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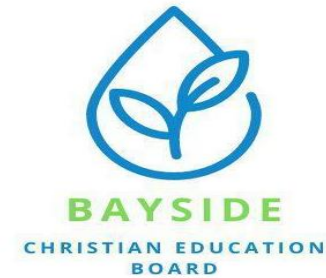


**Nick and Lindy Hedges and their children  
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**Thank you for partnering with us to see this  
generation of young people know Jesus.**



## Nick's notes - February 2024

*To see a generation of young people in the St.  
George community come to know Jesus*



**So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything,  
but only God, who makes things grow. (1 Corinthians 3:7 NIV)**



**SLOW DOWN  
and PRAY**



**And remember when  
you see the school  
zone - pray for SRE**

Dear friends,

Praise God, as another school year kicks off and with it the opportunity to nurture young people in the faith as they come to know Jesus through the opportunity of SRE (aka Scripture classes). The beginning of the school year is always challenging. There is the introduction of a whole new year 7 cohort but also a seismic shift as the whole school population transitions up another level in their school journey. The first couple of weeks are chaotic as timetables are finely tuned, electives are shuffled around, rooms, resources are distributed and curriculums are sorted. It is in this chaos that I find myself, trying to elbow my way into the school's timetable and organise around 100 students into their Scripture classes across years 7-10. Miraculously, somehow it happens and within a couple of weeks into the year the classes are running. God is good. In fact this year I have been pleasantly surprised to see how keen and enthusiastic most of the students are to come to scripture, especially the new year 7 students. One year 7 student came up to me after only his second scripture lesson and with great gusto informed me that this was his favourite subject and I was his favourite teacher. I was a little taken back at first as I was aware that this student came from a difficult situation and a non church family. Then Jesus' words came to mind from Matthew, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Friends, this is a truly amazing opportunity we have to send SRE teachers into our local schools to open up the scriptures so that children can know Jesus. Please keep praying that through SRE we may be able to continue doing Gods' work of calling children into the Kingdom of Heaven for many generations to come. In the school there are many opportunities to get alongside the students. From the breakfast club to sporting events to camps. This year the senior lunchtime group is already shaping up to be one of the most exciting and encouraging opportunities we have outside the classroom.

Last week we had our first meeting and around 15 students turned up. This was unexpected as last year there were around a dozen students attending of whom we lost about half after graduating at the end of the year. We even had a muslim student who attended our first meeting as he was curious to see what it was all about. As the students were leaving a few boys approached me and asked if we could do this every lunchtime! I felt privileged to see the growth God has done in these young men.

Although it is still a few weeks away the principal has already approached me and asked if I will be organising the Easter Morning Tea. The event has become one of the highlights on the school calendar. Friends in a society where most are trying to push anything Christian into the shadows, what a blessing and opportunity to put the message of Jesus centre stage with-in the wider school community.

Friends there is much to give thanks to God for this year. Please keep praying for the schools ministry at James Cook and Moorefields High Schools and beyond in the area.

Pray for my energy and enthusiasm as I prepare the lessons and teach every week.

Pray that God will give me wisdom as I mentor a few of our senior boys who have reached out to grow in their faith.

Next week I will be attending the year 9 camp followed by the year 7 camp, a couple of weeks later. Pray for opportunities to share my faith during the camps and to build deep connections with both students and staff.

Lastly, I thank you for your support and prayers in this amazing ministry. I have been very encouraged by the support I continue to experience. Please keep praying for God's kindness and mercy so we will see a generation of young people in the St George community come to know Jesus.

God Bless  
Nick Hades