Chaplaincy Report
CHSS P&C General Meeting 14 June 2022

Myla:
Myla has been onsite for Monday and Tuesday mornings this term leaving at some stage during first break.

She has been very positively received by students and staff and has mainly been focussed in the Hub, working with various students.

Just completed doing a video of me reading a book about a therapy dog to be shown to the junior school as part of the preparation for the dog visits to class. I want to also do some short class visits without the dog prior to her coming into junior school classes. Partly to set out guidelines but also to make plans for any children not wanting to engage.

There has also been communication at parade around how to greet her correctly, general guidelines on being clam and not yelling as well as the need for food to be placed in bins and not left on the ground (explained about some food that is dangerous for the dog)

Her therapy accreditation occurs on the weekend of July 16 & 17. She will get a special therapy dog vest (will also have an in training label) as not fully qualified until she is aged 1 (December 11).

Still in consultation re the fundraising idea and should have more details to propose at the July Meeting.

Seasons for Growth :
Our first course is now half way through and is well received. Kids are engaging well and the group has a lovely supportive atmosphere which is exactly what you are wanting to achieve. We will complete ¾ of the course in this term and then the last ¼ next term.

Resiliency project :
I have a few junior school students that I am working with using some material from Rockhoppers a newly developed free resource (same organisation as Seasons for Growth) that looks at building strength and coping skills to manage change and anxiety. Had some very favourable feedback from both students and a parent.

Lunch craft sessions :
Lunch time craft projects continue with an extension to the senior group to be doing some pen pal communication and I now have 3 parents assisting with this session. (all letters are de-personalised and checked by Tal prior to being sent)