



Noah, the miracle baby



(The following account was written by Jarrod & Angela Lungley for a story that ran on the front page of *The Advertiser*, 5 January 2014. What an amazing witness of how great our God is!).

Like his biblical namesake, Noah Lungley defied great odds, endured tribulations and made a grand entrance to the world. Noah was born at 3.33am on New Year's Day at North Eastern Community Hospital, despite being pronounced dead in the womb at four weeks.

Parents Angela, 37, and Jarrod 36, of Surrey Downs, firmly believe it was a miracle and say the power of prayer and their Christian faith helped them through their ordeal to have a family. The couple – pictured above with Noah and son Jacob, 3 – both had problems with fertility and tried IVF treatment four years ago. However, Mrs Lungley suffered a violent reaction to the anaesthetic when her eggs were collected. Just one of the eggs from that collection proved viable, and despite the odds being stacked against them, it was successfully implanted as an embryo – their firstborn son Jacob is now three.

"We didn't think we could try IVF again, so simply prayed in the hope we could somehow have a brother or sister for Jacob," Mr Lungley, a teacher at Craigmore Christian School, said. "Incredibly, in 2012 we conceived naturally but were devastated when we lost (the baby) at nine weeks. "Then we tried one last IVF chance with Repromed using a different anaesthetic technique.

Of eight eggs collected, we ended up with one perfect embryo." However, tests two weeks after it was implanted indicated there was no pregnancy. The couple sought solace at their Living Faith Church at St Agnes and continued to hope for a miracle but further tests during the next fortnight were anything but positive. "It was pronounced dead in the womb and I was told to prepare for a miscarriage," Mrs Lungley said. "We were devastated." But Noah had other plans. "We went back for another test and the doctors told us something peculiar had happened – there were now indications of a pregnancy," Mr Lungley said. "A scan then revealed a heartbeat – we didn't know whether to celebrate or hold our breath and hope.

"Our doctors said they could not really explain it, but the happy ending is Noah coming into the world early on New Year's Day healthy and weighing 3.23kg – an amazing start to a brand new year. "Our New Year's resolution from 2013 was to pray every night for another child, and we are incredibly grateful."

The family christened him Noah in tribute to the arkbuilder's ability to trust in faith and defy the odds.

Our new Receptions



We warmly welcome our littlest members to the Craigmore Christian School community. We pray their time at CCS will be one of learning, making good friends and above all where they learn about God and how much He loves them. *(Photographed with their teachers, Mrs Powell and Ms Harvey)*

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Monster Truck

On February 10, the Junior School and Laugh and Learn Playgroup were privileged to have a visit from Gilbert Racing Monster Trucks. They sent out their brand new 'Wicked' monster truck for the kids to look at and shared with the students some very interesting facts about the monster truck, like the back tyres costing \$7,000 each. Some students and kids from Playgroup even had a chance to stand on the truck next to 'Wicked' or sit in one of the \$7,000 humungous wheels. Hopefully they can visit again next year!

Mrs Moresi



Merit Ceremony



Claire & Madeleine with Mr Hopps; Brandon (pictured right).

We should never underestimate how hard Year 12 students work. For a particular group of Craigmore Christian School students, all that hard work certainly paid off. Four of our 2013 students earned a total 6 Merits between them. Earning a Merit (also known as an A+) in Year 12 means that they were in the top 2% of students for that subject and it also earns them a trip to Government House to receive their Merit award. So, on a day where the temperature peaked at 42°C, our students along with students from other South Australian schools were addressed by the Governor, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, and then were awarded their Merit certificates. Our congratulations go to Rory Bray, Madeleine Pivovarovff, Claire Trollope (CCS Dux) and Brandon Winter.

Mr Hopps

Junior School Peer Leaders

Each year in the Junior School we have Peer Leaders who are chosen due to their exemplary character. The Peer Leaders have regular tasks where they help serve the staff and students within the Junior School. Some of their tasks are to help during the weekly Chapel on Monday mornings with saying the School Pledge, birthdays and the tidy classroom awards. They also deliver the message folders around the school every afternoon.

For 2014, the Peer Leaders (pictured below left to right) are:

Lachlan Galvin, Monique Randall, Ajak Arok, Gloria Puru, Mark Kuruvila and Anna Tolmachoff



Due to Claire's exceptional ATAR result, she has been awarded a University of Adelaide Principal's Scholarship.

Well done, Claire! We pray for God's richest blessings upon your life and future endeavours.



OSHC Pancake Breakfast

On Friday, 14 February in OSHC, we had a Valentine's Day special. We had pancakes made by Mrs Duffield and paper hearts and roses made by Louise and Bailey. The pancakes were delicious and we had a lot of fun. Miss Emma served us, but we thought it was strange that she had vegemite on her pancakes!

Tiarnie Year 5 and Talitha Year 6



Missions

In the past students in Year 11 have been given the opportunity to partake in a mission exposure trip in the September, Term 3, School holidays to Manila, Philippines. This year, however, we have opened up the trip to Year 10 students as well, and will then make the trip Year 10s exclusively in 2015 and onwards. If your child is a Year 10 or 11 student who might be interested in this trip and you would like to know more about it, please contact me at sioux.moresi@ccs.sa.edu.au for more information. It is a rewarding opportunity for students and gives them a small insight into life in a different culture. I would encourage all Years 10 and 11 students to participate.



Mrs Moresi

Mission Wednesday Jars

Every year when I go to the Philippines and spend time in the classrooms of the poor I find myself shocked when they each bring a coin on a Wednesday to put in a class jar to give to someone in the community worse off than themselves.

When I came back late last year I decided that if they can do it when they have so little then surely we can too when we have so much.

So every Wednesday we are encouraging students in every year level to bring in a coin to put into a mission's jar. When I head over in September, I will collect all classes' money and purchase rice, clothes, vitamins, school books, etc, with the money collected. I will take a photo for each class showing them what their money has been able to buy and bring it back to show the students. My goal is for students to realise that they have the power to make a change right now; they don't have to wait until they are an adult.



Thank you in advance for your support!

Mrs Moresi

Entertainment Books

We would like to inform our School Community that Craigmores Christian School will not be taking part in the Entertainment Books fundraiser this year. Thank you to those parents who have regularly supported this fundraiser.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Are you ready to start READING?

The Premier's Reading Challenge 2014 has started! You have until September 19 to read just 12 books to collect your next medal. Years 1 - 5 will automatically do it as part of their Library lessons, but Reception students who can already read, and Years 6 - 12 will need to come collect their own record sheet from the Library. Any questions - ask Mrs Thomas or go to:

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/home>



Gymkhana

Caitlin Dragon, one of our Year 4 students, competes at Gymkhana. The recent Gymkhana was held at Equus Horse and Pony Club on 13 January, earlier this year. Caitlin competed to an outstanding level and won ribbons in the following events:

- Smartest on Parade - 2nd*
- Ridden Class - 1st*
- Pleasure Pony - 1st*
- Longest Tail - 3rd*
- Fattest Pony - 4th*
- Best Trick Horse and Rider - 3rd*

Well done Caitlin, for representing CCS in such an impressive manner.



Homework Program

The school offers a weekly service on Wednesdays (3.30 -4.30pm) for students in Years 6-12 to gain extra assistance across all subject areas. The After School Homework program meets in the Senior School Study Centre (Room 206, opposite the Library) and provides students with access to free tutoring in subjects and tasks, as well as access to computers, Internet and printing. Sometimes students are invited to attend by their teachers, or parents can make a request by speaking to the class or subject teacher. For more information, please contact your child's Home Group teacher. **Mrs DeGraaf**

Open Day

On Wednesday, 19 March (Week 8) CCS will be having our first Open Day for 2014. Open Day runs from 3:30pm - 7pm. We would like to invite all of our School Community to come along and enjoy the many activities including Giant Games, the delicious food & drinks available for purchase, the entertaining presentations from students performing music and dance, and the Café style atmosphere. It is a great time to bring your family, friends, relatives and neighbours and showcase what a wonderful school we have.

Pastoral Points

Bullying. No way!

It doesn't matter whether it's physical, psychological or even cyber-based. Bullying is a concern that our school takes very seriously and is working to address.

If you suspect your child is being bullied, you should talk with your child and make an appointment with his or her Home Group teacher to discuss your concerns. It is also important to encourage your child to report bullying behaviours to a trusted adult at school as quickly as possible after an incident of bullying. Bullying thrives in a culture of secrecy, so telling the school is very important. Some signs of bullying might include:

- Loss of confidence
- Changes in eating or sleeping habits, possibly bedwetting
- Health problems such as headaches or stomach aches
- Unhappiness or mood swings with sudden temper tantrums
- Reluctance to go to school and changes in academic performance.

What you can do:

- Talk with your child about school and keep the lines of communication open so children are more likely to confide in you.
- Encourage your child to feel okay to ask others for help and to keep their own safety in mind.
- Ensure your child knows how to report bullying and to ask you for help when needed.
- Report the incident to a teacher. Don't try to sort out the situation yourself.
- Make sure you are modelling healthy behaviours to your child, especially in relation to conflict resolution and anger management.
Help protect your child from harassment and cyber-bullying by closely monitoring Internet use and installing free Internet filters.

For more information and ideas to understand and deal with bullying, visit the *Bullying. No way!* website

www.bullyingnoway.com.au.

For immediate help, children and young people can phone the Kids HelpLine (1800 55 1800) or visit the Kids HelpLine website at www.kidshelpline.com.au

Japanese Exchange Students



Hi all, our names are Paul and Wendy Case and we have had the privilege of being involved with Craigmore Christian School as Tour Coordinators for the Japanese Student Exchange Program since 2006. We first came on board as a host family in 2005 where we hosted a male student from Kogakuin Junior High School. In 2006 we were approached by a member of Craigmore Christian Church who suggested that we take on the role as coordinators for the exchange program of overseas students. We willingly accepted, and have been blessed with the role ever since. Within this time we have been heavily involved in coordinating, hosting and teaching ESL (English Speaking Language) to other cultures. We ourselves have hosted over 50 students in our home in that time. Each and every student we have hosted has been a rewarding and learning experience. It has given us the chance to learn new cultures and adopt new family members. A number of students that we have hosted have come back to visit us on numerous occasions.

We do not think of it as a inconvenience allowing strangers into our home; we look at it as a learning experience not only for us but also for our own children. This experience has made them appreciate all cultures in a different light. We have also found that this helps build or repair bridges with the older members of our community.



Our school will be host to another group of students from Kogakuin Junior High School this year. They will come for a period of two weeks (25th July - 11th August) and in that time we organise activities and lessons for them to be involved in.



We would like to thank all our past host families for their involvement in the program and hope that they can be involved again this year. However, we are always on the look out for new host families to be involved in this rewarding experience, hence why we are starting our campaign early as there is a bigger group coming this year. This is a lot of fun and remuneration is paid for the two weeks that a family hosts to help with expenses.

If you would be interested in hosting a student we would be more than happy to come and speak with you about the program. All that is required to host a student is a valid police check of all adult members in the family, a room with a comfortable bed and a safe family environment.

We can be contacted by mobile 0437080721 (Wendy) or by email pwcase@internode.on.net, or leave your details at the School Office and we will contact you.

Paul and Wendy Case

School Calendar - Important Dates

Term 1

	SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	
M A R	23	24 Playgroup 9:30 – 11am Yr 12 Tourism – Barossa Valley	25 Yr 3 – SA Museum	26 Yr 8 Camp Yrs 10 – 12 Music Excursion	27 Yr 8 Camp	28 Yr 8 Camp 6-12 CHAPEL (Worship Team)	1	5
	2	3 Playgroup 9:30 – 11am	4 Yr 12 History – Elder Hall Yrs 6 – 12 1500m race	5	6 Yrs 11 – 12 Drama – Festival Theatre	7 6-12 CHAPEL (Saint 2)	8	6
	9	10 Adelaide Cup Day	11 Cultural Week Jesus Racing Team – Yrs 7 - 10	12 Cultural Week	13 Cultural Week	14 Yrs 6 – 12 Sports Day	15	7
	16	17 Playgroup 9:30 – 11am Cultural Diversity Week - JS	18 Cultural Diversity Week - JS	19 OPEN DAY (3:30 – 7pm) Cultural Diversity Week - JS	20 Cultural Diversity Week - JS	21 Cultural Diversity Week - JS Junior School Sports Day JS - Harmony Day 6-12 CHAPEL (Worship Team)	22	8
	23	24 Playgroup 9:30 – 11am	25 Year 12 Biology – Waite Institute	26 National Young Leaders Day Yr 6 Camp Yr 10 & 11 Food & Hospitality – Central Markets	27 Yr 6 Camp Inter-Christian Sports Day Yrs 8 - 12	28 Yr 6 Camp 6-12 CHAPEL (Worship Team)	29	9
	30	31 Playgroup 9:30 – 11am	1 Yr 4 – Gorge Wildlife Park	2 Yr 2 – Hahndorf Farm Barn	3	4 6-12 CHAPEL (Fleming 4+5)	5	10
6	7 Playgroup 9:30 – 11am	8 R - 5 Parent/Teacher Interviews	9 Yr 3 & 4 – NAWMA Incursion	10 R - 5 Parent/Teacher Interviews	11 R-12 CHAPEL (Elliot 2)	12	11	

Term 2

	SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	
A P R	13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19	
	20	21 Easter Monday	22	23	24	25 Anzac Day	26	
	27	28 First day of Term 2 Playgroup 9:30 – 11am	29	30	1	2 6-12 CHAPEL (Worship Team) Inter-Christian Sports Day Yrs 3 - 7	3	1