

# Embracing Ministries

An initiative of the Anglican church of Canberra and Goulburn



## Minnows Music

Booking is essential through;  
[info@embracingministries.org](mailto:info@embracingministries.org)

All children are welcome!

A fun and inclusive music group for children and their parents or carers

**Baby & Preschool Minnows**  
10am @ Anglicare Gordon Community Centre

**Commencing Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**



**Primary Minnows**  
For children with additional needs.  
10am @ Malkara

**Commencing Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**



## Little Treasures

We have just finished our second annual Little Treasures Holiday Program. Little Treasures is a three-day Christian Holiday Program for ALL primary school children including those with special needs. This year we had 25 mainstream children and 15 children with special needs attend the program. In fact, Little Treasures is so popular we had 30 children on a waiting list!

We thank God for providing 7 young leaders who have been a part of our mentor program in the past year, as well as 21 volunteers who made the program possible.



**What real gift from God and answer to prayer!**

## Celebrating Easter

Every child on the program was able to hear the Easter story in a way understandable to them. Throughout the program we explored Palm Sunday, the last supper and finally the glorious death and rising of our king Jesus through a range of craft, visual and sensory items and acting out of the stories.



A typical day at Little Treasures included group time with worship, prayer, games and story time as a large group.



Participants then broke into small groups tailored to their abilities. The program is adapted to each individual group level.



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## Afternoon Activities

Alongside the telling of the Easter story, every child enjoyed a range of organised out-sourced activities (i.e. Music, Rockets and Reptiles!!) together in a safe accessible way for everyone. This year the reptiles were the biggest hit with each child attempting to pet one or more of the reptiles brought. It was so lovely to see the children's faces light up when trying on a snake for size!!!!



It was such an honour and blessing to get to know each and every child involved in the program and the wonderful gifts and abilities they all possess. Each and everyone of them are made in the image of God. Thank you again for all those who supported the program! We greatly appreciate your help and we want to ensure you know how important your support has been. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generosity!



## Words from a parent

*The moment we reached the parking lot of Radford ELC, my son had the biggest smile on his face. Being non-verbal, I depend a lot on his facial expressions to tell me his feelings of a place and the memories it holds for him. And it confirmed for me what I already knew - he had absolutely loved his time last year at Little Treasures.*

*There are not too many places, and it does not even reach my fifth finger, where I can take my son out in the community. Being a child with autism with several sensory issues and a runner at that, the city does not have many options for him. That's why Little Treasures meant so very much to all of us because I could drop him in there knowing that he was cared for, nurtured in his interests and seen as a precious child of God. It has excellent indoor and outdoor facilities and but at the heart of it all are Andrea and her amazing team of volunteers who genuinely love to see him again.*

*As a parent of a child that has very few safe choices to be part of the social fabric of life, this resource is an absolute gift and I would not want to see the program end, but for it to grow and continue to be a blessing to families such as mine and a chance for a special child of God to thrive and grow, knowing that he is embraced for who he is.*

## CONCERT FUNDRAISER

July 20<sup>th</sup> 2019

*Funds raised will help us purchase an accessible van and help families unable to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme*

*Staring singers;*



**KATIE DE VEAU AMBER NICHOLS**

Due to their visa classification, refugee families with children with special needs are unable to obtain government disability support for daily care, intervention, equipment and therapies which they greatly need. We plan to have a fund raiser to help provide funds for these. Most importantly we pray we can continue to fund intervention therapies, such as Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy and regular Physiotherapy through the fund raiser with the help of a number of parishes. The fund raiser will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, we will provide further details early next month. If you would like to help volunteer to help with this event please contact Andrea 0404256714.

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