

From the Treasurer

Coffee and Dessert Night on the 24th August was a great night with over one hundred people from the different churches attending despite the cold and rain. All were rewarded with sumptuous desserts, good coffee or tea, great music and enlightening stories from the teachers as they shared their joys and frustrations, and from James Flavin, the new CEO of Generate. A total of \$2,200 was raised on the evening with

further donations coming in after the event. We continue to be thankful for the support from our member churches that enable us to fund our three SRE teachers to date in their outreach to students at our three local high schools. With no more fundraisers planned for this year, we pray for your ongoing support to fund this important local Christian mission.

- David Green

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Message from the Chairman

We have had a very interesting and challenging year so far. The Department of Education have tightened up the rules that SRE must abide by. This makes things challenging for both the Teachers and the Board. Please pray for the Board, for Generate (who co-ordinate with the department) and for the Department as we strive to ensure

smooth running of SRE across the Northern Illawarra. We thank God for the continued support of all our partners. We would also like to extend a special word of thanks to all our Volunteers who continue to step up and deal with new ways of training and teaching SRE.

- John Armour

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Meet Dal

Teaches at Woonona High School 2.5 days a week.

Family: One wonderful wife, Corinne, with three children Caden (10), Finn (8) and Lucy (5) and Max the dog.

Church: Bulli Anglican Church

Interests: surfing, spending time with my family, fishing, playing guitar.

I have just entered my 5th year of teaching SRE at Woonona High and still love it - in fact it has become easier over the years. In the last 5 years the school has changed and at present there is a general settledness in the school and positive student number growth. For scripture this has meant the number of scripture classes has steadily increased,

the general atmosphere in most classrooms is positive and I am well known in the school community which opens up many opportunities for conversations both in and out of the classroom.

I have many opportunities to serve in the school and get involved in school life beyond teaching scripture in the classroom including co-ordinating the breakfast club Tuesday and Thursday mornings, running the Christian lunch time group on Tuesdays, and offering a free lunch to students on Thursdays called 'toast club', encouraging students through tough times, get involved in the before school surfing program, helping out at sports carnivals and cooking BBQs when I can. The students and welfare team often express their thanks and comment that this is an important part of school life for many students who need a good feed. If you want to volunteer one morning a term to help serve our students please let me know.

The Christian lunch time group FROG (Fully Relying On God) has been lead by a couple of year 12 boys. I am looking for different student leaders for next year who can take on a role of leading the group. It is exciting to see a small bunch of mostly non-church kids turn up each week keen to read the bible and pray together.

Please continue to pray for scripture in the classroom. I sense that there is significant interest at times in the gospel but many students seem unwilling to take their 'mustard seed' faith onto the next step by connecting with a youth group or church. Please pray faith might grow and that students might be willing to stand up for what they believe in in the school context.

Thanks so much for your ongoing support and prayers.

- Dal Proudfoot

From Tanja at Bulli

Term 3 at Bulli High we continued to look at Exodus and Moses and how the Old Testament foreshadows Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for us with Year 9 & 10. Conscious that especially for Yr 10 those will be their last Scripture classes we can only pray and hope that something would have caught their attention! With Year 7 & 8 we looked at how God's word transforms lives and

leads to action. Those year groups are much smaller classes since a lot of the students opt out but it is a better chance to get to know the students and to engage with their questions. Thanks again to all my volunteers, your prayers and support without this ministry would be impossible!

- Tanja

From Leanne at Corrimal

What a wonderful encouragement it was to see so many of you join us for our Coffee and Dessert Night, which was a miserably wet evening but my heart was greatly warmed. Thanks so much to those who came; for your interest, generosity and prayers. We are definitely on the frontline as we teach the good news of Jesus to high school students. What a blessing to do what is both extremely hard, yet an amazing privilege, at the same time.

Last term I finished up teaching Year 9 for the year and this term I have started teaching Year 10. It was difficult to stop teaching students I was just starting to build relationships with but I am enjoying getting

to know the Year 10 students and have especially appreciated their willingness to ask questions. It would be wonderful to be able to teach both Year 9 and 10 students all year at some stage in the future.

I am indebted to God for your prayers as I'm very aware that I can do nothing in my own strength. Please pray that as I open up the books of Mark (with Year 7 & 8) and Luke (with Year 10) that God would soften hearts and open student's eyes to who Jesus really is so that some of them may come to trust and follow Him.

- 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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