



ARMIDALE YOUTH FUTURES INC

Term 3
2017
Newsletter
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inspiring hope and purpose

What's happening in SRE this term?

Students in Years 7 and 8 SRE classes are exploring, 'Peter in Acts: Good news that changes the world'. We have seen how Peter's trust in the risen Jesus changes his life. We will see how he is empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the risen Jesus, laying the foundation for the growing community of Jesus' followers in Jerusalem and beyond.



In SRE seminars Year 9 and 10 students are engaging with.

'Ephesians: United with Jesus and each other'. We are seeing how Paul's letter to the Ephesians describes how life-changing it is to trust Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Once again we are looking forward to a visit from the Word of Life team. As well as conducting SRE seminars in the schools the team will present KICKOFF, a combined ninja warrior-style youth event where teenagers from across

Armidale will hear the good news of Jesus. Friday 18th August, 7:00pm at The Den, Armidale High School.

The Monster Spring Garage Sale Is Almost Here!

• Saturday 16th September - Armidale District Baptist Church

Now's the time to get your donations ready. Don't forget to check the top cupboards and the back of the garage! To organise collection of your items (remember - no clothing will be accepted this year) please contact Rob Dewhurst on Mobile 0409 723 522.

Posters and handouts are available to download and print from www.ayf.org.au/spring-sale

Volunteer Central - What's it like to be an AYF volunteer?

We asked one of our generous volunteers, Graham Knuckey, about his experiences with SRE in Duval and Armidale High School...

Why do you think that these seminars are an important part of SRE?

They're the backbone of the SRE curriculum. They also provide an opportunity for Christians outside the school community to demonstrate their support of the SRE program by volunteering to assist during the seminars.



How long have you been participating? I began in Term 4 2016

Could you tell us about one experience that you had with the students that was noteworthy? It may be an experience that benefitted you more than or as much as it did the student.

A vocal student in my group was not afraid to state opposite and negative opinions during group discussions and was being deliberately disruptive and abrasive. I was getting impatient with the interruptions but during the seminar I was forced to think more about where some of these teenagers were coming from outside school, and it made me think more closely about what I believe and why I was there in that classroom in the first place. I was there to offer hope, not to judge. It was a good learning experience for me.

Could you give us a couple of examples of the questions the students have asked you in relation to Christianity?

Are you a Catholic? What colour is hell?

Would you recommend this ministry to others? Why?

Yes. As with any ministry it works both ways. I learn as much about my own faith and how to strengthen it, as I work with the students and (hopefully) pass on the hope that salvation in Christ brings.

2017 Generate State Conference

On the last two days of Term 2 Rob Dewhurst and I attended the Generate Ministries State Conference in Wollongong with over 160 SRE teachers, Chaplains and board members. Apart from giving Rob a surfing lesson (he came very close to standing up!) we heard many positive stories of God's work through SRE and Chaplaincy across NSW.



The Conference speakers engaged with the theme of being Christian in the public space. Dr Sam Chan encouraged us not to leave our Christian identity at home when we walk out the front door, or at church when we drive out of the car park, highlighting the place of hospitality. Liberal MP, Tim Wilson,

acknowledged his differences on some issues, yet encouraged the Christians in the room to live out their faith while continuing to dialogue with people of different opinions and beliefs for the good of society. Al Stewart, Director of City Bible Forum, preached from Luke 9:51-62, how following Jesus involves commitment not involvement.

I particularly enjoyed the fellowship with other SRE teachers from around the state and the opportunity to share similar joys and struggles.

Matt Mulready



Please Praise God...

- For the power of God's story to transform lives
- For the two Year 8 students who have started to read the Bible
- For the work of Generate Ministries in supporting SRE and chaplaincy in NSW public schools

Please Pray...

- For students to accept Jesus' offer of forgiveness
- For wisdom in planning the Armidale future school through the amalgamation of Armidale High and Duval High School
- For students to attend KICKOFF, the combined youth event presented by Word of Life Ministries (18 Aug at The Den)

Special Thanks...

The AYF Management Committee would like to sincerely thank **Rev. Andrew Coburn** for his tireless and valuable contribution to the work of AYF as he steps down from his role as the **Armidale Ministers' Fellowship Representative** to AYF.

In his place we warmly welcome **Tam Ramsay** from St Mark's Chapel and look forward to the continued support from the Armidale Ministers' Fellowship through Tam's appointment.



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