

Hello Spring Kids Parents,

July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020



This Sunday we are excited to be back in the building! I wanted to write and let you know how this new season will look and provide information so that you are prepared for both COVID Safe procedures and some innovations:

- Our children will start in the service with you... after entering the Grosvenor St doors to be checked in. You will be asked to use sanitiser, or to wash hands (this includes children). Please sit with your children to the right, front of the auditorium.
- There will be a short Kids section at the beginning of service with a song, a game and a message.
- The children will then go to 3 areas – parents of Chickens need to deliver and sign-in their children:
  - **Chickens** (2-4 years) – in St Peter's (Kinders can opt-in here)
  - **Spring Bugs** (Kinder to Year 2) – in Lord St rooms
  - **Springers** (Year 3 to 6) – in Hall (Year 6 are in this group as we don't have enough leaders to cater for this age group in the Loft. Year 6 kids will be given some leadership tasks in Springers and after-church activities).
- There will also be a **fortnightly meeting for Youth (Year 7 to 9) – in Loft**, starting this Sunday.
- We aim for the service and kids' groups to finish together around 11am (Chickens will be escorted back to parents if service is not finished, otherwise please come and collect/sign out your child at 11.00am)
- There is no plan for a Zoom alternative, as we can 'fit' all children.

There will be no morning tea served yet, so we encourage parents to **bring a snack** for your children (and please supervise them eating).

An innovation this season is some **after-church activities for kids and parents...**

- From 11.00 to 11.30am
- We need parents to volunteer to spend a half hour with their children in one of these activities, as the Leaders need to sanitise their spaces and pack up, and we want to create some more meaningful times together as families after church:
  - Woolly Creations – in the hall. Come and learn how to knit, weave or wool bomb!
  - A Fun Fitness Circuit – in the courtyard. Come and make a team moving around the courtyard trying some fun skills.
  - Soccer Workshop – grass area. Come and try your feet in some soccer skills.
  - Storytime – in the hall. Come and hear some fun and engaging stories.

This is a parent-led and supervised activity (not a Spring Kids activity – we will provide the ideas, spaces and gear). If you can help, participate, guide, join in, read a story... please let me know on the FB Parent page or email [kids@wellspring.org.au](mailto:kids@wellspring.org.au) today...

We invite all parents to volunteer a few times this term – grab a coffee (when its being served again) and join in with your child(ren). If you have a craft, hobby, skill, game... that you could share with kids this term, please let me know. Thank you in anticipation!

We are excited to be back with kids, and trying some of the things we have heard from families and church members. We are attempting to balance caution/safety and embracing togetherness... we may not get everything right... so we ask you to extend us grace and also any assistance you can. We acknowledge that parents are primarily responsible for the teaching and nurturing of children, and our task is to support you. We welcome your feedback and ideas. See you Sunday!

In love and grace,  
Lynne