



Christian Education News

Term 3 2011

A Newsletter of the Tuggerah Lakes Christian Education Board Inc
Also including Primary School SRE NEWS

From The Entrance Campus

Last week the Christian students held the **40 hour famine** at school. **90** students took part hoping to raise over **\$2,500** to help children in Nigeria, Africa. Students gave up food, talking, technology, furniture and even make-up. 2 staff members and myself, slept over night at school in a makeshift slum that year 12 students made. I was confined to this slum for 2 days and students were invited to join me for lessons to discuss poverty. We also gathered over **350** signatures for a petition to the Federal Government to release more funds for Coast Shelter at Gosford to help homeless people on the Central Coast.

Balloons, streamers, free BBQ breakfast and lunch, live band, jumping castle, bucking bull, horizontal bungee jumping, student testimonies, face painting, stalls, guest speaker, fairy floss, dancing and drama. YES, once again it's time for The Entrance Campus EXO DAY.

Exo Day is a special day put on by the Christian students for the whole school to celebrate that LIFE IS EXCELLENT WITH GOD. It is all happening on Tuesday 6th September. For 3 hours we take over the school for a day to remember. This is our 7th year running an EXO DAY so we appreciate your prayers for great weather, no injuries on the rides and that the students and staff will be touched by God.

Thanks for helping us make a difference
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From Tumbi Umbi Campus

Term 3 is very busy with classes and Chaplaincy. Last term we had a group called Break Free come and perform for Years 7 & 8. They sang, danced and shared their faith. The response was fantastic and they chose to continue on into lunchtime so some year 9 & 10 students came to watch. We had a few students come to the Coast Youth Event at Mingara. A couple of students made a commitment. I was also able to pray for 1 of my lovely year 9 girls at the event.

This term YFC will be bringing in an American hip hop artist 'Army' to perform at lunch time. He will dance and share the Gospel. I'm sure Tumbi students will enjoy the performance. It's great working with YFC to minister to our students and extra special that I'm working with my daughter Marissa this time.

The response to the No Limits Program was great. It was a new format this year and the girls got so much out of it. Listening to their comments brought tears to my eyes. I look forward to the boy's group next term.

Recently one of our Year 9 students approached me to ask how to become a Christian. (This is part of the SRE program and not Chaplaincy) He isn't part of the SRE program normally as the Life Skill classes don't have SRE classes, but he comes to J.A.M. our lunchtime group and is linked in to a local youth group.

On the home front Daniel remains in Oslo for an indefinite period. Thanks for the many prayers for my son. Bianca is in the midst of engagement and wedding plans (as well as working hard), another fantastic son-in-law for our family. God is so good. Marissa has just opened a second YFC Hip Hop class at Erina. Her heart is to minister to the young people on the Coast. Her husband Joshua is busy finishing his nursing degree and working hard. See you at the Prayer Breakfast.....Felicity.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SRE NEWS

Teaching has continued in the Public Schools in our local area during this second part of the year. Our final week in the schools this term will be Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th September.

I would like all people reading this to consider, whether they may be called to take part in this Ministry and Outreach into our local area in some way. As I have stated in the past, we need support in the areas of Prayer, financial support and staffing. It is time that we begin to consider the staffing situation for next year. It is likely that we will need more teachers, particularly at Brooke Avenue and Bateau Bay schools next year. Both these schools' lessons are taught on Thursday mornings.

All new as well as continuing staff need to satisfy their own denomination's child safety requirements in order to be approved to teach. Induction programs for those without previous experience and/or qualifications are available. Please discuss this with your Minister/Pastor.

Prayerfully Yours - Kevin Beeforth
Primary Schools Co-ordinator



Next Prayer Breakfasts - 7.30 am

17th September - The Lakes Evangelical Church hosted at the Baptist Church Yakkalla Street, Bateau Bay.

26th November 2011
Anglican Church, Brooke Avenue Bateau Bay

2012 to be advised



From The Treasurer

Unfortunately we are really struggling with finances as donations from Churches and individuals are not meeting our monthly costs of \$9,000.00 for SRE. An additional \$5000 per month for Chaplaincy is provided by the Fed Govt. making a monthly total of \$14000.00.

We have been eating away at the Chaplaincy monies to cover other costs and now only have \$7000 left till the end of December, whereas we should have \$5000 for each month until the end of December. This leaves a considerable shortfall.

Please be in Prayer for the Board in deciding how we handle the situation and for God to provide the much needed finances. The only way to cut costs is to cut days worked for the Special Religious Education part of this ministry. The Federal Government grant is to provide Chaplaincy involvement for 2 days each school week in each of the 3 Campuses.

We also need someone to become a member of the Board from our affiliated Churches (as per the list below, each affiliated Church is entitled to 2 representatives), who will take on the role of Assistant Treasurer with a view to becoming Treasurer at a later date. If you feel you would be prepared to do this please speak to your Minister/Pastor. We use Excel for our records.

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Please advise me so I can receipt donations.

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Affiliated Churches and their Representatives

Anglican Church – Bateau Bay – Kathy Dunstan

Baptist – The Entrance District – Marilyn Trivett

Churches of Christ – Berkeley Vale – Marilyn Walker and Max Lucas

Encounter Life – Ona MacDougall

Lakes Evangelical – Paul Winterton

Lighthouse Church – Marilyn Beattie

Presbyterian – The Entrance - Heather Scott

Tuggerah Lakes Church – Nicolette Beazley

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