

From the Treasurer

Thanks to our local church congregations and generous supporters we should finish 2016 free of debt. Praise God! However, to continue to financially support our three SRE teachers in spreading the Gospel in our three local high schools in 2017 we will need additional annual donations of \$7,500.

We are conscious that many of our donors are giving generously.

Please prayerfully consider the financial needs of our teachers and the board as you plan for 2017.

- David Green

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Message from the Chairman

Well its been an exciting year for SRE in the Northern Illawarra in 2016. We welcomed our new teacher at Corrimal Leanne earlier this year and Dal and Tanja have continued their faithful service at Woonona and Bulli. I am also so impressed how all the Churches in the area work together in supporting the Board and the teachers. It as an amazing example to the community how Jesus brings us together. Thanks to you our supporters for your ongoing prayer

and financial support during the year. We would like to expand our work in Corrimal High next year but would need an additional \$7,500 to do that. If you feel led to support this additional work please contact David (our treasurer) or myself to discuss how you could do that.

God Bless

- John Armour

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From Dal at Woonona

This year has been another wonderful year of Scripture and I have been extremely thankful for being given the opportunity of teaching the precious truths of God's word to our local teenagers. The students have been generally responding very well in the classrooms and I have experienced some exciting "God" moments when He has stepped in and there have been those moments of silence and focus in the classroom. It is such a wonderful blessing to be able to point kids to Jesus.

I have been greatly encouraged by some students in the Christian lunch-time group, FROG. Just recently, a year 11 boy came along for the first time and then volunteered

to lead the group in my absence. All the students who were present were greatly encouraged and challenged by his commitment and leadership. I am looking forward to training up leaders next year and am praying for a student led movement within the school.

Please be praying for the school, scripture, the lunch-time groups and brekky club in the school. We will be looking for volunteers in for the brekky club for next year if you are interested please let me know.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support.

- Dal

From Leanne at Corrimal

Let me start by saying thank you so much for your support and prayers as I've been teaching at Corrimal High this year. I have been humbled and encouraged as I've visited various churches and heard of people who have been faithfully praying and sacrificially giving to enable SRE to be taught in state high schools.

Towards the end of last term a few board members helped me in putting on a BBQ for the Year 11 & 12 students, who I don't teach. It was such a great way of serving the school community, with two Year 12 girls I'd never met even hanging around to help cook the sausages. We managed to feed all the senior students, many staff members, including the Principal and Deputy as well as many junior students through the generous provision of "more than enough" sausages. It was an extremely positive day and a great way to interact with the students outside a classroom environment.

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Year 10 the second half of the year as they've wrestled with what it means for Jesus to be the Messiah/Christ in Luke's gospel. Please pray that some of the students, who will no longer do Scripture, will want to follow Jesus as their Messiah, Saviour and Lord. Also on my Christmas "wishlist" would be that enough money could be raised before the end of the year to enable me to teach Years 9 & 10 (along with my Year 7 & 8 students) throughout the whole year in 2017 - rather than only teaching them for 6 months each as I've done this year.

However you celebrate Christmas this year may we all praise God that Jesus was born to "save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

- Leanne

From Tanja at Bulli

The combined High school get-together on Friday afternoon on the 11/11 at Bulli beach was a lovely time of hanging out together with students from Woonona, Bulli as well as Smith Hill High. The rain waited for us to finish, the sausages were yummy (thank you Kirsty Callow!), the beach walk and game a lot of fun and the fellowship sweet. We will definitely repeat this next term and hopefully even join on a camp together. Please keep praying for those students and others who try to follow Jesus at their High schools, to be light and salt and good examples.

It was worthwhile visiting the feeding primary schools into Bulli High Year 6 Scripture classes, to share about High school Scripture, a map of Bulli High and to talk about peer pressure. Let's pray for

many students to take up the opportunity to learn about Jesus and the Bible at school!

I am excited to have been able to book Andrew Fisher and his Jesus racing team to run one Scripture seminar for Year 11 & 12 in term 1 (Tuesday 28th of March) and John Kewa from Mission to Seafarers Port Kembla for the other (Thursday 6th of April). Please pray for Andrew and John plus helpers to have a positive impact on the students and also for volunteers to teach with me next year in term 2 & 3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Thank you so much and praise God for his goodness!

- Tanja

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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