

From the Treasurer

Firstly, a huge thanks to the great turn out to the recent Trivia Night! We raised \$3,700 which far exceeded our expectations. We praise God for your generous support and for the many businesses who donated towards our silent auction. Unfortunately we are still sitting in the red financially with \$6,250 of expenses to cover.

Our "Boardwalk" fund raiser in April was not as well supported as previous years with only 50% of anticipated income received.

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Personal donations are also much lower this year than in previous years. Please prayerfully consider making a donation before the end of financial year as all donations to SRE are fully tax-deductible. If you are able to set up a regular donations online please speak to us, we are happy to help. We are so blessed to be able to share the good news of Jesus with our high school students. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Blessings.

- David Green

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Northern Illawarra Combined Churches

Scripture Board Newsletter

FUNDRAISER

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 7PM
C3 CHURCH THIRROUL

Upcoming Events



Coffee & Dessert Night
Date: Wed 14th Sept 2017
Time: 7pm
Location: Northern Illawarra
Uniting Church Bulli

Message from the Chairman

So much to be thankful for! Firstly, the recent Trivia night was a fantastic night with over 150 people attending the event. Huge thanks to Simon Nutt our brilliant quizmaster, C3 Church Thirroul and staff for hosting the evening, our generous local businesses, artists and board members for their incredible donations for the silent auction and lastly all those who attended. We were blown away by your generosity and support for our Scripture teachers and are blessed to know that so many people are invested in the gospel going out into local our high schools.

Secondly, we can thank God that the recent report on Scripture was very supportive of continuing the program in both Primary and High Schools across NSW. It has been an exciting but challenging year so far for Scripture in NSW. Please join us in praying for the door to remain open in our schools and sustained, joyful perseverance for all our teachers.

God Bless

- John Armour

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From Leanne at Corrimal

There have been many changes in the Begg household this last term. We have left the hustle and bustle of Sydney and moved to the beautiful Illawarra where we are now enjoying being part of the church family at Corrimal Anglican. We are hoping and praying that this partnership will strengthen the links between the young people at Corrimal High and our local Christian communities. Last Friday I was able to attend Northern Lights where many youth groups in the area combine once a term. What a fantastic opportunity for young people to meet up and have fun and fellowship together as they encourage each other in their faith in Jesus.

Our small lunch group at Corrimal High had the privilege of a special visitor recently - Mike Kohler who is a graduate of Corrimal High. Having him come, as well as the offer of cheese toasts, meant that many students who had never been before (and some of whom don't even do SRE)

were able to hear Mike share how he had become a follower of Jesus and how that has impacted his life. The students also had the opportunity to ask Mike questions which many of them took up. Please thank God that our Christian students were brave and invited their friends and please pray that seeds sown for the kingdom will bear fruit for God's glory. I also appreciate your prayers for continued perseverance as I open up the Bible and have the privilege to share God's truth with Year 7 - 10 students at Corrimal High. It so often feels like one step forward and two back but I'm reminded of God's assurance in Isaiah 55:11 that:

"so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

From Tanja at Bulli

Term 2 at Bulli High School was busy but quite encouraging. It is an amazing privilege to be able to study the gospel of Luke with Years 9 and 10 and the gospel of Mark with Years 7 and 8. Smaller class sizes in Years 7 & 8 allows for deeper discussions which is a good thing but it is sad to see so many students opting out of Scripture.

Praise God, it looks like prayers have been answered and after compromising we have come to the agreement to have only half of the lunch time break on Tuesdays for the Christian group with Borin Vorn (one of the

math teachers) supervising. Thank God for him and pray that the group would kick off well. Pray too that parents will be willing to sign and return notes and for favourable discussions with the Principal about the group. Thanks again for supporting High School Scripture with your thoughts, prayers and donations.

From Dal at Woonona

I am thankful for another term of teaching scripture at Woonona High School. This term has been full of great encouragements and wonderful questions from students. Year 7 students have got into the swing of school and are asking great questions and engaging with the material. Please pray for students who have opted out this year that they might come back in next year. Year 10 have been enjoying a series looking at the various genres of writing in the Bible and they have been really loving it and

understanding more clearly how to read the Bible. Lunchtime group has been a blessing with a great bunch of students coming each week. It is developing a really positive atmosphere. Breakfast club has taken off in winter with over a dozen loaves of bread disappearing before school. If you can help out with serving before school or supply jam or Vegemite please contact me. Thanks for your ongoing prayers and support.

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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