

Cadell Primary School is fortunate to have the services of a School Christian Pastoral Support Worker. A Christian Pastoral Support Worker is a Christian, with special skills for working with young people and their families in the school community.

As School Christian Pastoral Support Worker, I will:

- work in co-operation with teachers and the Principal to support students;
- be available to students as a listener, supporter and carer;
- be a support, resource and referral person for families in the school community;
- be a support, resource and referral person for teachers and other staff;
- work with others in the school and its community to develop services, programs, and strategies, that meet the needs of 5 to 13 year old children living in our area;
- provide a Christian presence in the school on behalf of the local churches.

### Who is the Christian Pastoral Support Worker?



Hello, my name is Renee Floyd. My husband and I have raised four children on a farm just out of Eudunda. We attend The Light Community Church at Kapunda, taking on the role as one of the youth leaders. Over the years I have had various training in Relationship and Family issues, Grief and Trauma, Youth Wellbeing, Work effectively in Mental Health, Respond Holistically and refer appropriately, and I am currently working towards my certificate in Youth Work. I look forward in being involved in the school community and building strong relationships. Please feel free to drop in for a visit and say hello.

Regards Renee.

**Renee will be at school on:-**

**Tuesday's 8.30am to 4.30pm  
Wednesday's 8.00am to 4.00pm**

Renee will connect with students and parents/carers informally by –

- being visible in the school yard, when he/she accompanies teachers on yard duty; at lunch times, mornings and home times on days present.
- working alongside teachers and students in the classrooms;
- accompanying classes on some excursions and camps;
- being at school during “special occasions” eg Acquaintance Night, End of Year Celebrations.

**Students and parents/carers may make contact with Renee by –**

- approaching on day's present for a chat;
- ringing the Front Office to leave messages for Renee Floyd, who will ring back.

## **A few facts about Christian Pastoral Support Workers in SA schools**

In a government school, the Christian Pastoral Support Program is primarily a service of pastoral care for students and their families, who want this support. Christian Pastoral Support Workers are not in the school to evangelise on behalf of a particular faith group. Their role requires them to respect both the secular character of the Government School and the variety of thoughts and beliefs within the school community. As a Christian presence in the school, the Christian Pastoral Support Worker represents and encourages key Christian values, and celebrates the diversity of Christianity. The School Christian Pastoral Support Worker is jointly accountable to the Department of Education and Children's Services through the School Principal, Schools Ministry Group, and the Waikerie Ministers association.

### **Who Employs our Christian Pastoral Support Worker?**

Renee is employed for 15 hours a week by Schools Ministry Group, through the Federal Government's National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Programme, and with support from the following local Christian Churches.



**Schools Ministry  
Group**

The Schools Ministry Group was set up by the Heads of Churches to oversee and support Christian Ministry in Government Schools.

The Group consists of representatives from all the major Christian Churches and several youth and children's mission organizations.

SMG is responsible for developing policy, giving pastoral and resource support to over 340 Christian Pastoral Support Workers, liaising with schools and churches about the Christian Pastoral Support Program and organizing 'In Service' training for Christian Pastoral Support Workers in South Australia.

#### **Cadell Primary School**

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**Christian Pastoral Support Worker's  
Name:  
Renee Floyd**

# **CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT PROGRAM**

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**Supporting our future  
generations**

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**A positive initiative that  
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encouraging community  
involvement in Government  
Schools**