

August 2011

Conor Clarke's Newsletter



Prayer Points

- Thank God for the 400 students who are regularly hearing the Gospel.
- Give thanks for the excellent and committed team of volunteer teachers. Pray that they would be encouraged and would be enthusiastic to share the Gospel.
- Pray for more teachers and helpers for our classes.
- Give thanks for the helpers involved in the Fusion Breakfast Clubs and pray that they will have opportunities for students to talk and grow friendships in a relaxed setting.
- Give thanks for the generous donation of 200 Bibles by the Bible Society of NSW.
- Pray that I will grow in wisdom and truth as I study the Bible and continue my Diploma of Theology with the Timothy Partnership.

Christian Educator

at Springwood and Winmalee High Schools

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Scripture in High-Schools Christian Education Association
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on behalf of the Springwood District Christian Churches
Association

Highlights of the Year so far....

At Springwood High our classes have grown since the beginning of the year—students have been pulling out of other classes in order to join us! Each week we have over a quarter of Years 7 and 8 in SRE classes.

At Winmalee High we have a large team of excellent volunteers teaching six weekly Year 7 classes. I also teach regular Year 8 classes. Between the two year there are almost 350 students attending SRE regularly at Winmalee.

The lunchtime ISCF group at Springwood High meets every Friday, and we regularly have 30 plus students in attendance.

The Winmalee High ISCF group is a similar size, and some of the older students assist in the leadership of that group.

FAMILY PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for me, that I would juggle the responsibilities of my work and caring for my family, and that I would be a Godly and wise husband to Sam and father to Lachlan (3 years) and Joshua (7 months).
- Please pray for us as we prepare to move house at the beginning of September, and give thanks to God for his clear answer to prayer in the provision of a house in Springwood.

Comments from other SRE teachers:

Last week my Year 7 class at Winmalee reminded me that I'd promised the week before to tell them my story. They were quiet, listened through the whole thing and even asked relevant questions at the end. "Michael". I told myself, "God must be working. That was a small miracle!"

Mike H

"It has been encouraging to have students asking thoughtful and tough questions this year, reflecting their listening and wrestling with Christianity".

Ben P

Timothy Partnership

Conor is studying with the Timothy Partnership. This is a partnership between Presbyterian Youth and Anglican Youthworks to



create an online Diploma of Theology specifically designed to fit in with the lifestyle of busy SRE teachers and ministry workers.

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www.swish.org.au

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Scripture Program for Year 7 Students

The material used with Year 7 students is based on High School Ministry Resources with additional booklets that I have written. The booklet "God Who?" which focuses on the character of God and the saving work of Jesus, is used in Term 1. In Term 2 the booklet "The Big Fix" which looks at the problem of sin and God's salvation plan is used. In Term 3 we look at "The Basics" - faith, prayer and relationship with Jesus and in Term 4 we look at the parables and teachings of Jesus in a booklet called "Jesus Who?"

Conor's Deputation Program

Conor will be attending the following church services to talk about the High School ministry.

4th July

Springwood Community Church

16th Oct

Christ Church Springwood

13th Nov

**Winmalee Anglican Church
8.00am and 9.45am services.**

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

Romans 10:14