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WHOLE FAMILY BAPTISED BECAUSE OF THE FAITH OF ONE YOUNG MAN

By Pr David Maxwell

It was my great pleasure to baptise the Qoli (pronounced "Goli") family in June this year at the Launceston Church. Young John made a decision to be baptised after a recent "Prophetica" follow on program, "Secrets Of The Future", which led to the whole family joining him in Bible studies. One by one, each of his family members accepted Jesus and completed studies, and they all joined him in the waters of commitment through Baptism. It was an exciting day for the church and for the whole family. We welcome the Qoli family into the Launceston church and the world wide Seventh-day Adventist church movement. This story is a testimony of how the faithfulness of one young man changed the life of a whole family. For all young people reading this story, you are never too young to stand for your beliefs and lead others to Jesus.





By Pr Rick Hergenhan

In the book of Ecclesiastes chapter 9:10 the bible says, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might..... This seems to be a fitting verse as I reflect on all the articles included in this edition of the TASDA. There's been a lot of different things happening in the churches around our state. Good things. Not everyone has been doing the same thing but everyone has been aiming at the same goal, to share the good news about Jesus and that He is coming again.

All our churches are slightly different, all the people in them have been made uniquely different but we are all striving for the same thing. I want to encourage you, no matter who you are, to keep pressing forward. Sometimes we have challenges, sometimes victories. Sometimes highs and sometimes lows. We can't control many of the things that happen in our lives but in every situation we find ourselves in we can dedicate our lives to Jesus and labour for Him. Right now, whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.

**"WHATEVER
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FINDS TO DO"**

STAFFING UPDATE

By Pr Rick Hergenhan

There have been a lot of staff changes in the Tasmanian Conference in recent months. We would like to acknowledge those families who are leaving the state for new appointments and the dedication and commitment they have shown to the people of Tasmania while they have been here.

Thank you to the Watts family. Pastor Peter and Maree have served in the Hobart area. Pastor Peter most recently as Pastor of Glenorchy church and conference evangelist. Maree as receptionist at the conference office. Your hard work and dedication has been appreciated. While it is sad to see them go we would like to wish them all of God's blessing in their new appointment in the Victorian conference.

Thank you also to the Matteo family. Pastor Daniel has faithfully served as the youth director and also school chaplain at Hilliard and church pastor at New Norfolk church. Your hard work and dedication has been greatly appreciated especially by the young people in our conference. Katy has also served faithfully as a teacher and secondary co-ordinator at Hilliard Christian School. There have been many changes at Hilliard during your time at the school and you have risen to the challenges as they came. We wish both Pr Daniel, Katy, Grace and Sam all of God's blessing as they begin their new appointment in the Victorian conference.

Thank you to Peter and Lyn McCrostie as well. Working as a team Pastor Peter and Lyn have served in the Tasmanian conference for many years but most recently Pastor Peter has been volunteering as the pastor at Burnie church. Your dedication to sharing the gospel in the Burnie area has been greatly appreciated. Pastor Peter and Lyn are moving to Queensland to enter the next phase of their retirement. The Tasmanian conference would like to thank you and wish you all of God's blessing as you make the transition at the end of the year.

Pictures by: Pr. Rick Hergenhan, Pr. Peter McCrostie, Pr. Peter Watts, Pr. Daniel Matteo (Tas Youth Facebook)



faith FM REPORT

POSITIVELY DIFFERENT

By Jason Cook

It has been a while since I have reported on some of the activities of Faith FM in Tasmania and there is quite a bit to report. We have some good news, and we also have some things that need your continued prayer.

VISIT FROM ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO

In September, we were privileged to have a visit from Kyle Allen, one of the Vice Presidents of Adventist World Radio (AWR) and Michael Englebrecht – Manager of Faith FM Australia. We had some good discussions about what we have been doing in Tasmania with the assistance of funding from AWR. We also discussed the further expanded collaboration for expansion of our Tasmanian network of radio transmitters, increasing our production capabilities, and increasing awareness of Faith FM in Tasmania.

MORE CERTAINTY FOR LOW POWER FM LICENCES

Late last year, we were unsuccessful in our bid for the high-power FM licence in Southern Tasmania. And so it was good to hear last Friday that the low power spectrum currently in use by all of our Tasmanian radios and most of our mainland sites will be available until at least 2035. It is our hope to capture a number of additional licences in the southern Tasmania area to better cover the populated areas with low power transmitters. We will of course continue to look for new opportunities as well where currently we don't have coverage, such as the East Coast. Remember that our stations use three possible frequencies, 87.6, 87.8, and 88.0. So if you are having trouble on one frequency, try tuning your radio to one of the others.

RADIO UPGRADES AND REPAIRS

Whilst work on radio upgrades has been slow due to the priority of producing a live program each weekday, we have made

some progress.

- With the assistance of many volunteers, Bruny Island radio transmitter was upgraded earlier in the year with a new Antenna, additional solar panels, a new radio transmitter and other associated equipment. This site had been offline for about 9 months due to damaged equipment. We still need to upgrade the batteries at this site and will plan to do this over the summer period.
- Meander radio transmitter has been upgraded with a new radio transmitter and associated components, new solar panels to replace ones that had been damaged by wind and lightning.
- Very soon Margate radio transmitter will be upgraded to provide a more reliable transmitter and internet connection.

NEW RADIO SITES AND LICENCES

Collinsvale

In addition to upgraded and repaired sites, in May we added Collinsvale as a new Faith FM site. This was a site that was previously transmitting 3 ABN content but now is connected to Faith FM with an improved radio transmitter and internet connection.

Acton Park and Risdon Vale

We were fortunate to pick up two new licences in southern Tasmania, one in the Acton Park area (near the Hobart Airport) and another near Risdon Vale. We hope to have the Acton Park site up and running in the next few months, which will cover Acton, 7 Mile Beach, the Hobart Airport and may also provide coverage to Midway Point and Sorell area. Thanks to those who have offered to host this new radio in Acton.

East Ulverstone

We have a licence for East Ulverstone but have no site to host the transmitter and antenna. The ideal location would

be around the high point of Trevor St. If anyone has a contact of someone who may be willing to host a transmitter and antenna in this area, please get in touch with me (ph. 0419 108495).

Central Highlands

We have a site in the East of the Central Highlands area that is in the process of being repaired and upgraded. The target coverage for this site is from Oatlands through to Perth. New radio equipment, solar panels, and associated equipment will be installed as soon as we can source all the components and test the full configuration.

INCREASE IN FAITH FM CONTACTS

We are hearing of more stories of people coming into church having listened to Faith FM. I hope to talk to more people who have been positively impacted by Faith FM and if you know of someone with a story, please let me know; I'd love to talk to them more.

We are also seeing an increase in the number of new people interacting with our programs – people who have never connected with us before. Some are from Tasmania, and others from other parts of Australia. I estimate that recently we are seeing between 5-10 people each week reach out to us at Tassie Encounters who have never contacted Faith FM before. Praise God that the messages of our presenters are reaching new people every week.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR FAITH FM

Donations

I'd like to thank a number of churches and individuals who have contributed to the costs of new and upgraded radio transmitters in the past 12 months and previously. Your contributions have helped to extend the network and keep it running more reliably. There is more to be done and if you are able to help with financial contributions specifically for Faith FM, I would love to talk to you about

something specific that could benefit from your contribution. All donations go to the conference so talk to Cosmin Dan-Marica about how you can contribute.

Share Your Testimony

Everyone believer has a testimony. If you would like to share yours on our Connecting the Dots (Friday) program, get in touch with us and we will work with you to prepare a program. We have had quite a few of our church members share their testimonies on our Connecting the Dots program. It is so good to hear how God has worked their lives.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

If you are a technical person who would like to volunteer to help with the radio network, get in touch with me and we will talk about how you might be able to help. I plan to create a network of volunteers who communicate regularly to help keep the radios running smoothly, and also assist with new installations. Call or text me on 0419 108495 if you are able to help.

PRAYER

We need your prayers. There is much work to do and the workers and resources are few. Please pray specifically for more funding from AWR to become available so we can afford the resources we need to continue expanding the work of Faith FM in Tasmania. We are anticipating that next year will be a year of acquiring new licences, particularly around the Hobart area, and installing new sites to improve the signal and reach of Faith FM in Tasmania. Australia-wide, Faith FM aims to install over 50 new sites in 2023. I would love to see 5 to 10 of those in Tasmania. But we need the resources to make this happen, both financial and human. Also, please pray for our hosts and presenters who do an important and challenging job of preparing and presenting engaging content. A lot of work goes into hosting a daily program. Would you believe that it takes around 8 hours of preparation, presentation, and post show technical work for each program that goes to air and we do 5 of those every week!

So thank you for your support of Faith FM in Tasmania through prayer. May God bless this ministry throughout Tasmania and mainland Australia.

ADRA TASMANIA NEWS

By Natasha Jordan

PUMPKIN BLESSINGS

Our Waratah community Food Pantry Co Op blessed the other two North West Food Pantries this year with their home-grown pumpkins. Our Burnie church dedicated ADRA volunteers Michael and Raelene Groenewege planted 120 pumpkins seedlings a little late in the season. Michael and Raelene prayed over each plant and asked God to grow them for Him, to protect them and to bless them with abundance. Praise God the plants produced 162 pumpkins for our three North West fresh produce food pantries. This has reduced the outing costs of purchasing pumpkins and benefited the communities we are supporting at Waratah, Burnie, and Smithton. Looking forward to our next harvest as 400 plants are being planted and grown by God for our food ministry.

Another blessing is taking place at our Waratah Food Pantry Co Op with the donation of four garden beds from the Waratah Wynyard council to the ADRA team of volunteers. These beds are maintained and planted by our two dedicated Waratah ADRA volunteers Jan and Sally who have already planted beans for the Food Pantry. Praying God will continue to bless their efforts and the food ministry.



NATIONAL PROGRAM CONFERENCE

The last week in July five ADRA volunteers from Tasmania attended the ADRA National Program conference at Avondale College. The volunteers had the opportunity to meet our national team and other ADRA volunteers from around the country. We enjoyed learning about different programs running around the country and in New Zealand, all things op shop, social media and resources, beyond soup kitchens, avoiding burn out, software programs and disaster ready churches. The evening provided an opportunity to test our general knowledge with trivia, praise God with a local concert and the conference was completed with an Agape feast full of prayer for all our ADRA team and programs.





SMITHTON OP SHOP

The ADRA Smithton Op shop officially opened on the 4th of August 2022 with Pastor Rick, Pastor Mark, Pastor Afi dedicating and praying for this ministry to the Smithton community. The Smithton church has a small number of members who are invested in connecting with people and their community. Heather Cameron is the manager of the ADRA Smithton Op shop which is regularly supported by four church members and five community volunteers. Both the Ulverstone and Glenorchy ADRA op shops have been integral in enabling our new Smithton op shop to open successfully as both of these op shops have generously provided great quality items to sell at the Smithton shop.

An ADRA op shop provides an opportunity to connect and minister to people in a safe place where vulnerable people can access affordable second-hand items for themselves and their families. Additionally, the surplus funds generated enable Adventist churches and members to connect to their communities with local community ADRA projects. At the Smithton ops shop there is a table and chairs for community members to take time to have a cuppa and chat to our volunteers. Every week people are coming along to catch up over a cuppa and have a chat with our dedicated team of volunteers.

Additionally, the Smithton op shop was approached to have one of our talented musicians perform for the annual Circular Head Arts Festival "Sounds Around Town" evening. We approached Sara Scheermeijer who generously agreed to perform for the group of 80 people that evening. All the attendees really enjoyed the opportunity to listen to a fabulous performance by Sara playing her violin.



TASMANIA ADRA FLOOD SUPPORT, TONGA AND UKRAINE

As we have been aware our mainland states have been impacted from severe flooding. Our very dedicated ADRA Ulverstone and Glenorchy teams decided to support ADRA with a total of \$90,000 to assist with the recovery effects provided by ADRA to those impacted from the floods. Additionally, the team has supported ADRA in Ukraine with \$10,000 to assist their work supporting people in extreme need. Also, this year the Ulverstone team worked with their community groups to send two shipping containers of items to Tonga after the impact of the tsunami. This was inspired by Carol O'Neil after she comforted international workers who were far from home and had lost family members.

DISASTER READY CHURCHES

This year we have seen many different disasters impact many communities – even here in Tasmania several communities were impacted through devastating and damaging winds with many people not having essential needs for several weeks. ADRA Australia offers training to churches to provide support when a disaster occurs in your community. Deloraine Church will be hosting this training on November 19th and 20th for those churches who are interested in becoming a disaster-ready church. This two-day training will equip churches to be ready to respond and assist with a disaster in your community. For further information please contact Natasha Jordan via email natashajordan@adventist.org.au.

Pictures: Natasha Jordan

NEWS



PASTOR GLEN TOWNEND IN TASMANIA

The Tasmanian conference was blessed to have a visit by the South Pacific Division president Pastor Glen Townend on the first weekend in September. The weekend consisted of a tour in the north of the conference starting with a Friday night gathering at the Launceston church where Pastor Glenn spoke on the topic of prayer and revival. On Sabbath morning he joined the churches in the North West at a regional held at Ulverstone church. The regional was a huge blessing and included the school choir and strings ensemble,

a baby dedication and concluded with a fellowship lunch. An afternoon meeting was held at the Scottsdale church with an open invitation to the community to come and hear how the Adventist church supports communities in the South Pacific region. The afternoon was well attended and concluded with a gospel presentation. Many of the people who came for the session were from the community and expressed great appreciation for the information that was shared. His final appointment was with the pastors of

Tasmania at their regular gathering in Launceston on Monday the 5th of September. Here Pr Glenn shared the cycle of evangelism and the vision the Adventist church has in the South Pacific Division. Thank you Pastor Glenn for your leadership in the South Pacific and for taking the time to invest in Tasmania.

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Pictures: Pr. Rick Hergenhan



DR NICK KROSS IN TASMANIA

By Pr. Daniel Matteo

On the 26th and 27th of July Dr Nick Kross visited Devonport and Launceston churches to share with our young people some important techniques for witnessing and sharing God's word. On the Sabbath afternoon, Dr Nick distributed World Changers bibles and shared how they can be used in personal witness. After evening worship, all those present shared a meal together and went bowling.

Pictures: Pr. Daniel Matteo



WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK - MONDAY LUNCH

By Vicki Knight

Scottsdale SDA Church celebrated Women's Health Week at their regular Monday lunch on September 5th. Thirty-five people packed the church and helped to raise \$650 for the 13th Sabbath Offering. Women's Health Week is always a great opportunity to share specific health information for women. Not only was it wonderful to share the health message but also to have Vicki Knight's sister present and acknowledge God's care for her during her recent heart bypass surgery. Bags were given out to all the ladies with information and an inspirational calendar.

Pictures: Vicki Knight

AGFEST: HEALTH CHECK

By Raluca Dan Marica

Agfest is a trademark for Tasmania, and we can't miss the opportunity to witness and be bold about our health message in such an environment. This year, Agfest was hosted in August and attracted a large number of visitors from the island but also the mainland.

Our Church had a stall and ran free health checks for the community. From height, weight, blood pressure to BMI and free consultation to the doctor on site, people have enjoyed being looked after and have access to free medical services.

Our patients have been rewarded with fresh crunchy apples at the end of the consultation.

The program has been supported by the Health Department of the conference office in collaboration with dedicated volunteers from our church community. Over 80 consultations were offered in the 4-day event with approximately 30 people expressing the desire to be contacted for further health programs.

I encourage your local church to get active in the area of health, discuss what the strength of the church is and get in touch with the conference health department to help you choose a program that you can offer to the community.

Serving others and providing help is what Jesus himself did. We are entrusted to carry on with His mission and we cannot disregard the call.

"Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel" (Counsels on Health, 219, Ellen Gould White).

Be involved!



Pictures: Pr. Rick Hergenhan

WYNYARD CHURCH

By Cheryl Walsh

Great things are happening in Wynyard. We are a small vibrant church, and you will find us friendly, active and committed to our Lord.

MEDIA MINISTRY

Being small should never be a deterrent in spreading God's word. With 2 cameras, a grant from the Tasmanian Conference, and a special church offering, we now have a very impactful way of getting God's word out from beyond the 4 walls of our church building. Our largest influence is being felt in the Philippines, with now over 3,223 people following us on Facebook alone. Praise God for the commitment of our small Tech team and their desire to share the word that is preached in our church with others around the world.

SPORTS NIGHTS

The Social committee wanted to find a way to have the whole North-West coast interacting, with only 7 children it is great to have activities where we can all come together and from the youngest to the oldest, we can interact and grow in a social setting. We took on the job of organising Saturday Night Sports at the Somerset Recreation Centre. Over the year so far, we have held 7 Sports Nights and had hundreds of people attend. It is great to see church members bringing their work friends, and family members. Members from sister churches (from Devonport to Smithton) have supported this program. We all join in



playing basketball, volleyball and soccer and the children have their own catered program which they love. Next year we are going for a government grant to make it bigger and open it up to the local community more. Witnessing through sports.

TRIVIA NIGHT

To be able to fund the hire of the Somerset Recreation Centre the idea of a Trivia Night was born to raise money and test our knowledge. With a tasty smorgasbord of food and lots of different trivia questions and activities for the children, a fun night was had by all. We raised over \$1000 which will help fund our Sports Nights for this year and next.

WINTER CAMP

To build community it is so important to spend time together. What a delightful opportunity to head away from civilization and back into nature to do this. Guildford Lodge, 50km South of Burnie, is tucked right into the heart of Tassie nature. With 40 campers and over 80 attending on Sabbath it was a wonderful time of spiritual, communal and personal growth. A special thank you to the ladies that provided the amazing food and to Pr Daniel Matteo for sharing God's word with us. Members from Wynyard, Ulverstone and Burnie were in attendance.

PROPHETICA AND STEPS TO CHRIST SMALL GROUP:

In March and April, we hosted Pr Gary Webster, who led out in the Prophetica meetings at the Railway Institute Hall for 4 weekends. In September, we commenced a mid-week in Steps to Christ Small Group study with Dr Falconer, with an average of 16 persons attending.

DEDICATION

Our youngest member, Aspin, 3 months old, plus his two brothers, were dedicated to God on September 3rd.

Pictures: Cheryl Walsh



BURNIE CHURCH SEMINAR - "HISTORY AND BEYOND"

By Pr. Peter McCrostie

Burnie church ran a "History and Beyond" seminar from July to September. This included 20 programs over the 10 week period utilising the sabbath church time to deliver seminar material as well as a mid week meeting.

Pastor Peter McCrostie said, "There have been two big blessings as a result of this seminar. We saw the congregation grow stronger as they worked together on this outreach and we have seen people grow in Christ". Members supported the seminar with prayer, invitations, catering, encouraging each other and visitors, a program for children, youth painting the dividers, floral decorations and PA operators. Advertising was done through Faith FM. The church has been praying for those who have been attending as well as including and encouraging them as they have come along. At the end of the program we are working with five individuals preparing them for baptism. Pr Peter and Lyn are praising God for the Blessings He has given.



Pictures: Pr. Peter McCrostie



VESPERS BY JETS IN DEVONPORT

By Sherrilee Fish

The evening was filled with anticipation and excitement. Teams had been discussed for weeks and tonight was going to prove the validity of all the claims that had been made.

We started the evening with a challenging and fun-filled Vespers. There was singing, followed by riddles and rhymes and everyone was learning more about the amazing Word of God through it all. We concluded vespers with a beautiful story about a cat who, although loved and cared for, just could not get the wild out of her heart. Eventually she did return home all battered and bruised to live out the last few moments of her kitty life. We

were all reminded that it does not matter where we have been, we can always go home to where our Father is waiting with open arms to welcome us and bind up our wounds and settle us for eternity.

And the Amazing race car rally was off. After receiving instruction and rules, registering their team and name, the cars were revved up and ready to roll. We had laughs and confusion and so much fun from the youngest to the oldest. We had so much fun, in fact, that onlookers came over and asked what it was all about and if they could join in too.

This was our monthly get together and there are a few more planned.

About 6 months ago the JETS from the Devonport SDA church decided that they wanted to do something on a regular basis to engage the young people but also give them an opportunity to invite their friends to join in. Since then, we have had a variety of activities, all, most enjoyable but more importantly recreational. So, we settled on the 1st weekend of every month.

As daylight savings kicks in we will move over to a Friday evening where we will do fun activities followed by Sabbath opening. Everyone who has attended keeps coming back and we are all growing together.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

By Pr. Daniel Matteo

What a blessing it was from the 15th to the 18th of September as Pastor Daron Pratt came to visit and tour several churches in Tasmania! With a special passion for Children's Ministries and supporting families in mentoring their children into a vibrant connection with Jesus, Pastor Daron Pratt presented in Hobart, Launceston, Devonport, and Burnie on the importance of Children's Ministry. Describing the sad reality of high attrition rates of young people in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he reminded us to prioritise children and families in church budgets, human resources allocation and strategy as real evangelism. He also pointed out research indicating that most people make their faith decisions between ages 4-14 that last a lifetime and that these decisions need to be affirmed and supported. The highlight of the weekend was a balloon twisting lesson for the Pathfinders and Adventurers at Burnie on Sabbath afternoon! We are so thankful Pastor Daron came to visit and we will all endeavour to put the principles he taught us into practice around the Conference!

Pictures: Pr. Daniel Matteo



COUPLES ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

By Pr. David Maxwell



Family Ministries Enrichment Seminar:

Launceston Church recently hosted Pr Neil Thompson for a Couple's Enrichment seminar on the 23rd of September. Pr Neil spoke about many topics on relationship & communication improvement and all attendees really appreciated the program that was run, which was well attended. There were very helpful materials and information shared and we hope to host Pr Neil again in the future as he is a very insightful and engaging speaker.



Rewire Your Life:

Family Ministries "Rewire Your Life" Program: Recently, TAS Family Ministries hosted Pr Neil Thompson for a program held at Hilliard SDA School, for parents with school aged children. The program was aimed at addressing some of the stresses of dealing

with raising families in this hectic and busy age. His catching title talk of, "Crash & Burn & Keep On Going" addressed the topic of life after burn out and how to still be effective when it all gets too much.

Pictures: Pr. David Maxwell

MARGATE SDA CHURCH WEEK OF REVIVAL

By Pr. Eugene Estil

The early Christian Church began its existence by praying for the Holy Spirit. Margate SDA Church had a Week of Revival. It started on the 1st of October and ran through to the 8th of October. Our first meeting started with a Communion Service. Every evening, we met in church and used Pastor Mark Finley's book "10 Days in the Upper Room" where we learned from the Word of God and the writings of Mrs. Ellen G. White.

When we were studying the topics, searching our hearts, and praying together, we sensed ourselves being drawn even closer to the Saviour. As we opened our hearts to the influence of the Holy Spirit, we experienced an even more intimate experience with Jesus. During the week, our pastors (Pr. Eugene Estil and Pr. Billy Martinez) and elders (Brother Yiannis Dimitriou and Brother Anthony Kerrison) led the meetings.

In the first century, something miraculous happened during the time they spent in prayer in the Upper Room that prepared them to receive the Spirit in all its fullness. The disciples sought God in prayer and received the power of the Holy Spirit to launch the gospel message. In our time today, it is our also our hearts' desire



to be united and be filled by the Holy Spirit as we reach the world with the gospel.

So mightily can God work when men give themselves up to the control of His Spirit. To us today, as verily as to the first disciples, the promise of the Spirit belongs. God will today endow men and women with power from above, as He endowed those who on the Day of Pentecost heard the word of salvation. At this very hour His Spirit and His grace are for all who need them and will take Him at His word.

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Pictures: Pr. Eugene Estil

HILLIARD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

By Elizabeth Chaplin - Principal

HILLIARD PRIMARY TAKES ON A NEW LOOK

The completion of a new Primary facility at Hilliard Christian School has seen students and staff move into an exciting, flexible space that offers endless opportunities for a wonderful range of teaching and learning experiences. In line with current research and future thinking, the classrooms have been designed and furnished with careful and intentional thought for the attributes our students will need as future citizens of the global community.

Current accepted teaching practice means the focus has shifted from 'teacher-directed' to 'student-centred' learning. The goal of educators is now to provide opportunities for students to use knowledge in authentic and meaningful ways, where learning is active and personalised and student success is owned by the student themselves.

With the advice and assistance of BFX Furniture, the Primary classrooms at Hilliard Christian have been furnished with the intention that they can be easily and quickly adapted. The classrooms can be set up to reflect six types of Future Focused Learning Zones: Culture, Create, Communicate, Connect, Collaborate and Critical. Furniture is carefully matched together



to create learning zones that best suit the type of learning experiences in which students are engaging. The furniture within the zones is agile and can be easily rearranged to make more than one type of zone.

This is the start of a new and exciting phase in the history of Hilliard Christian School. We are looking forward to the completion of the new Secondary STEM classrooms in Term 4.

2023 SENIOR SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

NOW OPEN

WHY CHOOSE US?

At Hilliard Christian School we believe that *education is more than academics* – it includes developing the whole person through a program of strong academics, varied extracurricular options, and intentional spiritual and emotional nurturing.

We are committed to excellence. We understand that *excellence looks different for every student*. We are helping grow excellent tradesman, excellent scholars, excellent professionals and most importantly, excellent citizens.

Our authentic, caring and professional teachers encourage each student to work within their strength areas, minimise weaknesses and transition into being *lifelong independent learners* with integrity, passion and purpose.

**WHY NOT BOOK A TOUR? WE
LOOK FORWARD TO HAVE
YOU JOIN OUR FAMILY!**



NORTH WEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

By Brayden Morton - Principal

NWCS YR. 5 AND 6 CAMP

Towards the end of Term 3 our Year 5 and 6 class went on camp to the Launceston area. They all came back from camp very tired after enjoying Tasmania Zoo, Rock Climbing, Zip Lining, Cataract Gorge and much more fun. We thank Mr and Mrs Beaty for organising the trip and for those who gave up their time to make this happen for the students.



RECORD ENROLMENTS AT NWCS

Our school has been blessed even more this year with Enrolments up to 113. We praise God for this continued growth and his leadership in our school.

Please continue to pray for the growth of Adventist Schools around Tasmania and beyond and God continues to build His kingdom through them.



BOOK WEEK PARADE

This year saw our students outdo themselves with students wearing an array of costumes from Queen Esther, David Attenborough, a box of Crayons, a student in a hot air balloon and the Big Friendly Giant. The students had a lot of fun and book week gives our students a passion for books and reading.



ADVENTIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA CONSULTATION

Once each 10 years ASA (Adventist Schools Australia) organises a future planning event for Adventist Schools and Church representatives. This year was that year, and it was very heartening to see our church and school take steps to ensure our schools are seen as a mission ground that they have been designed to be. The school and church working closely together ensures that our purpose is being fulfilled.

BURNIE EISTEDDFOD WINNERS

Our Secondary strings represented the school well in their latest Eisteddfod at Burnie. Not only did their playing win their category, but they also won best performance for the whole eisteddfod. Well done to our secondary students who managed to win despite many entries and performances from a variety of different schools.



FUTSAL CHAMPS

We were blessed to be invited to a Futsal competition in August. Our students represented the school well with good sportsmanship and friendly competition. Our year 3 and 4 class

managed to win the whole competition with their strong play and good talents. Well done to all our students.

NOVA MUSE FESTIVAL

Throughout the October holidays NWCS hosts a Music Festival co-organised by our string's coordinator Mrs Sarah Scheermeijer. This event brings the high quality strings and piano players to NWCS to teach, mentor and showcase the skills of those who choose to attend the Festival. There are also performances each evening that the community can attend for their own enjoyment. For many of our strings students this is the highlight of their calendar year.



NWCS WEEK OF SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

In the second term, the NWCS conducted a WOSE (week of spiritual emphasis) which focused on the book of Daniel. We explored how God is always with us even in the difficulties of a Babylonian world. At the end of the week, 40 students chose to do Bible studies to find out more about Jesus and the rescue plan shown in the Bible.

It was a huge blessing to have Narls (a church member from Ulverstone) lead studies with the primary kids. And the chaplain has thoroughly enjoyed this time with the students. As the bible studies series comes to close in the fourth term, 14 students (4 from non-SDA homes) have chosen to be baptised and become disciples of Jesus. God is doing a great work through our schools.



Pr. David Leo

Pictures: Brayden Morton

YOUNG ADULT CAMP

By Pr. Daniel Matteo

This year from the 30th of September to October 2nd we were thrilled to have a Young Adult Camp together at Spring Beach. Josh Kross shared messages with the young people about revival and connection with Jesus and Natasha Bakker organised beautiful worship music. Activities included rock-climbing and flying fox. It was wonderful to be together as youth and young adults from around Tassie. God has given us wonderfully gifted young people.



Pictures: Pr. Daniel Matteo

TWEEN CAMP

By Pr. Daniel Matteo

Tween Camp this year was absolutely amazing. The theme of the week was "You're a Bible Explorer!" Our guest speaker was Josh Kross who is a final year theology student and the campers just loved hearing the stories and scriptures he shared. The tremendous volunteer team of 23 young people was gifted with 50 campers attending who had a great attitude and excellent behaviour. Because of that every day was great fun. Activities this year included plaster painting, golf-driving, rock-climbing, commando course and Bible treasure hunt. Music was coordinated by Shannon Borg, and the wonderful Spring Beach team (including Wayne, Robyn, and Ian) provided delicious catering. Particular highlights were the costume dinner and Saturday night talent show! Many decisions were made to follow Jesus on the final Sabbath of camp, and we can't wait to all be together again next year!



BIG CAMP 2023

PINE SPRINGS DEVONPORT



Big Camp is happening in Tassie in 2023. Starting Thursday evening the **26th of January** and concluding with a Sabbath evening program on the **28th of January**. This camp will have one intergenerational tent with some smaller activities for each of the various divisions.

All registrations will be online with **registrations opening November 1st and closing the 19th December**.

Location will be "Pine Springs" Campground Devonport.

There will be early bird discounts and **early bird tickets** will be on sale from **November 1 to November 23**.

Quantity & Prices:

There are 25 Conference tents available.

- Early bird: \$220
- Standard: \$270

There are 58 Private tent sites available

- Early bird: \$55
- Standard: \$75

There are 50 caravan sites

- Early bird: \$80
- Standard: \$100

To register follow the prompts at the link below or scan the QR code to the link.
<https://events.adventist.org.au/event/info/9716>



For those who do not have internet access, you can **phone the Conference office on (03) 6273 6277** to register once registrations open on the 1st of November.