

From the Treasurer

We look forward to another year of supporting our three dedicated SRE teachers and their assistants as they represent us and take the Good News into our local high schools.

Last year, in addition to support from our member churches, their congregations and individuals, we received a generous donation that enabled us to pay our teachers' salaries and stay out of debt. If

we are to meet our commitments this year we will be much more dependent on your support of our fundraisers; the next and main one being our Boardwalk, on Saturday 1st April; and we ask for your prayers, participation and support for a successful event.

- David Green

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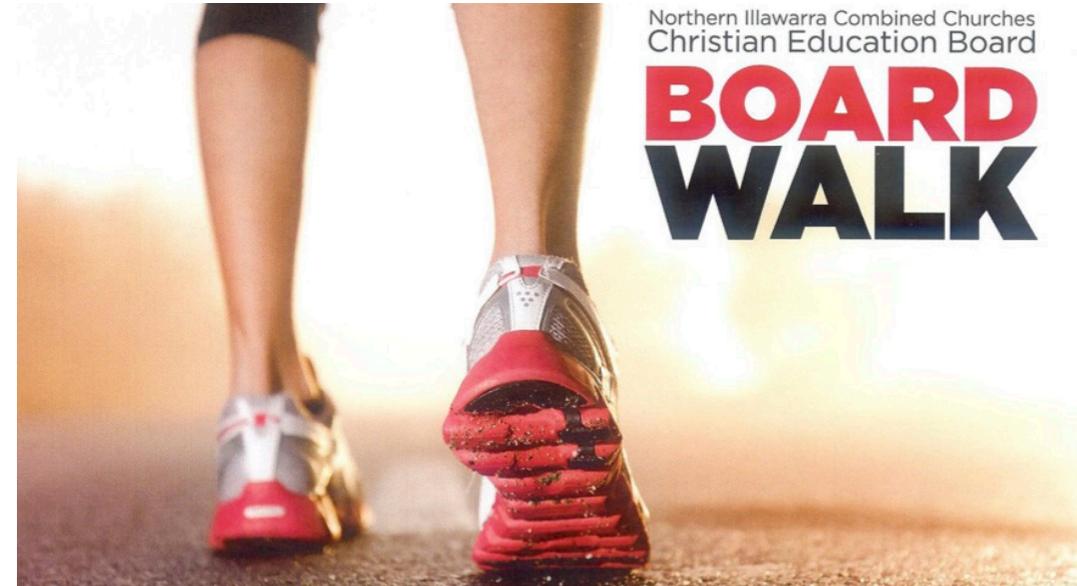
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Upcoming Events

2017 Annual Boardwalk

Date: 1st April 2017

Location: Bellambi Lagoon

Time: 9am

Trivia Night

Date: Sat 17th June 2017

Coffee & Dessert Night

Date: Wed 14th Sept 2017

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Message from the Chairman

It's been a busy start to the year for us in the Northern Illawarra - from extra classes at Woonona to commencing year 9 and 10 for the full year at Corrimal.

We still need more volunteers at Bulli in Terms 2 and 3 as we are restricted to teaching mainly in those 2 terms rather than being able to teach all year.

This year we welcome Karen Bate the representative from Woonona Baptist Church – welcome Karen Please also support the work of the Churches by donating and attending our fundraising events as we still have more opportunities to teach other classes if we have the money. God Bless

- John Armour

A regular monthly direct deposit is a great way to support our work
Donate at: <http://bwcb.org.au/donate-to-bwcb.html>



From Tanja at Bulli

Praise God for the fantastic time away at the Wollongong, Keira, Smiths Hill and Illawarra Sports High lunchtime group camp a few weeks ago (see photo). Despite the weather it was an encouraging time for students to make friends, open the bible and be encouraged to live for Jesus wherever they are.

This term I have been looking forward running the Year 11 & 12 seminars at the end of the term. Please pray that the students will be touched by meeting some good Christian role models and will be challenged to consider Christ this Easter. Please also pray for the parent letters to be received well and for many Year 7 to Year 10 students

to stay in Scripture in terms 2 & 3. I am excited to announce that Ryan Archer has joined the team of teachers this year. Ryan completed Year 13 last year and is an ex-Bulli High student. We are thankful for Ryan's desire to continue to present Jesus at Bulli High.

Please remember Ryan, Dan Hatton, Paul Gaetjens, Andy Callow, myself in your prayers to have wisdom and authority when we teach the many classes and also as we look to get a lunchtime group back at Bulli High. Thank you so much!

- Tanja

From Dal at Woonona

Scripture at Woonona High has had an encouraging start to the year. This year the school has grown again which means that the number of classes being taught has increased. It has been wonderful to have Tanja and Ryan come in every second Tuesday to help take up the load. I am also enjoying having a year 13 student, Gabi, help with classes and lunchtime group on Tuesday as part of her training. The

new year 7's have settled into school and scripture well and I am enjoying getting to know them. I have been particularly encouraged by Year 10 this last fortnight as we have been looking at the book of Leviticus. Surprisingly, Leviticus has been really great and has raised so many great questions about faith and how Jesus fulfils the law. One student was struck by the fact that Jesus died like a lamb for our sins...

...even while we were still his enemies, he asked, "Why would Jesus bother dying for us when we were his enemies?" I have also been encouraged by Year 9 as we begin to investigate the book of Genesis. It has developed loads of questions and discussion.

I am also very thankful for the lunch time group which is being led by a year 12

student and a good core of students are turning up each week keen to learn.

Thanks for your ongoing prayers and support. High School SRE IS the most amazing ministry and it is such a privilege that we can serve in this way. God Bless,

- Dal

From Leanne at Corrimal

What a privilege it continues to be to walk into Corrimal High and share the good news of Jesus with students who may never otherwise hear. But Scripture teaching is still a tough gig with good days and bad days, good students and challenging students. It's been great getting to know the new intake of Year 7 students, many of whom say they don't believe or didn't do Scripture in primary school. Please pray that they'll remain in my classes and enjoy learning more about Jesus.

I had a shocking class recently which was quite discouraging but later that day I bumped into one of the students who apologised for the behaviour of the class. Thank the Lord for small mercies! I took my guitar into a Year 10 class as we were reading Mary's song of praise at the beginning of Luke. I said I wanted them to hear a more modern song of praise and I sang "The Love of the Father". When I finished a girl asked if I could play it again and instead of laughing at me (as I'd

expected) she actually joined in singing. A definite praise God moment for me!

It's been wonderful that our small lunch group that meets every Tuesday has had a few new faces this year. Please pray that the new students may keep coming and that our faithful members will find our time together worthwhile and encouraging.

Andrew "Fishtail" Fisher brought his Jesus racing team along to all the students at Corrimal High earlier this year with his Life Choices seminar. He encouraged the students to be "intentionally courageous" as they make decisions based on information rather than just acting on impulse and inspired us with the Jesus Racing Mantra - PASSION for life, live for a PURPOSE and live LIFE to the full. May we all be intentionally courageous for Jesus!

- Leanne

Teacher Visits

Our teachers love getting out and about to share how God is working in our schools. If your church would like a visit from one of our teachers please contact Nathan Zorn.

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