

Fig Tree Pocket State School CHAPLAINCY



The Chaplaincy Service works to promote a sense of belonging and community for all staff, students and parents. The Fig Tree Pocket State School Chaplain, Chappy Julia, seeks to assist teachers and parents in fostering the physical, mental, social and spiritual development of students within a supportive and caring environment. The Chaplaincy service is available to all students without prejudice, and with respect for each person's right to hold their own beliefs and values.

Chappy Julia supports the school values through positive interactions with students and by promoting initiatives like Operation Christmas Child which help foster social justice awareness. Chappy Julia delivers the social and emotional resilience programs, Fun Friends and Friends for Life, to all children from Year 1 through to Year 3, and offers personal development programs to children in year six. Lunchtime activities such as the Games Space in the library courtyard and the Have-A-Go Talent Show help children build relationships and develop social skills, and contribute to creating a positive school environment. Chappy Julia also works with staff to promote peer conflict resolution and independent problem solving skills.

As a non-teaching staff member, Chappy Julia operates as a support person for the children to connect with in the school environment. Chaplains provide a listening ear and caring presence as students seek to deal with a wide range of issues such as family problems, friendship issues, peer pressure, self-esteem issues, anxiety, depression and grief and loss. Chappy Julia provides pastoral care to the school community and is available to chat through anything with any teacher, parent or student.

The chaplain works in the school on Thursday and Friday and can be contacted through the school office.