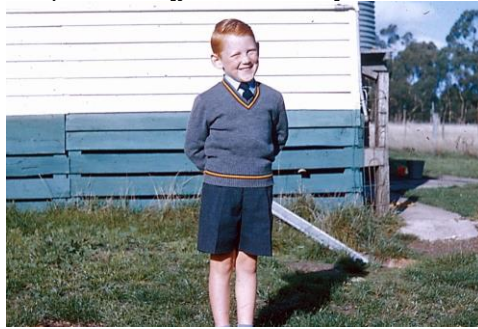


GRPS Chaplain's Spot

FIRSTS

I wonder how many 'firsts' you remember in your life.

School day: This week, many children are attending school for the first time, or attending High School for the first time. Here is a picture of me on my first day in Prep in 1959 [yes, it is true!].



Pet: Mine was Smudge, a dog who was abandoned near our house. Here he is as a pup, and as an older dog.



Car: Our first car was a Holden. Mine was a silver bug, a VW Beetle, back in late 1973.



May your 'firsts' be positive ones as we commence this school year. Some 'firsts' are tough, and we are not sure how to cope with them. A helpful response is to stay connected with those who you trust, so you can be supported well.

Also, I am happy to spend time face-to-face, or on the phone, or on email, if there are some life experiences that you would like to discuss. Pastoral care covers every aspect of life – emotional, family, spiritual, anxiety, anything at all. We all need time to work through our life experiences.

Have a great year. I especially welcome all families who are new to Great Ryrie.

One-liner of the week:

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. —Alice Walker

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