



ARMIDALE YOUTH FUTURES INC

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INSPIRING HOPE AND PURPOSE

SEMINAR UPDATE.



In the second school term of 2015, we were visited by two fantastic traveling ministry groups, Focus on the Family and Covenant Players. Focus on the Family was represented by their CEO Brett Ryan, who gave a fantastic presentation on choices and how we're each responsible for the choices we make. Brett was a fantastic and engaging speaker and it was a great blessing to have someone of the calibre that comes with Focus on the Family and their ability to mix Christian worldview with contemporary issues that face families and young people. Focus on the Family's impact seminars are designed to inspire, challenge and create confidence in young people and their parents. You can find more about them at www.families.org.au. Covenant Players also presented in term 2, with some very pointed and captivating dramas that pushed students to consider how they respond to the gospel message. You can find more about them at www.covenantplayers.org

In term 3 we're set to be joined by Andrew Fisher from Jesus Racing. Andrew is a professional driver in some of the nation's biggest racing circuits and every car he drives is painted with the name of JESUS. When he's not on the track, Andrew is traveling the country to speak in schools. You can find out more at www.jesusracing.com.au. And as always, our faithful volunteer team has been attending the schools almost weekly to help facilitate ongoing discussion among the students. This term our regular seminars will focus on teen issues of body image and making moral decisions.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Pancakes and Prayer Breakfast at the Baptist Church, 22 August 8am - 9:30am
- Saturday 5th September: Monster Spring Sale, Baptist Church

ISCF LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

One of the greatest Christian witnesses is the distinctive life of the Christian. Colossians 3:12 reminds us that having put off our old way of life we'd clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Accordingly, in the first week of July, budding ISCF leaders gathered at Lake Keepit to be encouraged in counter-cultural Christian living in their school communities.

Zia Single and Alex Brash from Armidale High School and Moses Iji from Duval High School really enjoyed and grew through their week of workshops and bible studies. It was so encouraging to see each of the students develop their unique gifts of leadership and service. And it was great encouragement to gather with students from Tamworth to Tenterfield who are also seeking to grow in their faith in their schools.

To keep up to date, like "ISCF Leadership Conference - North West" on Facebook..



GENERATE

On Saturday the 1st of August I attended the mid year Generate meeting at Keepit Dam. It was a great day where the challenges facing especially High school SRE were discussed.

It is now apparent that aspects of the current Generate curriculum are outdated. Generate are working hard on updating the current one. The plan is to also develop a series of 12 seminars especially designed for 9 and 10 which in our situation will add further resources, ideas and variety to our program. One of the main things that came out of the day is the need for constant prayer regarding all aspects of SRE including new curriculum development, the current SRE review and sensitivity to the political environment in which we live.

Rob



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NEW HORIZONS FOR 2016.



It's with mixed emotions that I want to share our plans for 2016. Next year Tara, Sunny and I will be returning to the coastal town of Evans Head where we moved from to come to Armidale. There we will take up the teaching of SRE in the local high school and pastoral and youth work in the local Presbyterian Church. This change has come as a great surprise to us, however it's one that we're very excited about.

During our 5 years in Armidale, by the grace of God, the teaching of SRE has become quite well established in our schools. Across the board it's generally well accepted by the school community and increasingly supported by staff. This progress gives me great comfort that I have played my part and a foundation has been laid for future teachers to build on.

Please pray for the process that the AYF management committee will be undertaking in the coming months as they advertise, interview and employ a new teacher.

PLEASE PRAISE GOD FOR ...

- The wonderfully successful Fundraising Dinner in Term 1.
- The continued close relationships with the schools.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- The ongoing work of AYF in Armidale's public high schools.
- New members of the AYF Management Committee.



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