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Conor Clarke's Newsletter



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on behalf of the Springwood District Christian Churches Association

Five days a week!

The big news is that I'm moving to 5 days a week!

When I began this job at the beginning of 2010 it was 2 days a week; through the powerful work of God and the giving of our many generous supporters we've grown to a full-time position in less than two years. This means I have even more time for planning, teaching lessons and meeting with students. Please pray for me as I consider the best ways to use this extra time to grow God's kingdom!

Youth Day

In the school holidays we held a training event called "Youth Day" for passionate and committed Godly teenagers from the Lower Mountains. The thirty students and leaders were greatly encouraged by Josh Maule's talk on the transfiguration, and learned a lot in the seminars on sharing faith, prayer and answering tough questions. The day was such a success that we hope to run another in the next holidays!

More teachers!!

When you are making your plans for next year, please consider if Scripture teaching is one of the ways God could use you to grow his kingdom.

We are always on the lookout for more teachers and helpers, particularly at Winmalee High on Tuesdays.



FAMILY PRAYER POINTS

New house! Please continue thanking God for his obvious answer to prayer in the provision of a new home for my family. We moved at the beginning of September, and the kids are now settled in and loving the new place!

Please keep praying that I would be a wise and Godly husband and father.

Meet a SRE teacher

Hope Miles

SRE teacher at Winmalee High School

1. Why do you teach SRE?

Hope: “Because I love it! I am so excited about the Bible and the story of how God has been at work restoring the world to himself, and I want these year 7 students to see that God is real and calling them to himself! I want them to get caught up in the wonder of who God is and what he is doing! It is amazing to have a solid 40 minutes each week to teach the Bible and share my faith with 25 students and they have to listen!”

2. What can we pray for you and your class?

Hope: “Sometimes it can be a challenge to know how to teach and what to teach when. It can also be a challenge to listen to the students and the real questions that they have. Please pray that myself and Keith (who teaches with me) will be good listeners and good teachers. Pray too that the students will listen! Pray that God will open their ears and their eyes so that they may see that this is the truth, and what a wonderful truth it is!”

SRE TEACHERS—THE TEAM



(L-R) Keith Walker, Jasper de Keizer, Mike Hottinger, Conor Clarke, Hope Miles, Ben Purdy, Avril More, Annie Lindsay, Kellie Selwood,
(absent Megan Tucker, Nathaniel Hanslow, Carl Grande).

Church Visits

Over the last few months I've had the opportunity to visit and be encouraged by a number of churches around the area, including Springwood Baptist Church, Springwood Anglican Night Church, Springwood Christ Church, Springwood Uniting Church and Springwood Community Church. It's a great blessing to be able to connect with our generous and prayerful supporters, and I hope you find it encouraging as well. Looking forward to visiting more of you soon!

Deputation Program for the rest of the year

13th Nov

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

Comments from a SRE teacher

The most exciting things for me this year were:

firstly when we had a lesson focussed on answering questions about faith in Christ;

and secondly when, during a discussion, the students were moved by the testimony of an older student. I am constantly surprised by their openness to learning about Christ, and their constant supply of questions. I guess you can tell that they're really thinking it through, and having their hearts opened to the message.

- Avril M

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