Both when he was cold then
hot
Lukewarm he was ever not
So what is my stand?
Have I ever made one at all?
I've drawn a line in the sand
With one foot on either side
One on fragile ground
The other water shifts the
sand

Call to us
Drop the scales from our eyes
Change us
From our lukewarm lives

There is a line
Where the ocean
Meets the land
And by this line
We will make our stand

Andreas Jodner

Special Notices



Dear Centenary Lakes Church family,

As you may know we filled a 40ft container full of different equipment; computers (donated by TAFE), some sewing machines, clothes & an assortment of other things that was sent from here to Ghana, West Africa. Last month Pastor Kofi Boateng went to Ghana to personally see the shipment arrive.

The African people were able to set up a computer IT training centre in Tunasu near Kumasi, Ghana.

We want to say a big thank you to all who helped to support us in prayer, financial support, also donations of clothing & other items.

We are looking forward to finishing off the first of many homes, a 7 bedroom house that will

accommodate AIDS orphans. Our next step is to raise funds to complete the house.

May God bless each & every one of you!

Tim & Shell Hickin

(On behalf of African Christian Homes A.C.H.R.C)

Notices

Finance Report

Average weekly offering received for the last 4 weeks was \$7,780 .

We praise and give thanks to God (budget figure is \$6,635)

Love offering/donation for Training National Trainers Ministry (through Bill Mills). We also give praise and thanks to God for the awesome ministry we received through Bill Mills, and for the love offering we have been able to pass on to him towards the ministry of TNT which totalled \$5,290.40.

Tithes and offerings can be paid directly through internet banking (please see account details below) or arrangements can be made for credit card giving if preferred (please see office).

Account Details:
Centenary Lakes Christian Community
BSB: 084 472
Account # 540 723 349

Edge Hill School Fete
Friday 13th August
5pm - 9pm
Volunteers Required
Contact Lisa Cossa on 4053 7219
or the office

Morning Tea Roster

1 Aug: Diane L, Michelle M, Jill & Kylie S, Penny G

8 Aug: Robyn F, Liz C, Kathy L, Dagmar W

15 Aug: Noelene & Bill M, Rosie & Rod G, Carole A, Sheila N

22 Aug: (Whitfield Life Group) Beth T, Kelly N, Anne E, David & Colleen B

29 Aug: (MAF Team) Grant & Sharon D, Alrena M, Bev J, MAF Volunteer

Cleaning Team Roster

7 Aug: Sue H, Rosemary M, Tina S

14 Aug: Harding Family

21 Aug: Smythe Family

28 Aug: Jill S, Lou M, Marsha S, Andrew B

KICK START



Date Claimer
Discipleship and Training for
10-16 yr olds
Sunday 15th August

Time:

3:00 – 5:00pm

Place: Church



contact info

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