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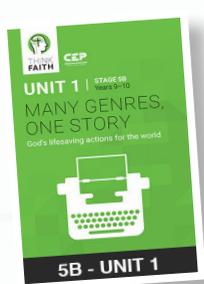
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inspiring hope and purpose

Evaluating SRE... How's it going Matt?



When people ask, "How are things going with SRE?", I often need to stop and think. I could answer that question in any number of ways. I could talk about how many students were in SRE classes, or the percentage of students on the SRE roll. I could talk about the attitude changes I've seen in individual students, or the types of questions students are now asking. I could talk about improvements to the SRE seminar timetable, or the new curriculum. And to some extent these are helpful indicators to evaluate how SRE is going.



The answer to this question reveals the goal of SRE. It's my goal that in SRE students develop an understanding of the good news of Jesus to be able to make an informed life decision. The parable of the soils that Jesus tells in Matthew 13 highlights the different responses to the gospel; not understanding, falling away because of suffering or false promises, or understanding that produces a harvest of fruit.

Which leads me to ask another question, "How am I going at

Dates for Your Diary

- **June 30 is Tax Time!** - Now is an excellent opportunity to review your AYF donations for the year. Perhaps you might consider an additional one-off donation or increasing your monthly giving? All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. See www.ayf.org.au/donate
- **AYF Monster Spring Garage Sale** - Have you got anything suitable to donate? Don't forget to check the top cupboards and the back of the garage! Collection info will be published soon - check your church bulletins and email inbox for details!



praying for SRE students?" Am I asking the Lord of the harvest to give understanding as students hear his Word?

The next time you wonder how things are going with SRE; stop and pray.

2017 AYF Dinner Review

What a great night was had by all. James Flavin, general director of Generate, brought an incredibly encouraging address which was highlighted by giving accurate descriptions of how SRE has been growing in NSW and also the tremendous need that is still present for parts of the state especially Western Sydney.



The theme for the evening was "Wise or Foolish" based around the scripture "watch carefully then how you should live" Eph 5:15 and the hall was magnificently decorated by the dinner committee in black and white with crowns and jester hats. Some of these were then sold off to help with the fund raising for the dinner.

The art auction this year was a wonderful highlight of the evening with 10 wonderful paintings up for auction and another 16 for sale. The auction was a lot of fun with many laughs, and some stiff competition for a couple of the most popular paintings. Most paintings were sold with 5 remaining which can still be purchased. The silent auction was supported well by our community of businesses and individuals. Thank you for your support.

Attendance at the dinner was 172 people and the monies raised on the evening was \$17,159.00 including cash donations which was a very pleasing result and our best result ever.



Thank you to everyone who attended, gave, bought, prayed or otherwise contributed to the evening. Without the monies raised the ministry would be greatly compromised so thank you.

2015 SRE Review Report Released

Many of you may remember, and perhaps even have participated in, the NSW Government's Review of SRE and SEE which was conducted in 2015.

Generate Ministries has informed us that the report has been released and we are heartened by the overwhelming support. We are also encouraged that the Independent Consultants, ARTD, have highlighted that SRE is working well and is an integral part of the holistic education offered by NSW public schools.

The statistics show that Special Religious Education is operating in 81 percent of secondary schools and the Department of Education's own Wellbeing Framework recognises the importance of the spiritual wellbeing of children in developing a sense of meaning and purpose as well as connecting growing students to culture, religion and community.



A link to the review is available from www.ayf.org.au/sre-review-2015

Please Praise God...

- For sending Jesus, the life-giver
- For the AYF Committee: Andrew Coburn, Rob Dewhurst, Rob McClanaghan, Jason Riley, Julie Tadman, Philip Ward, David Wysel and Gill Seglenieks (minute taker)
- For the boldness of one Year 9 student who stood up in the SRE Seminar to promote her youth group

Thank You

Please Pray...

- For Christian students to take leadership roles in the ISCF groups at Armidale and Duval High Schools
- For students to know Jesus as we explore the gospels of John (Years 7-8) and Matthew (Years 9-10) this term



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RESPONSE FORM: You can make a difference

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