

Tasda

*Transforming Tasmania
with Jesus for Eternity*

TASSIE PATHFINDERS & ADVENTURERS SEE JESUS IN THE SANCTUARY



Pathfinders & Adventurers with Pr Gary dressed in the robes of the High Priest & holding a lamb

From the 23rd to the 25th of August, Tassie Pathfinders celebrated their annual Rally and Fair in Devonport. The theme for the whole weekend was "Glimpses of Jesus in the Sanctuary"!

The clubs were camped out just like tribes of Israel around a real mock-up the wilderness tabernacle built by Moses. Pastor Gary Webster delivered powerful Rally messages about the biblical subject of the sanctuary, how it shows us the gospel, and what it means for us! While he was doing so, the Pathfinders were able to complete the work toward their Sanctuary honour.

Worships were held in the JETS shed, with Carolyn and Alex Bobongie and Natasha Bakker leading music on Friday night, and Kaitlin Gordon, Natalie Moore and Ilana Voss doing the same on Sabbath.

The Adventurers joined in the fun also on Sabbath, and Rebecca Koolik and Krystal Harder used awesome games, crafts, activities, stories and songs to teach them all about the sanctuary also! They all earned their Tabernacle honour by doing this.

The highlight of Sabbath morning was when Pastor Gary dressed up as the High Priest and gave everyone a walk-through tour of the tabernacle, explaining the services and significance of each piece of

furniture. Pastor Gary commented:

"It was just an awesome weekend with our Pathfinders and Adventurers and their leaders. Having a model of the sanctuary really helped understand its meaning together. But what spoke to us all the most, was the presence of a live lamb and a calf as we contemplated the thought that an innocent animal died for the sin of the people. It helped us realize the seriousness of sin and the mighty grace of God, that He would take our sin and die for us so we could be reconciled to Him. I learnt so much myself out of this weekend - What a God we have! What a Saviour! I thought, 'our program for Big Camp is set for next year, but we must have messages on the sanctuary, with a walk-thru model of it for Big Camp in 2022.' A big thank-you to Pr Daniel Matteo and his Pathfinder & Adventurer team of leaders for the great work you are doing for our children and youth. God is surely using you all."

Read and see more of this fantastic weekend on page 13 of this edition of TASDA. "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." (Exodus 25:8)

Pr Daniel Matteo
Youth Director

The Seven Secrets for Transforming Tasmania Jesus' Way

When you examine the life and ministry of Jesus, you discover He transformed people because of the seven things that consumed His time:

- 1. Jesus Loved His Father & Spent Quality Time with Him** – God uses individuals, who love Him, to help Him transform others into the likeness of His Son. So how did Jesus connect with His Father? Firstly, He spent quality time connecting with God through regular unrushed prayer. Such prayer led Him to be Spirit-filled, directed His movements and use of time, and helped Him to choose the apostles God needed (Luke 3:21,22; 4:1; Mark 1:35-38; Luke 6:12-16). Secondly Jesus studied & meditated on scripture (Matthew 4:4,6,7,10; 21:13; 26:31)
- 2. Jesus Loved People & Spent Time with Them** – He loved to be with all types of people because He loved them all (Mark 1:41; 6:34). See Him at weddings, sitting with a woman at a well, eating with tax collectors and sinners, and in the homes of Pharisees and Scribes.
- 3. Jesus Helped & Healed People** – Because of His love for people, He spent most of His time helping them in practical ways (Acts 10:38). We find Him helping His disciples catch fish, turning water into wine, saving a woman from being stoned to death and feeding thousands of people. However, we especially see him helping people through a health and healing ministry (Mark 1:34; 6:13).
- 4. Jesus Preached the Gospel Prophetically both Publically & Privately** – But Jesus was not content just to help people for this life alone. Above all else He wanted to spend eternity with people (Luke 19:10). Therefore He constantly proclaimed the gospel to people both publicly and one on one, and

commanded His followers to do the same (Mark 1:14,15; Matthew 4:23; 9:36; 10:7; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46,47). He knew the gospel was God's power to save and transform people as they put their faith in Him (Romans 1:16,17).

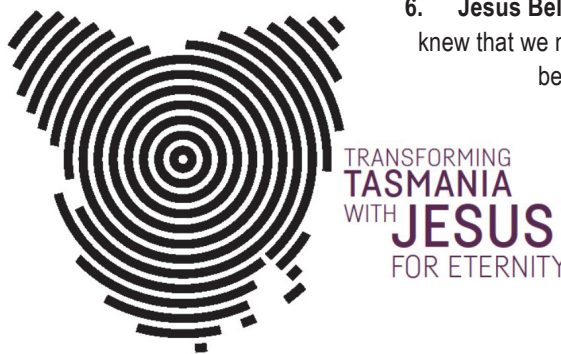
- 5. Jesus Taught People to Help Them Grow** – While Jesus believed that justification and forgiveness were vital for salvation, the goal was disciple-making - transforming lives of people from the inside out into His likeness (Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 4:13,15). Since teaching the principles of God's word is central to growth, Jesus had a strong teaching ministry (Matthew 4:23; 5:2; 9:35).

- 6. Jesus Belonged to A Small Group** – Jesus knew that we need close interaction with fellow believers for encouragement in our walk with God, training in service and to stimulate each other to reach out to others (Mark 3:14; Hebrews 10:24,25). Thus the first thing He did in His ministry was to begin to form a small group (John 1:35-51).

- 7. Jesus Attended Church on Sabbath** – worshipping God through corporate worship experiences was habitual with Jesus (Luke 4:16).

The church is the body of Jesus. As such, it should therefore seek to follow the same principles that He used to transform lives. As His body, each local church should ask – "Is our local church seeking to put these seven principles in operation in the lives and ministry of our church." Together let us transform Tasmania with Jesus for eternity by following His example.

Pr Gary Webster
Conference President



Though the Church May Fall

Imagine with me for a moment the average Adventist Church, which a family with two active children visits. They struggle to keep them content, and consequently, unable to hear the church service, they leave with only a few nervous hello's – no-one sure what to say – and a few tepid smiles to buoy them.

So, the mother ponders with her husband the point of church and wonders if church can be more meaningful out in the bush, where they are together alone.

For most, Church-life is never easy and will always take effort. Even in New Testament times it was difficult for families. What was

Church like for Lydia of Thyatira in Acts 16 and what were some of the challenges in maintaining her faith? Lydia was probably a widow, and a well to do businesswoman, who we are told, traded in purple cloth – the most expensive and coveted cloth available.

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Leadership that Counts

GENERAL CONFERENCE LEADERS FOR TASSIE RETREAT 2019



Pr Jonas Arrias, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association and Editor of Elder's Digest, and his wife Raquel, Associate Director of the General Conference Women's Ministry Department will be our guest presenters at our next Leaders Retreat to be held at **Spring Beach Youth Camp** from **November 8-10**.

The theme of the retreat is **LEADERSHIP THAT COUNTS: Successful Leadership in The Local Church**. The retreat is for all Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, and Youth, Pathfinder and Sabbath School leaders and potential leaders.

Costs of **\$150** will be as per usual arrangement: 1/3 Conference; 1/3 Local Church; 1/3 Individuals. We are in for a fantastic time together. Don't miss this unique opportunity to grow your local church leadership for the kingdom of God. Send the application below to Wendy NOW to book your place.

Register by November 1 to secure your spot.

LEADERSHIP THAT COUNTS

Successful Leadership in the Local Church Registration Form

Name: _____ Dietary Requirements: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Who do you want to share a room with? _____ Payment Details: _____

Church Treasurers Signature _____

Email WendyScott@adventist.org.au OR post to Leaders Retreat, PO Box 253, Moonah TAS 7009



The ruins of ancient Thyatira, where a church was planted in New Testament times.

Thyatira was located on an important trade route that facilitated trade and manufacturing. To assist traders and manufacturers, it was a common practice to set up trade guilds or co-operatives, and to refuse to join would be disastrous for business. Trade guilds don't sound too bad so far, but they conducted weekly communal meals in the temple of the local deity with pagan sacrifices in the hope the gods would bring success to their businesses. The other issues were drunkenness and immorality associated with temple services. Anathema to some Christians in Thyatira, freshly delivered from paganism.

It was into this miasma that Revelation's letter to Thyatira was written. Jesus praised their faith, their love, and service and most notably their perseverance. It is striking that in the face of everyday life and the challenges in this city, they were still growing and doing more works than at first, and Jesus had nothing but praise for the remnant (Rev 2:19,24). However, the story

for the rest of the church members was quite different. The letter to Thyatira recounts the betrayal of Israel, led by Jezebel and Ahab, in worshiping Baal, stating: "that women Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to

"...we are a part of God's Kingdom and members of the Body of Christ, destined to serve and build up God's Kingdom."

teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols." (Rev 2:20). Take a moment to think what it took for the remnant at this church to preserve their faith. But, a remnant did survive to pass on their faith, despite the frailties of God's church. Remarkable isn't it? So, how did Lydia preserve her faith? Firstly, according to Acts, she was a God-fearing woman who worshipped God (Acts 16:14-15). God opened her heart, which

meant she was willing to place herself in the Light (v14). Secondly, she committed herself to the Church by helping to build up the Kingdom (v15). Bottom line - she committed her life to God unconditionally, regardless of the outcome, and was also committed to the Church despite its faults.

We are a part of God's Kingdom and no one is an island. When I first joined the church, commitment was characterized by sacrifice, hard work, and resilience. However, secularism and consumerism has a unique ability to sap the energy from Christian life, and so total commitment has given way to sporadic engagement, passivity and a phobia to commitment. It is not enough to do the 'bare minimum' to just believe and comfort ourselves with virtue signalling. The New Testament church members were transformed in community – the body of Christ – they were not islands.

Biblically, we are a part of God's Kingdom and members of the Body of Christ, destined to serve and build up God's Kingdom. Our God uses broken people like you and me to build up His Church. When you think about this, it is amazing that God would place His confidence in you and me with sharing the good news of eternal life and to showcase how grace works in the lives of flawed people. The grind of everyday life can be draining, but the lifestyle solution is not that which focuses only on me and mine. Church life can be messy, discipleship messier – but whatever happens, look up, stay connected, and as we build up the church together, so we help each other to stay on the path.

Dr Mark Falconer
General Secretary

Trust Matters

Each year, the leaders of some of the world's wealthiest countries come together to discuss pressing global issues. As I write this article, the G7 meetings are taking place in Biarritz, France. From this event, I was impressed on the number one factor that leads to sustainable economic success: trust in the government, trust in the institutions, trust in businesses, and trust in systems.

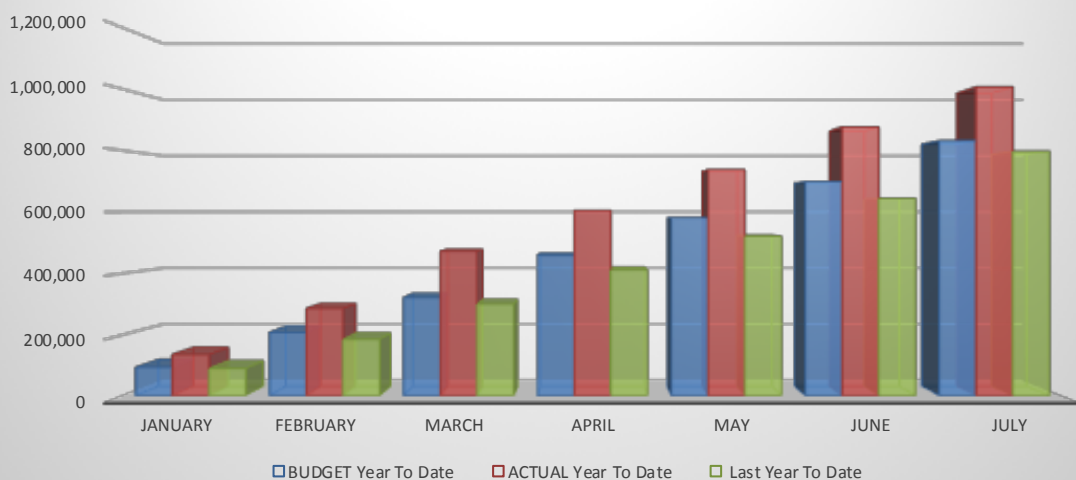
Trust is even more important in the spiritual and social world. Our trust in God is the basis of our faith – "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path" (Prov. 3:5-6 NKJV). Trust in parents and siblings is the basis for our family relations.

Similarly, when there is a high trust factor in the leaders of a local church and in its adherence to the wider church's mission, there is also a high-giving level by members of their time, energy, influence and money. So let us be good stewards in cultivating and nurturing relationships, letting each member know that as leaders, we care for them and that they are special to God and to us.

Your leadership and caring attitude builds relationship and relationship builds trust.

Trust is also measured in how people give. And this is where I would like to thank our local church leaders for their total commitment. At the end of July 2019, tithe has seen an increase of 11.39% over the previous year, which will be used in growing the kingdom of God. To

2019 Cumulative Tithe Report



all our faithful members: Thank you for your continuous support!

Pr Cosmin Dan-Marica
Chief Financial Officer

The SMALL GROUP that won't stop growing!

From just a small group of about ten people less than a year ago, the group that meets in Eugene and Michelle's home has now grown to around 30. A team of some 6-8 members now work together with this group. Eugene says that after they all arrive, they then break up into small groups and go to various rooms in their house to read a story of Jesus, share what they learned from the passage and close with some prayer requests and prayers, before joining up together again.

Imagine what would happen if we all opened our homes to people like this. Seems that indeed souls are just waiting to be gathered in to God's kingdom.



Above: Some 30 people now gather regularly for both physical and spiritual food and fellowship.

Below: Theo Dimitriou's group in the home office. One of the 4 or 5 groups meeting in a room of the house.



COUNTDOWN ETERNITY

Big Camp 2020

January 17-25

SPEAKERS

Elder Pavel Goia

Pr Jorge Munoz

Pr Vadim Butov

Pr Lloyd Grolimund

Pr Brendan Pratt

Pr Glenn Townend

Pr David Kiak

Countdown Eternity will be the theme for Big Camp, to be held from **January 17-25**, next year. We are in for an awesome time together, with an array of God-gifted speakers. **Elder Pavel Goia**, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association & Editor of Ministry Magazine will take meetings on Revival and Prayer. **Pr Jorge Munoz**, Australian Union Conference President, will speak on preparation for the final crisis. In the evenings, Russian evangelist, **Pr Vadim Butov** will present powerful messages on Jesus from Revelation's Seven Seals & the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. **Pr Lloyd Grolimund** will be the keynote speaker in the youth tent. Morning family worships will be taken by **Pr Brendan Pratt**, Australian Union Conference Ministerial Association Secretary and

Pr Glenn Townend, South Pacific Division President will be with us on the last weekend of camp. **Pr David Kiak** from Madang Manus Mission will join us for the week, bringing us exciting stories from PNG.

Just prior to camp, the conference will be conducting a one day **Prophetica Seminar in Devonport**, similar to the very successful one conducted in Hobart in May this year. Those attending this seminar will be invited to attend the Big Camp Countdown Eternity evening meetings in the big tent presented by Pr Vadim Butov. We want to also share God's messages of Jesus with the community.

Don't miss Big Camp 2020. Fill out the registration form found in this TASDA now and send it to Wendy.

Big Camp 2020 Registration Form

Seventh-day Adventist Church (Tasmanian Conference) Limited

2020 Annual Convention Application Form

17 – 25 January 2020

“Pine Springs” Campground, Access via Thompsons Rd, Wesley Vale



First Name:	Surname:
Street:	Town:
Postcode:	Home Phone:
Mobile:	Email:
Car Registration 1:	Car Registration 2:

Parking will be only in the paddock. No cars will be allowed at sites except for unloading and loading. This is due to current WH&S requirements.

Membership is at _____ church

For security and safety reasons we require details of **all** those who will be coming onto the grounds.

Office Use Only

Date Received:

Receipt #

Caravan:

Private Site:

Conference tent:

Surname	First Name	Age (if under 21)

Please state how many people in your group will be attending each division.

Kindy/Cradle Roll (0 – 4)	Primary (5 – 9)	Jets (10 – 14)	Youth (15+)	Big Tent
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.

I plan to stay on the grounds and require the following:

Maximum of 6 people per site.

Please check site plan as site numbers have changed.

TENTS No electrical fittings supplied		Early Bird before 4 th December	After 4 th December	Total
Preferred Site:	Conference family tent	\$250	\$300	\$
Preferred Site:	Private Tent site	\$95	\$110	\$

CARAVAN Length of caravan: _____		Early Bird before 4 th December	After 4 th December	Total
Preferred Site:	Annexe: Y / N	\$135	\$150	\$

Applications for accommodation at our Annual Convention will only be accepted from persons over the age of 18 years who will be residing on site during this time.

Special needs or requests _____

Meals will be available for purchase at the camp kitchen.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: (Please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
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TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Cheques should be made payable to: Seventh-day Adventist Church (Tasmania Conference) Ltd.

CREDIT CARD DETAILS: (Please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Debit Card
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Card Holder's Name (print): _____

Card Expiry Date (Mth / Yr): _____ Authorised Signature: _____

POST TO: Big Camp 2020,
PO Box 253
Moonah TAS 7009

EMAIL TO: wendyscott@adventist.org.au

Enquiries (03) 6273 6277

Applications close 13th December 2019 due to processing, planning and staff holidays.

TASMANIAN CONFERENCE ANNUAL CONVENTION TERMS & CONDITIONS: (see page 3)

I have read and understood the Tasmanian Conference Annual Convention Terms & Conditions as outlined and agree to abide by all the conditions listed for the duration of the Annual Convention. I understand that if I, or any member of my party, do not respect and abide by these guidelines, then I/we may be asked to leave the grounds. I further agree to accept full responsibility for any children that may be under my care at any time during the time period of the Annual Convention.

I and my party will follow all directives by Camp Administration and Security Staff.

My name and site number will be displayed on the notice board outside the Administration Office.

That I and those under my care will register on arrival at Big Camp.

Signed*: _____ (Applicant) Date: _____

At least one adult (18+ years must occupy and be responsible for each site.
Note: One site per application. Site number will be issued upon registration.

***Must be signed or the application will not be accepted**

General Information

- No electric heaters allowed
- In the interests of hygiene, dogs or other animals are **NOT** permitted on the grounds at any time.
- Valuables should be cared for properly and not left in tents, caravans or rooms unattended. Please ensure that you look after your purses, wallets and mobile phones at all times. No responsibility will be accepted for loss.
- Camp is not to be used to further personal business activities. Campers are asked not to distribute, sell or canvass anything.

Registration

All site allocations processed by the Camp Secretary are final. Preference will be given to your selected site, but cannot be guaranteed. Please do not assume you have the same site as last camp.

Only caravans can be located on designated caravan sites.

Registration Times – Friday 17th January between 9:00am and 6:30pm. You **MUST** register at the camp office prior to setting up your tent or caravan. No early arrivals will be accepted unless prearranged with the Camp Secretary. 6273 6277.

Cancellations – Must be made in writing or by telephoning 03 6273 6277 by 13th December otherwise payment will be forfeited.

Camp Regulations – Terms and Conditions

The purpose of the convention is to build the spiritual life of the church, to seek the power of the Holy Spirit that we may be guided to better serve the Lord. To ensure that this camp will be a blessing to all as we fellowship together and in the interests of safety, practicality and Christian harmony, we solicit your co-operation in the observance of the following simple rules:

Child supervision

We cannot accept applications from children or youth under the age of 18.

Children/teenagers under the age of 18 must **NEVER** be left on the grounds overnight unsupervised. Every occupied site is to have a responsible **adult person** to ensure that all occupants abide by camp regulations. Failure to adhere to this requirement will forfeit the right to the campsite for the duration for the camp. All overnight campers must be registered with the Camp Office.

Children/Teens 15 years and under are to be with their parents/guardians within one hour of the conclusion of their last meeting for the day or by 10:30pm, whichever comes first.

Child Safety

Parents are reminded that their responsibility for their children does not cease when they come to camp. While every care is taken, and there are activities for children, camp is not a child minding facility. While we provide as much care as possible the ultimate responsibility for the care of children always remains with parents or guardians.

Please ensure that the conduct of your children and young people is adequately supervised throughout the camp period, and that your children are fully under your control between meetings.

It is essential that parents do not assume that their children are safe. Parents need to know **at all times**:

1. Where their children are.
2. What they are doing.
3. Which adult is responsible for their supervision and safety.

Power and furnishings

Campers are to supply their own tent furnishings.
No electric heaters are allowed.

Due to WH&S Standards, the Conference cannot provide any electrical or lighting facilities for the tents. Please bring your own supply of rope, electrical cords and ALL lighting for your site/s. These items must be tested and tagged by a qualified person before camp. Please be aware that you will have limited power available.

Please also bring your own pegs and hammer to peg down your tents in case of windy weather.

Behaviour

1. The behaviour of those staying on the campground is to be appropriate for a Christian Convention.
2. Any electronic musical device or other instrument is to be used in a manner not likely to cause annoyance to neighbours in adjoining sites (cabins, caravans or tents).
3. Loud and offensive language is not accepted or tolerated. Offenders will be asked to leave the grounds.

4. Quietness is to be observed between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am.

Alcohol and Other Drugs

As the campground is designated an alcohol, tobacco and drug free environment the following rules apply:

1. Alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs are not to be brought onto the campground. Offenders will forfeit their rights to be on the grounds. Motor vehicles used to bring alcohol, tobacco or illicit drugs onto the campground will be refused further admittance to the campground for the duration of camp.
2. If it is found that alcohol, tobacco or illicit drugs are being consumed at a particular campsite, then all occupants of that site will be required to vacate and forfeit all rights to the site, and will not be allowed to use the site again for the duration of the camp.
3. Police will be notified if illicit drugs are found on the campground.

Mobile Phones

Out of courtesy for others and to save interrupting the meeting and causing a distraction, all mobile phones should be turned off or set to silent mode during the meetings.

Vehicle Access and Speed Limits

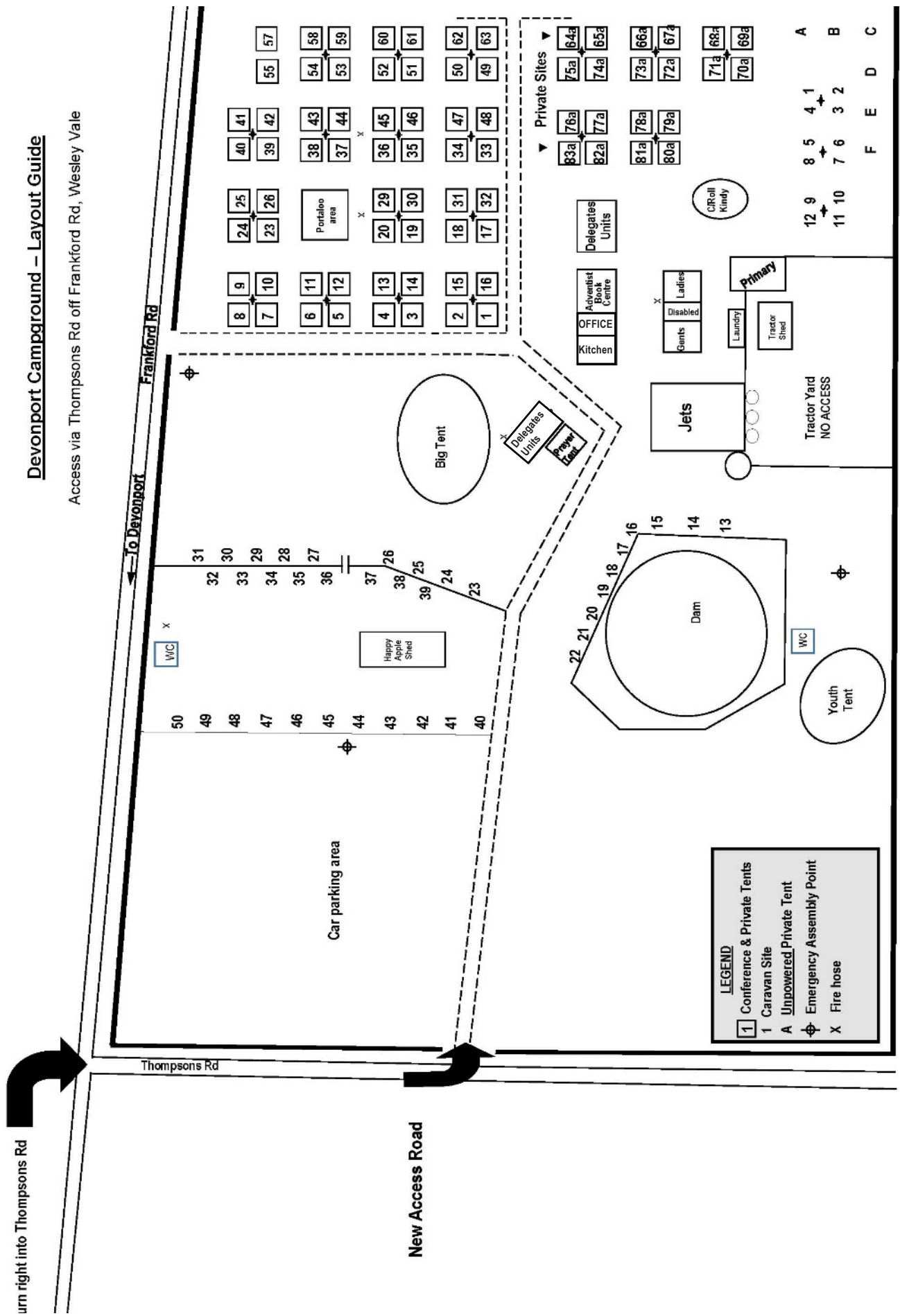
A new road has been created across the paddock. Therefore all access will be via Thompsons Rd. (See map on next page)

ALL CARS must be parked in the new car park in the paddock. No cars will be allowed to park permanently, or drive regularly, in the tent or caravan areas. **THIS IS A SAFETY REQUIREMENT.** Vehicles will be allowed in accommodation areas only to load and unload. On the last Sabbath of camp NO access will be allowed to the camping areas until after the close of Sabbath.

A strict speed limit of 5 kms/hr will be enforced. This is approximately walking pace.

Devonport Campground – Layout Guide

Access via Thompsons Rd off Frankford Rd, Wesley Vale



Notice Board

Launceston Church Baptisms

June 1st was the beginning of winter, but there was a warm glow in the Launceston church as three lovely people followed up the decision to let Jesus into their lives by being baptized by Pr Brad Cooke. Tina Reece, John Nyagua and Osman Mensah all came to our church by different avenues.

Tina sent away to the Discovery Centre for the free DVD, "Who is Jesus," whilst doing a correspondence course. Already a Christian, Tina discovered new truths in the Word of God as a result, and desired to follow God's leading.

John found out about the Christian Satellite TV and had it installed.

After watching it for a while, he was convicted regarding the Sabbath and paid us a visit, felt at home and came regularly. John was a member of another Christian church at the time.

Osman wasn't a Christian, but because of John's witness he started coming to church as well. He liked what he heard and saw, and fitted in as if he had always been around.

All three later attended the Ancient Mysteries evangelistic series last year where their faith was strengthened.

Praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy.



Tina Reece



John Nyagua



Osman Mensah

Hobart Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses Training

On Sabbath afternoon of the 27th of July, serving Deacons, Deaconesses and elders from around Hobart gathered for training and equipping in their call and responsibilities. After some singing with Pastor David Leo, Pastor Cosmin Dan-Marica began the session by discussing the Biblical qualifications for church leadership. Then the group separated by gender and Sister Colleen Buxton talked about Deaconesses service with the ladies, while Pastor Mark Falconer spoke about the practicalities of church maintenance with the men. Coming back together again, Pastor Daniel Matteo talked about the importance and methods of visitation to strengthen church ministry. The training was a tremendous blessing to all.

Members of the Hobart Evangelism Committee planning for the two Ancient Mysteries Campaigns



Hobart Gears up for Ancient Mysteries Evangelistic Campaign

Did you know that there is a committee that meets to plan and pray for evangelistic plans running in and around Hobart?

Consisting of a wide variety of conference staff, local leaders and church members, this community longs for God's will to be done in Southern Tassie by means of the public proclamation of the everlasting gospel in the city of Hobart and the suburb of Kingston. Pastor Daniel Matteo said, "We are so blessed to feel the moving of the Spirit as God guides and directs us in planning new and exciting ways to uplift

Jesus in this locality. We are especially privileged to be led by Pastor Gary Webster, an experienced and godly evangelist."

Thus far this year, and last year churches have worked together to conduct health programs, a one day PROPHETICA seminar and three Secrets of Prophecy Seminars in Rosny, Margate and Glenorchy. In the last two weeks Rosny, Margate, Glenorchy and the new church-planting group have conducted three dinners and a breakfast, where people have been invited to attend the Ancient Mysteries programs. More than 50 tickets have been requested from these events alone.

The campaign commenced Friday night, August 30, in the Hobart Village Cinema, and on Sabbath afternoon, August 31, at the Kingston Southern Lights function centre

Please pray for this committee and support the combined evangelism plans in the Southern region. God is truly answering our prayers!

Notice Board

Literature Evangelists in Hobart May 27 - June 1, 2019



Eugene Estil with Literature Evangelists who participated in this Hobart outreach

Cold and wet Hobart weather did not discourage God's faithful Literature Evangelists as they ministered to the community around our Hobart churches from May 27 to June 1 in the lead up to the Ancient Mysteries meetings.

As a child, Cathy's* life was filled with domestic violence and she is now suffering with depression and anxiety. Her mother was just diagnosed with a brain tumour and Cathy is aware of her need to adopt a healthier lifestyle. As Rita showed her the book, *Today Tomorrow & You* and began to touch on spiritual things, Cathy shared that she wasn't raised with a Christian upbringing, but does believe in God. She also said that she believes in clairvoyants and the spirit world and that her deceased grandpa visits her from time to time. Cathy said that she feels a hand on her shoulder with a thumb rub on her neck, as he used to do when she was a child. With God's Spirit moving on her heart, she purchased our full package and particularly loved *Food as Medicine* and *Foods & Their Healing Power*. She also completed our community survey and ticked the box to receive a copy of *The Great Controversy* (To be delivered by church follow up team). Rita prayed with Cathy before leaving and left her a copy of *The Desire of Ages* as a gift.

As Franco shared with a lady that our work

not only focuses on the physical side of health but also the mental, emotional and spiritual, she began to open up. Suffering with depression and struggling with mental health, she told Franco that she is a witch and is attending a program conducted by witches within the community. Franco was impressed to canvass the book, *The Great Controversy*. He explained how it covers about 2000 years of this world history. It speaks also about the present, the future and answers questions like, can the dead speak to us? and how we can discern between a bad and a good spirit? She was immediately interested and purchased. Before leaving, Franco prayed for her and she was very grateful and happy that someone came to her door and prayed for her.

Karren's mother committed suicide 2yrs ago. As she related the story to Paul, she was still hurting, full of grief and also suffered with depression and anxiety. Karren loved our health books and *Today Tomorrow and You* and made her purchase. Paul was thankful to God when she also ticked on the community interest survey that she would like someone to come and pray for her. God's work in progress!

Looking back over the week we can confidently say that God was working with us. We praise Him for the \$4,447 worth of

book orders/deliveries, 422 free pieces of literature given away, 3 bible studies, 36 homes that accepted prayer, and the 55 contacts that will be followed up by church members/Pastors.

Thank you, Pr Gary Webster, Tasmanian Conference President, for your invitation to come and partner with you and your team. A big thank you to all our Hobart Pastors/church members for your support, accommodation and meals.

**All names changed.*

Joe Paola

LE Team Leader Victoria & Tasmania Conferences

Together for the Kingdom

The 27th of May to the 1st of June was a very special time for the Southern Tassie youth as Pastor Simon Gigliotti came to share at Hilliard Christian School's Week of Worship and the Hobart Youth Rally on the theme "For the Kingdom!" Pastor David Leo also shared worships on the same subject with the K-2 group at Hilliard. Friday night Glenorchy Church youth organised worship, and on Sabbath Rosny and Margate youth did the same. It was so amazing to see our churches, our school and our conference all working together as a team. God is doing great things!

"Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand." (Nehemiah 1:10, KJV)



Hilliard Christian School Chaplain, David Leo sharing with the K-2 group at Hilliard School

Pathfinder's & Adventurers Rally & Fair

After messages and a visit to the model sanctuary on Sabbath morning, in the afternoon Doug McKay, the Northern District Director, took the Pathfinders through the requirements for the Star honour, the practicum of which was completed after worship in the evening around a massive bonfire. With a clear sky, Doug was able to point out the constellations. God gave us wonderful weather for this! The kids then played spotlight until bedtime.

Sunday was the day of the Pathfinder Fair. Beginning with an opening parade and posting of flags, the clubs were assessed by four judges on their drill skills, before getting changed for their activity.

The scenario of the activity (by Doug McKay) was designed to incorporate a number of basic Pathfinder skills into one.

The clubs were all Israelite soldiers patrolling the wilderness, who had to make camp for the night. They had to set up two tents (testing their tent skills), make a rope perimeter (testing their knot-tying skills), make a table (testing their lashings), split wood and build a safe cooking fire (testing fire-lighting), then make damper on it (testing camp cooking). Afterwards they came upon some of their comrades who had fallen in battle and had to treat their wounds (testing First Aid).

The clubs all pulled together and performed marvellously, each starting their fires on only ONE match! At the closing parade, all the clubs were congratulated for earning "A Grade" pennants, as well as their Pathfinder Fair patches.

Altogether it was a wonderful weekend. Please pray for and support our Pathfinder clubs in Tassie! Our kids benefit so much from being a part of this vital ministry.



Pathfinders on the parade ground at Devonport campground



Izak Gordon gets the Rosny fire going to make the damper



Youth STORMCO Helps Smithton Kids & Community

From the 8th to the 13th of July, a contingent of youth from Hobart and Burnie, including many current and ex-students of Hilliard Christian School, travelled to Smithton to run a STORMCO (Service To Others Really Matters) project! Every morning they ran a kids' club for local community kids, getting as many as 47 at a time. In the afternoon they travelled to the homes of those in need in the community and did practical service tasks like gardening, stacking firewood and mowing. The highlight of the week was the Sabbath where the STORMCO group took the service in the Smithton Church. We are so proud of our young people and their heart for service!



Hobart and Burnie STORMCO team sharing with Smithton kids

Youth Leadership Training

On the 5-7th July, six young people from Northern Tasmania gathered at Devonport to be trained in principles of Youth Leadership by Johnny Wong and Daniel Matteo. The two-night camp included practical and theoretical training on leadership and discipleship in a local church youth group setting. Students resolved to get more involved in running events for young people and leading them closer to a real relationship with Jesus!



Johnny Wong from Gateway Church in Melbourne, training Tassie Youth in the principles of Youth Leadership

Hobart Adventist Uni Students Active For Christ

Adventist Students On Campus (ASOC) is a ministry run by Seventh-day Adventist youth in the University of Tasmania, Hobart. The core group is made up of Rodney Nhambu (President) and Vongai Dakwa (Secretary) from the Rosny church, and Theo (Treasurer) and Lara Dimitriou (Communications) from the Margate church.

The group meets every Friday evening from 6-8pm. The meeting involves, fellowship over a meal, games to lead into bible sharing, and a time of prayer and reflection in small groups. ASOC also have social activities outside of the Friday evening program, and some of the students (who are not Seventh-day Adventists) have volunteered in assisting with our evangelistic events.

The core group began meeting in late 2018. It originally consisted of only the core group with a few others. However, after setting up a stall at the Orientation days of Semester 1 and 2, the group has grown significantly. The current average attendance is approximately 20. Most students are international and are not Seventh-day Adventists. Some have never read the Bible, or know who Jesus is.

The purpose of the group is to give Seventh-day Adventist students at UTAS an opportunity to experience the excitement of ministry, and for UTAS students to find a safe place to socialise and discover Jesus through the Bible. ASOC are excited that three students so far have shown interest in doing bible studies to know Jesus more and understand what Seventh-day Adventists believe.

The core members of ASOC volunteer their time and usually prepare the food themselves. However, they are grateful to Jessica, Patrick and Irene from Rosny Church, and Heather Buxton from Glenorchy Church who have cooked up meals and even baked a birthday cake which is a big help to the ASOC ministry. It is also a blessing to have the Tasmanian Conference help with funding the Orientation days.

Please pray for the ASOC core members, and that God will make this ministry grow stronger. If you are willing and able to assist in any way, please contact "ASOC UTAS" via their facebook page. Or contact David Leo at davidleo@adventist.org.au or phone: 0432 454 548.



ASOC students at their stall on UTAS orientation day



ASOC fellowship meeting

Year 11 and 12 in Tasmanian Adventist Schools

A new Education Bill 2016 (the bill) was approved in the Tasmanian parliament in October 2016, and implementation of the new bill began in July 2017. The bill recognises "the rights of every child to gain an education to the completion of year 12." The government news posting also makes the point "that the Hodgman ... Government is investing in education to break the cycle of disadvantage,..."

Foundational to the motivation for the new bill was the dwindling participation rate for young people in senior school education across Tasmania. Our own Adventist school data showed a less than favourable completion rate for our year 10 graduates as they negotiated their way through senior school.

The bill included directives for all government secondary schools to extend their programs to include Years 11 and 12 by 2022, and of course this has added pressure to any non-government school currently offering schooling up to year 10. Should non-government schools continue to offer the tried and tested program into the future or attempt to pull together a program that would allow students to stay on in their local school comfort zone and thereby improve completion rates?

During a school visit to North West Christian School (NWCS) by the Non-Government School Registration Board (NGSRB) in 2018, the challenging question was put to the school about any NWCS plans to extend. The word given boldly by a senior

official of the Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC) authority at that visit, was that this is in fact readily doable in a small school environment.

Adventist Schools Tasmania Board of Directors was not so sure, even if there was a hint of a chance of a new future for both Hilliard Christian School and North West Christian School. So after some preliminary discussions and an agreement to complete some research in the matter, a Terms of Reference document was drawn up, and an agreed method of conducting the research was determined.

In February/March 2019 the BOD advertised widely for personnel to conduct the research. Within weeks two people were

engaged to complete the research. With the passing of 4 months Mr Vivian Hill, a retired lifetime educator within Adventist Education and other systems, along with Dr Julie Rimes, of St Michael's Collegiate School were engaged, did the research and delivered their report. The report, Growing in Christ, was delivered to the BOD late in July and after much discussion, prayer and questioning a decision was made to proceed.

The Seventh-day Adventist Schools (Tasmania) Ltd Board of Directors approved the extension of both Adventist schools to Year 11 and 12 with North West Christian School commencing year 11 in 2020 and Hilliard Christian School following in 2021, conditional on approval from the NGSRB. The Board has asked for school based input into what the success criteria will look like at the end of each year for the first 5 years of the program. These will be considered

and approved by the BOD during its next meetings.

Adventist Schools in Tasmania seek your support by means of prayer and moral support to make this new opportunity to be the success that we believe it can be.

Interested parties are welcome to seek permission to view and read the Growing in Christ report.

Hilliard Christian School



Loss of Susan Matthews

Hilliard Christian School is mourning the loss of former Principal and Tasmanian Education Director, Mrs Susan Matthews. Mrs Matthews passed away in early July due to illness.

Mrs Matthews was a passionate teacher of English and an advocate for every student

having the opportunity to learn. At her memorial a number of students spoke about the impact that she had on their lives.

In conjunction with her husband, Mr Graeme Matthews, an award will be presented at Speech Night to commemorate her memory and what she was passionate about.

Support for Danny's Bus

The students at Hilliard Christian School recently raised some money for Danny's bus and then purchased some equipment for them with the funds. The equipment was presented to Mr Brendan Sproule during a chapel program early in Term 3.



Mr Brendan Sproule, from Danny's bus, with some of the Year 9 & 10 students

Running for a Cause

Hilliard has created a "running club" that fundraises for charity during local community fun runs. Earlier this year they participated in the City to Casino run and raised almost \$1600 which was given to one of our mums who has been battling cancer.

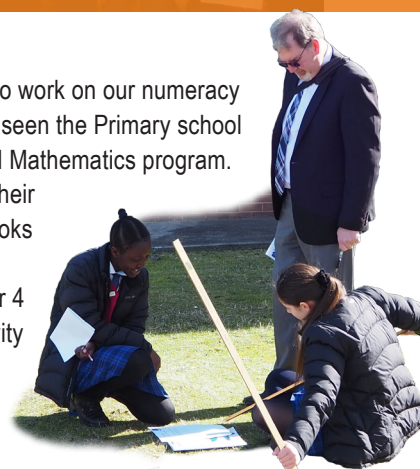
Just last week we heard that she has been cleared of cancer. Praise God.



Mrs Samantha Dickson, a parent of Hilliard Christian School, surrounded by students who helped by raising money for her battle with cancer.

Numeracy Update

One of the goals of the school was to work on our numeracy program within the school. This has seen the Primary school using iMaths, an investigative based Mathematics program. The High School has also updated their textbooks and is using online textbooks based on the Australian Curriculum. The photos show students from Year 4 participating in a measurement activity and the Year 9 students measuring the angle of elevation of the sun as part of a trigonometry unit.



Year 9 students working with trigonometry to determine the angle of elevation of the sun

Hilliard Church Services

Thank you to the Hobart churches who have allowed Hilliard to come and take a Sabbath service in your churches and thank you for the amazing lunches that you have provided with them. It's great to see the students leading out in worship and to see some of our families coming along to support them.



Hilliard students leading out in a church service at Margate

North West Christian School



New Stoves

Our Home Economics room recently had four new electric stoves fitted. These were generously donated by one of the parents from our school family.

Thank you. Mrs Sheree Carter has put them to good use, testing out the student's culinary skills with delicious smells wafting down the hallway tempting the taste buds.

Cross Country

This year the Inter-high Cross Country was held at the Dial Regional Sports Complex in Penguin where three of our students excelled.

Evlyn Carter came 2nd in the Year 7 girls' race. These three students Laughlan Orr, Evlyn and Eli Carter went on to represent our school at Symmons Plains for the Tasmanian Secondary Schools event. All three students completed the race in wet and muddy conditions. Congratulations.



Swimming

Two weeks of swimming lessons had primary students a buzz with excitement. Each morning they went to the Ulverstone heated pool where trained swimming instructors led the students in refreshing old skills and learning new ones, which enhances their safety around water.



Church Services

Last semester, students from NWCS participated in two church services. Our Strings Ensemble presented a couple of items at the Wynyard Church in May. Many of the students and their families stayed on after church to share a lovely meal together with the church folk. In June, even more students helped present the Ulverstone church service. The Strings Ensemble performed again, followed by the school choir. Both groups performed well and were well received. These performances led into the sermon time which was taken by Mr Ackland's Year 6-8 Bible class. Many church members from both churches voiced their appreciation for the students' participation in the worship time.

Reception Renovations

At the end of Term 1 and early into Term 2 our reception area underwent a makeover. The area is a very welcoming space, creating a relaxed atmosphere.

Thunders Basketball Team

Recently the school obtained a new set of age appropriate basketball balls for the Primary School physical education program. During Term 2 Primary students have benefited from the expertise of the North-West Basketball Thunders Club. These men and women play in the National League, so we have been privileged to have four training sessions from them. These sessions have been free of charge to our school. The students have been very excited and have put effort and enthusiasm into learning the sport. High School had the privilege of playing basketball with them during their lunch break.



High School Camp

We arrived safely back in Penguin, with some tired students and staff, after a week of activities organised by Mr Joel Ackland at Spring Beach Youth and Convention Centre. Our week began with a visit to Beaconsfield Heritage Centre, where our tour guide shared insights concerning the miners who were trapped after an earthquake in 2006. On Tuesday, students made good use of the Commando Course, Low Ropes, and had fun on the Flying Fox. A cruise to Tasman Island where we spied dolphins, sea eagles, seals and albatross. A snowball fight between staff and students atop Mount Wellington took place, followed by a swim to warm up at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Shopping is on the agenda next. Evenings activities included playing spotlight, a formal dinner and a talent night. What a wonderful facility as a church we have and many thanks to the staff at Spring Beach who take care of the complex.

Long Service Leave

While Miss Scott has been away gallivanting, we welcomed Mrs Bronwyn Goodwin to our school community for Term 3. She came with vast experience in teaching, most recently from Currowa Aboriginal Boarding College near Burke in New South Wales.

Ukulele Group

An exciting new initiative that Mr Hauck has begun is a small group that is learning the ukulele. This group has about four or five members, who also are members from Mrs Bobongie's class.

