

# KILLARA DISTRICT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

PROVIDING CHRISTIAN SRE AT KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL



## TERM 2, 2016

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself! My name is Renee Klaric and in Term 2, I began work as the KDCEA Staff Worker and SRE Co-ordinator at Killara High School. My role with KDCEA is to organise the Protestant SRE programmes at the school. I have a Bachelor of Theology and I am studying towards High School teaching, so it has been a pleasure to use my skills to prepare curriculum for our volunteer Scripture Teachers for our Year 7 – 10 fortnightly SRE classes using the Youthworks: *Think Faith* Curriculum, to organise the Term 2 Protestant SRE seminars for Year 11 and Year 12 students, and to run TAG (Talking about God), the Christian lunchtime group running every Friday in the D-block. It has been a wonderful term of meeting students and teachers. Thank you for your warm welcome!

### Classes

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students have spent the term exploring the gospel text of *Mark*. We consulted the question: “Who is Jesus?” according to Mark, and explored a major theme: “Christ: An Unexpected King”. This was our first term introducing students to the new curriculum; the Youthworks *Think Faith* Curriculum, which we have shaped for our 75 minute lessons. Teachers have felt really supported by the materials and students have really engaged: I have been so encouraged by this engagement. We have explored a multitude of topics: how Mark’s account is historical, how miracles show us *glimpses* of the Kingdom, how parables *describe* the Kingdom, how many asked the question: “Who is Jesus?”, and how that response came into focus at the cross. Our Year 7 and Year 8’s were challenged to think through how Christ made himself and His work so clear to us in the saving event of His death and resurrection: what does this mean for us? Thanks to our teachers for facilitating and leading these thought-provoking classes.

Our Year 10 classes explored this same question, “Who is Jesus?” according to *Luke’s* gospel, focusing on the theme of “Christ: The Unexpected Saviour”. Our students have discussed the meaning of the “good news” of Christ in contrast to “good advice”, and the ways in which Christ was unexpected, also to us. Students were guided to read and discuss various passages in Luke focusing on the person and work of Christ including their own responses to the course. In my classes, I encouraged students to think and speak critically and independently. I have seen our Year 10’s really grappling with the material, making confident and informed responses. They have considered the notion that Christ as Saviour is significant in our lives: whether we choose to engage or not. It has been a really productive term. Thanks to our teachers for responding to the challenging questions asked by our Year 10 students!

Read about the Youthworks: *Think Faith* Curriculum here <http://oursre.org.au/content/oursre-curriculum/gjg8h5>

### Seminars



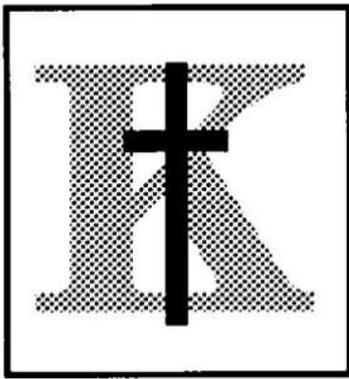
Our Year 11 and 12 students had the privilege of hearing from Advocacy Co-ordinator, Eliza Johnson from *Baptist World Aid*, at our Seminars this term. Eliza spoke confidently and convincingly on her own understanding of the relationship between faith and social justice. She asked: “Why should we care?” and spoke powerfully from Jeremiah 22:16 “*He defended the cause of the poor and needy...is that not what it means to know me?*”

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Eliza encouraged us, as followers of Christ, to tackle the injustices that hold people in poverty and deny them freedom, and to speak up for the poor, the oppressed and the marginalised. She shared passionately about Baptist World Aid's Advocacy work which empowers consumers to advocate for the oppressed as they shop. She described the injustices occurring in the fashion industry in Uzbekistan, India and Bangladesh confidently and empathetically. Each student received one of Baptist World Aid's Guides to Ethical Fashion and to Ethical Electronics, where they earnestly sought out their favourite brands to find out whether or not they pay all workers a living wage or force labour. It was exciting for students to feel empowered that they as consumers could advocate for justice, and emulate God's heart for speaking for those who cannot speak. Thanks to Eliza and Baptist World Aid for visiting Killara High School.

Visit the Behind the Barcode website for more details: <https://www.baptistworldaid.org.au/get-involved/fair/BehindTheBarcode-Fashion/>

## TAG



I have been so encouraged by our ministry at TAG, our ISCF Scripture Union group which meets every Friday of the term. Students from various year groups meet together to study Scripture and to encourage one another. The students this term have been honest, earnest and capable thinkers and learners. It has been wonderful to grow together in our study of Ephesians. We have explored Paul's encouragement to the Ephesian church, and students have made thoughtful responses, asking: What happened to the Ephesians? Were they able to serve God and still be a part of their communities? How does this mirror our own challenges? What does it mean for us to realise the immensity of the work that

Christ has done for us? What does it look like to serve God in the context of our churches, our classes, our relationships and as students? We have had very thought-provoking lunchtime discussions. It has been such a wonderful time of sharing snacks, encouraging one another and talking about faith.

## Please pray:

- that we would continue to see wonderful responses from students as we make preparations for Term 3.
- that we would be resourced as a Board within the school both financially and practically to continue to provide Christian Education in Killara High School.
- that God would continue to grow the seeds planted in Year 7, 8 and 10 students through our classes: that they would come to have a relationship with Christ.
- that our Year 11 and 12 students would be reminded as they pursue justice, that they emulate a passionately just God who cares for the poor, marginalized and vulnerable.
- that our students, families and teachers would have a safe and happy holiday!

We are also seeking casual SRE teachers to support our current teachers during the school term. SRE classes run on Friday mornings and we are looking for available and willing volunteers who could relieve our classes on a casual basis. Please contact me if you are interested!

Finally, please join us for prayer on the **first Tuesday of every month** of the school term at **9:30am**, meeting at the school reception.

*Thank you* for your support. It is a pleasure to partner with you in sharing Christ with Killara High School.



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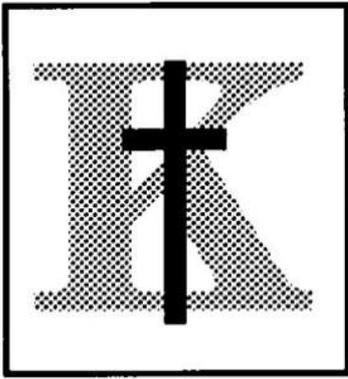
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## Treasurer's Report

There can be few greater privileges than to bring Christian teaching to our youth. We know that if we are in God's will that we can trust Our Lord Jesus to supply the resources. We have been blessed again this year by the generous contribution of our members and friends. Our total expenses for the first five months of the year were \$12,700 which was lower than usual as we waited for the right person to fill the position vacated by Matt Mulready. We are happy to report that all the donations that we receive are used to support our teacher. We need the continual support of our faithful members and friends to ensure that we have sufficient funding for 2016 and beyond. God has been good to us and we know that He will continue to supply all our needs as we seek to impact on the young lives at Killara High for Christ.

**Derek Cornelius**

KDCEA Treasurer

## Come and visit us!



9b Arnold Street, Killara

KDCEA will be hosting a Cake stall and Sausage Sizzle fundraiser at St Martins polling booths on Election Day!

Come and say hello!

## Positions Vacant

**KDCEA Secretary**

**KDCEA Publicity Officer**

**Relief SRE Teachers**

## Chairperson's Report

KDCEA has made successful start to 2016. Matthew Mulready left KDCEA at the end of 2015 to take up another SRE position in Armidale. During the first term of 2016, Phill Read and Luke Collings of All Saints' Church, West Lindfield coordinated SRE at Killara High School. We are grateful to them for their kind assistance. Our new SRE Co-ordinator, Renee Klaric, has been working at the school from the start of Term 2. Renee has already made an important contribution to the school, and has commenced visiting churches. I would encourage all churches to invite her to visit your congregations.

We are very grateful to the generous churches and donors who support us so faithfully. However, KDCEA needs an income of \$50,000 a year on a continuing basis to sustain this level of activity. I would therefore be most grateful if you would consider making an additional donation to KDCEA if you are able to do so. Donations to KDCEA are tax deductible.

**James Cox**

KDCEA Chairperson

Thanks to our Partner Churches:

*All Saints Anglican Church West (Lindfield), East Killara Uniting Church, Gordon Baptist Church, Killara Uniting Church, LifeSource Christian Church (Willoughby), Lindfield Evangelical Free Church, Lindfield Uniting Church, Metropolitan Baptist Church (Lane Cove West), Philadelphia Anglican Church (Killara), Salvation Church (Pymble), St Alban's Anglican Church (Lindfield), St Andrew's Anglican Church (Roseville), St John the Evangelist Anglican Church (Gordon), St Luke's Presbyterian Church (Roseville), St Martin's Anglican Church (Killara), St Peter's Anglican Church (East Lindfield).*

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