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Nick and Lindy Hedges and their children

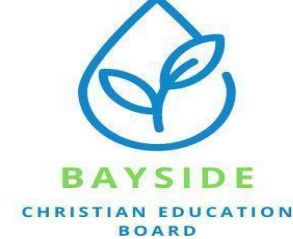
Charlotte & grandson Josiah, April, Ruben, Odette, & Jacob

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Nick's notes - June 2023

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



Recent winners at our Easter morning tea

A few weeks ago I was in the sauna room of the local gym where I bumped into an ex-student from several years ago, named Nick (great name). He was very excited to bump into me which felt somewhat awkward in a sauna room. He told me that he had recently developed a desire to connect with God and he reminisced back to his time in our scripture classes. He told me that he had also prayed that God would help him to find his back to Him. He said he couldn't believe it when he saw me sitting in the Sauna room. Coincidence? Not according to Nick.

Dear friends,
SRE in our schools (aka scripture classes) continues to be one of the most amazing God-given opportunities we have as a church community to minister in our local school communities. This unique opportunity to see a generation of young people come to know Jesus is something that gives me great joy and I am so thankful for our partnership.

Currently we have around 113 students regularly attending scripture classes. That's over 100 students regularly hearing **God's word!** What a powerful way to nurture young people in their faith. The 'God conversations' aren't just restricted to the classroom. The opportunities are varied and many as I get alongside many students in my support role. Last term I was able to attend both the year 9 and 7 camps. The camps are just the best. The intensity of 3 days of non stop activities, being challenged physically and emotionally makes for some open and honest conversions. During these camps I had several heartfelt chats to students about their struggles and life's challenges. It is in these moments that we can share the forgiveness, hope and peace that is found in Jesus. Praise God.

This year our senior lunchtime group has become the highlight of my week. Recently we have had around a dozen boys turn up. It is a safe space to come with seeking questions and to hear what the bible has to say. It is exciting to see God at work in the students as they are challenged about what it means to trust Jesus. At the end of last term one student that has been exploring the Christian faith made a decision to follow Jesus. He then celebrated his new life in Christ by being baptised in Botany Bay. This week two more students committed to follow Jesus. One of them described how he now feels a sense of overwhelming peace and love.

Friends the churches in the Bayside Christian Education Board (yes, that's our new name) have been sending scripture teachers into James Cook and Moorefield high schools for the last 40 years, nurturing thousands of young people in their faith. The churches have also been supporting the breakfast club for over 12 years, which has provided around 15,000 bowls of cereal in that time.

Over the last several years our Easter morning tea celebration has become one of the highlights on the school calendar at James Cook boys. This year we handed out 360 hot cross buns and were able to give away a number of Easter gift baskets on the day. In more recent years we have also been providing Xmas hampers to some of our more needy families. This ministry has allowed us to do much more than teach SRE as we continue to serve the spiritual and physical needs of our school communities. It is also a ministry that we must not take for granted. Last week, Gideons visited our school as they faithfully do every year to hand out bibles to the year 7 students. The Gideons representative informed me that every year there are less and less schools that allow them to visit and hand out the bibles. Sadly Moorefield Girls has become one of those schools. This ministry continues to need your support and prayers.

My sauna encounter with Nick reminds of the ongoing impact your support has in this ministry, much of which we may never be aware of until Jesus returns. As I look back over my nearly 20 years of involvement at the schools, I feel eternally grateful for God's goodness and your partnership and your support both prayerfully and financially. One of the current challenges for our ministry is the financial support. Friends, can I be bold to ask for your prayerful consideration as to how you can get behind this ministry financially as well as prayerfully. We want this amazing ministry to continue for the next 40 years to see many more generations of young people in the St George community come to know Jesus.

God Bless

Nick Hedges



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