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A full house at Prophetica 2019

PROPHETICA 2019

Around 200 non-members booked to attend Hobart Prophetica 2019, a one day series of “TED-type” prophecy presentations that was held at the Hobart Grand Chancellor Hotel on May 19. Four presenters, Pr Justin Lawman from Canberra, Pr Lyle Southwell from Maitland, and our own Robbie Berghan and Conference President, gave ten high-powered prophecy presentations between them. Lunch was also provided for attendees.

Attendees expressed much appreciation for the event, which was held to show people, via prophecy, that there really is a God, and that God not only cares for us, but He knows and wants us to know what the future holds. As a result of Prophetica 2019, eighty-five people have registered to attend one of the three Secrets of Prophecy seminars to be held in Margate, Rosny and Glenorchy from June to August this year. Please pray for these ongoing seminars.

Prophetica 2019 was lived streamed under the leadership of Robbie Berghan and can be viewed on the conference website. Thanks

to the tireless leadership of Wendy Scott and a wonderful team of volunteers, including our University of Tasmania ASOC students, the event was a tremendous success and we look forward to taking it in future to others parts of our conference.



The Prophetica 2019 Presenters

Tasmania Seventh-day Adventist Conference

Be In Health Expos Tasmania 2019

On March 17 “Be In Health Expos” were held simultaneously at three locations around the state. They were supported by the ministerial team, church members and General Conference Nutrition Council members. The “Be In Health” logo, website and Facebook page were developed by Elize Celic, Theodore Dimitriou and Robbie Berghan (we encourage you to hop online to view and share both pages - www.beinhealthexpo.com and <https://www.facebook.com/BeInHealthToday>).

The expos provided an opportunity for our church members to engage community members and showcase the whole health programs that are offered to improve people’s health and wellbeing. The expo stalls included Health Age Assessments, Food Demonstrations and samples, Depression Anxiety and Recovery Program, Quit Now, Self-Care, Literature Evangelism, Women’s Ministries, Home Remedies, 10000 Toes, Physical fitness, Pathfinders and Adventurers. Also at each expo venue were two General Conference Nutrition Council members, who provided health presentations and food demonstrations.

One Margate church member received the following comment from a community member after attending the Hobart expo.

“We had a great time at the Expo, thank you so much for inviting us. The health assessment was very beneficial, we both received some good, healthy lifestyle tips and we have been following them ever since. I must commend all volunteers on such a wonderful event. It was very well organised.”

As expressed by this person, everyone involved did provide a wonderful event for your communities and it was such a blessing to be part of the body of Christ, working together to share an encouraging whole health message. A personal thank you to all who supported the event. Without all your assistance, this opportunity to witness for Christ would have passed us by.

Natasha Jordan

Tasmania SDA Conference Health Director



Pathfinders at their booth at the Launceston Expo

Members of the Hobart Be In Health Expo team

Latrobe Be In Health Expo

Tasmania, Antioch & the Shushan Factor



Gary Webster, SPD Institute of Public Evangelism Director, at the Shushan Palace where Nehemiah and Esther lived

Early this year I was in Susa (Shushan), Iran, leading a group of evangelists for the South Pacific Division. The city of Susa was home to both Nehemiah and Esther (Nehemiah 1:1; Esther 2:5-7). Their deep commitment to God and His mission inspires me.

When Nehemiah, cup-bearer for Artaxerxes I, heard of the sad state of affairs of the Jews in Jerusalem he wept, fasted and prayed (Nehemiah 1:4). He humbled himself and confessed his and Israel’s sin in disobeying God’s commandments (Nehemiah 1:6,7). But he did more than pray. He travelled to Jerusalem, rolled up his sleeves and went to work rebuilding Jerusalem’s wall (Nehemiah 2:17,18,20).

After Esther, the queen and wife of Xerxes, one of the greatest Medo-Persian kings, balked at going un-invited before the king to request that the Jews be spared annihilation, Mordecai, her uncle, encouraged her to move forward in the knowledge that God had no doubt raised her for such a time (Esther 4:13,14). Laying self aside

to save others, Esther called for three days of fasting and prayer before going un-invited to the king, even at the peril of losing her own life (Esther 4:16).

Daniel's tomb is also claimed to be in Susa. When he discovered that the time for the Jews to return to Jerusalem had arrived after seventy years of predicted captivity in Babylon, Daniel fasted and prayed earnestly to God for Israel's deliverance (Daniel 9:2,3). Pouring out his heart, he confessed his and Israel's sin in forsaking God's commandments and not following His prophets (Daniel 9:4-6).



The tomb of Daniel in Susa, Iran

Does the condition of God's people and His soul saving mission here in Tasmania cause us (you and me personally) to weep, to fast and to pray? Like Daniel, Esther and Nehemiah we must get on our knees and confess our sin in not obeying God's commands and in not listening to his prophets, including His servant Ellen White. Too often we put off doing what God's Spirit convicts us to do or to stop doing. We are like Moses. He knew he should circumcise his son, but put it off because his wife, Zipporah, did not like the idea. On his way to Egypt God threatened to kill him because he had delayed in obeying Him (Exodus 4:24-26).

Our sins of commission and omission are serious. Let us put away sin from among us, so that God can do great things through us in transforming Tasmania with Jesus for eternity.

But to fulfil God's mission in Tasmania we must do more than fast, pray and put away sin. While in Turkey I was impressed with Paul's passion for the lost. The distances he travelled by foot were vast and the conditions often difficult. For example, Antioch in Turkey, where Paul brought many to Christ, is in the mountains. The day we visited this ancient city it was snowing. If we are to transform Tasmania with Christ we will have to lay aside our selfish pre-occupation with our own affairs and go to work with God in His mission, as did Paul, Nehemiah, Esther and Daniel.

Our mission in Tasmania is to make disciples through the proclamation of the everlasting gospel in the context of the Three Angels Messages of Revelation 14:6-12. Everything we do in God's church here in Tasmania must have this as its focus. It must be the

aim of our Schools, Youth & Pathfinder ministries, Sabbath Schools, Health ministry, ADRA work and Women's Ministry. Our marching orders and our priorities have been clearly given us by God:



Dressed for the snow at the ancient church of St Paul in Pisidian Antioch, Turkey

"A great work is to be accomplished in setting before men the saving truths of the gospel. This is the means ordained by God to stem the tide of moral corruption. This is His means of restoring His moral image in man. It is His remedy for universal disorganisation. It is the power that draws men together in unity. To present these truths is the work of the third angel's message. The Lord designs that the presentation of this message shall be the highest, greatest work carried on in the world at this time." Ellen G White Testimonies, vol 6, p11

We are calling all of our churches to another day of prayer and fasting from Friday lunchtime, August 9 until Sabbath lunchtime, August 10, to pray for our greatest need – the outpouring of God's Spirit to revive and reform us so that He might work through each of us to transform Tasmania with Jesus for eternity.

Pr Gary Webster
Conference President

Reaching Out to Lost Generations

Parisian's lose their Lady", lamented one French headline. Scorched, but still standing, the iconic Notre Dame has graced the Parisian landscape for centuries (completed 1365), but is also emblematic of the paradoxes within French society. France is fiercely secular, dedicated to the principle of laïcité – French for the absence of religion in public life - yet worshipers, secularists, and atheists alike all over France united with a sense that the sacred had disappeared in the inferno. To the visitor it was primarily, a place of architectural wonder with 13 million tourists annually, but what happened to the Church over the years in its mission and passing on its faith to the next generation? We can only speculate.

The outcry from many in our churches has almost become like a broken record – our churches are dwindling! No question church

attendance is struggling – big time! This is in no small part due to the seismic shift culturally to a post-Christian world, and the relentless onslaught of the digital revolution that has affected not only church attendance, but how people engage with God. These are valid reasons, but amongst the litany of endless reasons why people do not come to church, Tom and Sam Rainer in their book 'Essential Church' boils it down to one simple but disturbing reason – “the church is no longer essential to people’s lives”.

Now let us take a peek at the National survey the SDA church undertook in February. The statistics are very worrying.

- Lack of transformation in the lives of Jesus’ followers. So there is a detachment of theology from everyday life: This is especially noticed by youth.
- Lack of modelling on how to have a relationship with Jesus
- Few outwardly focused ministries.
- Coldness, lack of authenticity, loneliness in the church, condemnation, too busy, and conflict.

There is one other important element that impacts discipleship. George Barna evaluated the spiritual priorities in the lives of

Year 2019								
SS Attendance								
Church	Never	Occasionally	Monthly	2 to 3 times a month	Weekly	Regularly	Sometimes	Totals
Burnie Seventh-day Adventist Church		2		4	23	19		48
Collinsvale Seventh-day Adventist Church	3	1			8			17
Deloraine Seventh-day Adventist Church	7	4	1	1	18	1		32
Devonport Seventh-day Adventist Church	3	4	1	3	16	1	1	29
Glenorchy Seventh-day Adventist Church	9	11	3	8	31	23		85
King Island Seventh-day Adventist Company	2	1	2	1	4		3	13
Launceston Seventh-day Adventist Church	8	15	4	12	36	13	3	91
Margate Seventh-day Adventist Church				1	19	3	2	25
New Norfolk Seventh-day Adventist Company	2				7			9
Rosny Seventh-day Adventist Church	4	12		5	23	9	1	54
Scottsdale Seventh-day Adventist Company	1	1			3			5
Smithton Seventh-day Adventist Company				1	4			5
Ulverstone Seventh-day Adventist Church	8	1		2	23	20	4	58
Wynyard Seventh-day Adventist Church	1				9	1		11
Totals	48	52	11	38	224	90	14	477

While the fact that the survey was taken on a long weekend and some surveys were undertaken early in Sabbath School, may account for some of the low numbers, the fact that less than half of

“...the fact that less than half of the members on our Church roles were in attendance... is indeed troubling...”

the members on our Church roles were in attendance on that Sabbath is indeed troubling – and should concern all of us. When we look at these statistics and combine this with the fact that

up to 80% of young adults will leave our church when they attend university, it is not only alarming, but demonstrates that the model of faith formation is not working. Now if Rainer is right and the church is “no longer essential”, here are a few reasons why church has no longer become essential in the lives of many.

- Biblical illiteracy – good practical teaching is essential in order to act as a buffer to the winds of secularism.
- Compartmentalised faith: this is when, sometimes unintentionally, our faith is confined to certain places and times. For instance, one might leave their faith at the door when conducting business transactions or tax returns.
- Priority of personal comfort
- Conflict over personal preferences: Let’s not quibble about insignificant things.

Christians and observed that eight out of ten believers are more likely to pursue everyday dimensions of life such as education, career and financial security with faith only a “bonus or an add on dimension”. The remaining 20% selected their faith as the first priority and the center of their lives, which interestingly corresponds to the 19% from the Valugenesis report. There can be no question that secularism, and the pervasiveness of media, in all its forms, has dramatically atomized the ‘urgency’ often spoken of in the Bible. The challenge here is to bring faith to the center in all our lives and not just as an ‘add on’.

Here are a few suggestions that can help to bring faith to the center of the Christian life.

- Seek first the Kingdom of God – before anything else.
- Share, at appropriate times, how faith has and hasn’t worked in your life.
- Teach and model devotional habits and how to read the Bible devotionally – there is a difference between reading it devotionally and Bible Study.
- Talk, share, spend time – face to face.
- Ask God to



give you passion to share your faith and become involved in sharing your faith.

- Be willing to step outside your comfort zone.

The greatest challenges for our churches is to mentor, guide, and provide practical theological guidance on how to journey with God. We know this, but it takes time and face to face chats, which are invaluable. Often the cost of discipleship is counted, but the cost of non-discipleship is greater, with the loss of an abundant life of peace, security, service and possibly eternity.

Eternity is precious and life with Jesus is core, and for Adventism to pass on our faith, and to avoid our church becoming a monument

and a tourist attraction, we must first be imbued with His Spirit in our lives and the lives of the leaders. We must demonstrate how our Christianity works in our everyday life and then others will see the importance and relevance of Jesus in their own personal life. Unfortunately, not everyone will accept. On average we have 40 contact hours annually with church members – mediocrity is unacceptable and so let's make each part of our Church service and church life count. Church is essential to people's lives, let's ensure it remains essential.

Dr Mark Falconer
General Secretary

Conference Treasurer

Statistical Report - Tithes and Offerings 2018

In 2018 tithe in Tasmania increased more than 15% over what was given in 2017. If this trend continues in 2019 (currently we have an 11.3% increase over 2018), it will allow us to add more resources to the local field (eg: another pastor).

However, what about the other offerings? Below you will find a detailed report of funds received from the local churches. Of importance to me, as treasurer, is the World Mission Funds component that correspond to 6% of the total funds received. It would be wonderful if this could increase in 2019 so that God's

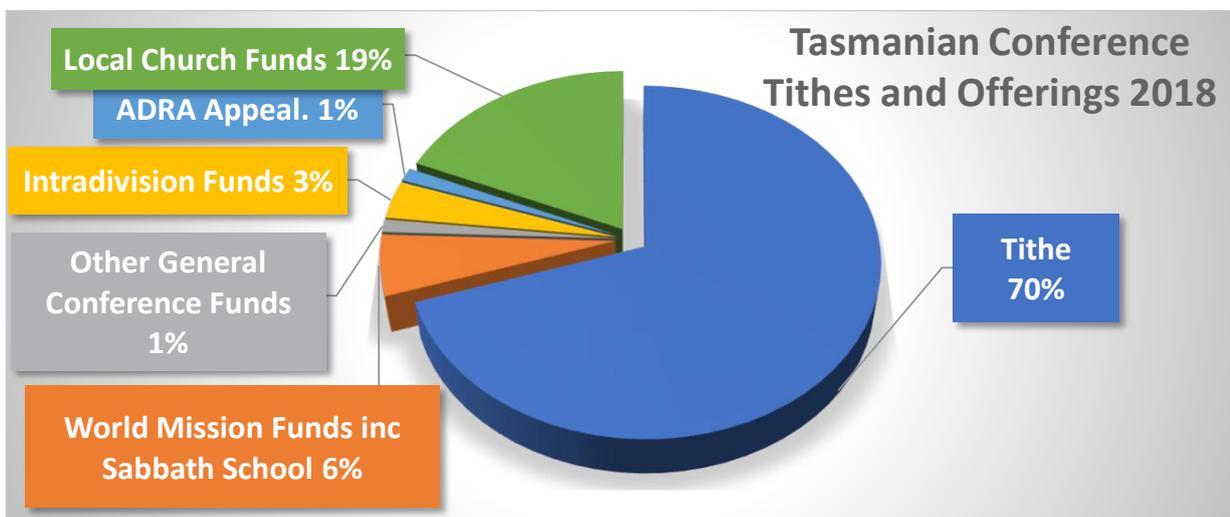
mission can go forward with greater impetus.

We praise and thank God for your faithfulness.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

Pr Cosmin Dan-Marica
Chief Financial Officer

January 2018 to December 2018	Tithe	World Mission Funds including Sabbath School	Other General Conference Funds	Intra-division Funds	ADRA Appeal	Local Church Funds	Total Tithes and Offerings
Tasmanian Conference	\$1,582,837	\$126,277	\$26,484	\$78,848	\$27,931	\$418,655	\$2,261,011



Notice Board: Conference Events

World Mission Funds							
12 Sabbaths	13th Sabbath	Birthday Thank	Investment	Annual Sacrifice	Camp	Global Mission	World Mission Funds Total
\$78,992	\$28,731	\$20		\$2,189	\$5,486	\$10,859	\$126,277

Other GC Funds					
Adventist World Radio	Disaster and Famine	General Conference Session	Health Temperance	ADRA	Total Other GC Funds
\$5,265	\$7,511	\$3,490	\$3,030	\$7,189	\$26,484

Intra-division Funds								
AMC	Avondale	CSFB	PAC Advance	Youth	Union Offering	Donations Local – Bible Workers	World Mission Funds Total	Total Intra-division Funds
\$3,088	\$4,244	\$4,494	\$20	\$205	\$7,178	\$56,391	\$3,227	\$78,848

North West Week of Worship & Ulverstone Youth Rally!

The 18th to the 23rd of March was an amazingly spiritual time of revival, evangelism and conference, local church and school synergy. The Conference Youth department, North West Christian School and Ulverstone Seventh-day Adventist Church teamed up during Youth Week of Prayer to run a week of worship at the school that culminated in a weekend youth rally at the church.

Pastor Daniel Matteo presented messages each day on the theme of “Identity Wars” and how the Great Controversy touches each one of our everyday lives. As a result, six high school students at North West Christian School made decisions to begin Bible studies through the week and seven made decisions to be baptised. We praise God that His work is being accomplished as our schools and churches work together in His service.

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1, KJV)

Pr Daniel Matteo
Youth Director



Pr Daniel Matteo, Tasmanian Conference Youth Director shares Jesus with North West Christian School students



Youth lead worship at Ulverstone SDA Church during the Youth Rally

New Norfolk Camp Meeting



Pr José Rojas preaching at the Easter Camp evening evangelistic meetings

Members have expressed that our first Easter camp, held in April this year, was a wonderful experience. It was a marvellous time of: 1. Spiritual renewal as the Spirit of God worked on our hearts through the preaching of Pastor Jose Rojas, the counsel and prayers of his wife Ruthie, and the fantastic morning kid's programs; 2. Reaching out to the community through a Sunday afternoon barbecue with games, health outreach, delivering food door to door, and inviting the local community to the nightly evangelistic messages that were held in the New Norfolk townhall; and 3. Great fellowship with each other.

The evening meetings were live-streamed thanks to the new equipment purchased by the conference and the skills of Robbie Berghan and his team. Members who could not attend the camp have expressed their appreciation for having the meetings live-streamed. We praise God that some twelve people made decisions for baptism as a result of the evening evangelistic meetings, which were well attended.

In 2017, the executive committee considered counsel from Ellen White relative to camp meetings such as the following:



Singing time at Easter Camp kid's program

It may sometimes be advisable to hold a camp meeting for several successive seasons in the same place; but, as a rule, the place of meeting should be changed from year to year. Instead of having mammoth camp meetings in a few localities, more good would be done by having smaller meetings in many places. Thus, the work will be constantly extending into new fields. Just as soon as the standard of truth is lifted in one locality; and it is safe to leave the converts to the faith, we must plan to enter other new fields. Our camp-meetings are a power, and when held in a place where the community can be stirred, they will have far greater power than

when, for the convenience of our own people, they are located where, because of previous meetings and the rejection of truth, the public interest is deadened.

A mistake has been made in holding camp-meetings in out-of-the-way places, and in continuing in the same place year after year. This has been done to save expense and labour; but the saving should be made in other lines. Ellen G White, Gospel Workers p 400.



Camp barbecue & jumping castle for the community at the Easter Camp

As a result of seeking and following God's counsels we have truly seen God work among us at Easter Camp. A big thank-you to the executive committee for following the counsel of God's servant.

Finally, we want to thank the New Norfolk pastors, Daniel Matteo and Eugene Estil, and the members for the good work they did over the previous eighteen months in preparing the community for this event. Well done.

From the Executive Committee

- The Conference Executive Committee continues to explore the formation of a Centre of Influence in Hobart and has officially endorsed the establishment of a Centre of Influence and to lease a room in the city to host meetings.
- Pr Ray Codling has arrived from South Australia to manage, caretake and lead the development of the Pine Springs Campground (Devonport Campground). A strategic development plan has been tabled and the Committee has approved the beautifying of the lake and the construction of caravan sites around the Happy Apple shed.
- The Conference Strategic Plan continues to be reviewed and it has been identified that there is a need for the Conference to gain a greater foothold on social media, so that our Church can more effectively reach younger generations.
- Recently there has been 4 baptisms on King Island that has assisted to establish the Company on King Island on a more secure footing. The Board of Directors is currently looking for volunteers to continue on from the volunteers who have been faithfully serving King Island

Gary Webster

Notice Board

Launceston Youth Make Mums Happy

Launceston youth and some helpers spent Mother's Day creating chocolate flowers and handmade cards for some of the older and forgotten, mums of our church. They also made a visit to the Launceston General Hospital maternity ward to wish all the new mums congratulations and a happy Mother's Day. Thank you to all these lovely people who gave up some of their own time to make others feel wanted. Well done Launceston youth for a great initiative and team effort.



Launceston Youth with the goodies they made for Mother's Day

First Scottsdale KIDS CLUB

The Scottsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church has been successful in receiving \$1,000 prize money from Healthy Tasmania. Plans to use the money include: cooking demonstrations; healthy food for after-school activities for children; and connecting people in the community.

On Thursday May 16 the first Scottsdale Kids Club was held and started with children enjoying a healthy after school snack. Bible Worker Roberto Passos helped children plant a pot garden and shared the Daniel story. The afternoon also included singing, craft and cooking. A Thermomix cooking demonstration has been held with demonstrations from Felicity Knight and Dana Chorley preparing healthy plant based food. Fantastic Scottsdale. Keep up the good work.



Roberto Passos with kids at the Kids Club



Kids enjoying food at the Scottsdale Kids Club

Mental Health Lectures at New Norfolk

Every week for the month leading up to the Easter weekend, Donna Shepherd from Glenorchy Church conducted amazing free mental health lectures for the community of New Norfolk. Each week 6-7 people from the community joined about the same number of church members as Donna (a qualified psychologist practicing in New Norfolk) spoke about overcoming anxiety and depression, improving sleep and relaxation, stress management and holistic health. A wonderfully spiritual atmosphere pervaded the meetings and those who attended were very impressed with Donna and with our church members.

Those who attended the last meeting were also told about the upcoming meetings over the Easter weekend with Jose Rojas.

We look forward to seeing where this seed-planting ministry leads!



Donna Shepherd lecturing on Mental Health issues at New Norfolk

Revived AY Meetings in the North West

Once a month Burnie, Wynyard, and Smithton churches each have an AY (Adventist Youth) afternoon program for all ages. We usually have singing, a Bible game, and a short Bible topic for about one hour. The main purpose for the AY program is to connect people together more as a church and be united, and to know God better. It has been a time of worship, learning, teaching, fun, and fellowship.



Smithton Church members working in teams to answer Pr Rajko's quiz questions



Wynyard Church members brushing up on some Seventh-day Adventist Church history through a fun multiple choice

North West Christian School

Students from NWCS have been involved in a variety of activities over the past Term.

Spiritual Emphasis Week

A challenging program was run for Secondary and Primary students by Pastor Daniel Matteo. He spoke to the students about an 'Identity War' that each one of us faces every day. His focus was on questions many of us have asked ourselves like "Where have I come from?", "Why am I here?" and "Where am I going?" Pastor Daniel expanded on these questions with reference to the Bible, noting that God created each of us for a purpose. After sharing each day, staff and students headed out to the playground for some physical activity, enjoying God's fresh air. Thanks for spending a week with us Daniel.

A Place to Live

'A Place to Live' is a unit of work that Food and Textile students from Year 9 and 10 completed in Term 1. Students explored the cost of a mortgage taken over 30 years with payment options, comparing it with rental costs. Renovating a room was next. A trip to The Homemaker Centre in Devonport had students exploring the cost of items required, ranging from furnishings to paint and floor coverings. Totalling their costs is an important life skills financial lesson.

Cyberbullying

Senior Constable Emilie Dellar willingly came and talked to students from Kindy to Year 10 about cyberbullying. She shared the challenges for our young people to keep themselves safe while surfing the internet and playing online games. Emilie also ran an evening for parents, explaining to them what she does in her presentations to the children.



Senior Constable Emilie Dellar talking to students about Cyberbullying

ANZAC Day

How wonderful it was to see staff, students and parents representing NWCS by marching for this commemorative service in Penguin on ANZAC Day. Emily Archer (Year 10) and Scott Allen (Year 5) laid a wreath on behalf of the school community.



Central Coast Youth Engaged Steering Committee

Emily Archer and Emily Carter represent NWCS at Central Coast Youth Engaged Steering Committee meetings held once a month during the school terms. Schools from the Central Coast are represented at these meetings. The students give a report on the happenings within their own school environment thus giving them public speaking opportunities. The strategies of this committee are to provide positive outcomes in employment, training and education for our young people by coordinating and supporting existing relationships between schools, businesses and the community. It also promotes leadership potential within the schools. The committee provides the youth of the Central Coast Municipality area a voice on issues that affect them in their community.

Playgroup

Monday mornings are a hive of activity in the Multi-Purpose Room and the playground as those aged from 0-5 enjoy a play based discovery gathering. This is organised and run by Belinda Ackland. These young children thoroughly enjoy the activities and look forward to coming each week.



Kids at NWCS playgroup

Agfest

Have you ever had the opportunity to meet the Prime Minister of Australia? Emily, Evelyn and Eli Carter, along with their mum Sheree, happened to be given this opportunity while at Agfest this year. It was one of the highlights of their visit to Agfest to shake his Scott Morrison's hand and have a photo opportunity with him.

Strings

Dr Sue Collins from UTAS Conservatorium of Music from Hobart spent the day with our Music students, listening to them and giving them pointers to help them improve their skills. She has been twice to support our students. The second time her husband accompanied her sharing his talents with our piano students.

Dr Sue Collins, Hobart UTAS Conservatorium of Music at NWCS



Notice Board

Hilliard Christian School

International Cuisine Journey

Year 9/10 Food Tech students at Hilliard Christian School have been on an International Cuisine journey during the last 10 weeks. Each week, students have explored a new country and have had the opportunity to prepare and taste a dish which is iconic to that region. During the term they have been treated to four guest cooks from both our local churches and the Hilliard community.

Firstly, students explored the country of Chile, and Mr Patrick Segovia shared with students how to create a traditional chilli sauce to accompany the empanadas that they made that lesson. The next guest, Luigi Bocchino showcased Italian cuisine and taught the students how to make gnocchi and Napoli sauce from scratch. He shared stories about his childhood and learning how to make these dishes from his mother.



Luigi Bocchino demonstrating how to prepare gnocchi

Students sampled Filipino food and guest, Mrs Michelle Estil, demonstrated how to make Mango Float which is a delicious tropical dessert. Finally, students were visited by Navjeet and Lakhwinder Kaur who came and showed students how to make two Indian dishes; potato and cheese parantha as well as cheese chilli. The spices and flavours that were used were unlike anything most of the students had tried before.



Michelle Estil demonstrating a Filipino dish called Mango Float



Navpreet and Lukwinder demonstrating two classic Indian dishes

"It was such a great experience I loved all of the food and am very thankful for all the people that took the time to teach us. My personal favourite was Italian food with the Gnocchi, it was extremely fun to make. Loved every moment of it." (Joyce Okumu, Year 9 student)

Students have also prepared dishes from Samoa, Spain, Greece and Australia. *"It has been an incredible food journey and our class philosophy of keeping an open mind has enabled students to experience the richness of the diversity that we have here at Hilliard."* (Mrs Matteo, classroom teacher)

Hilliard Christian School would like to thank all of the special guests who gave of their time to share their food and culture with the students.



Ilana, Joyce, Chyanne & Jeremiah enjoying some of the Indian cuisine

Chromebooks Help Hilliard Students

Hilliard Christian School has always been a small school community, which is wonderful for all staff and students who attend. We are able to treat each other like a big family, successfully providing everyone with a sense of belonging. During my time attending this lovely school, I have had the privilege of being taught by many wonderful teachers. The teachers are always respecting students, and finding any way to better our education and encouraging fun while we learn. This year at the start of term two, Hilliard Christian School introduced some new technology. Each student has been assigned with a Chromebook, which allows all of us the same opportunity to learn and gain access to more resources.

The school has permitted all high school students to take their laptops home if needed, after reading through and signing the school policy. I personally have found this very beneficial, as it

has allowed me to continue my school studies at home. With these devices we are able to work on our time management skills, enabling each individual to work at a pace and level which best suits them. We can review and revise on any previous work done during the year, allowing us to learn from past mistakes.

Before the school introduced our new technology, it was more

difficult to complete and keep up with class work and assignments. The laptops have expanded the teacher's ability to connect with us in a more visual manner. This makes students more engaged. Beforehand, students would lose their classwork and assignments constantly. Now that we have these devices, losing our work is rarely a problem. This is helping to keep all students up to the task and is reducing stress.

By Amelia Brady



The principal, Steve Littlewood, helping a student with his Chromebook



Students with their Chromebooks



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