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PROVIDING CHRISTIAN SRE AT KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL



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Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6 NIV

There is no doubt that the recent events around the world concerning the corona virus has given a lot of people reason to be anxious, but I want to start this newsletter by reminding us all that God is our supreme, loving father, who knows our future and commands us not to be anxious.

SRE has returned to Killara High for 2020, with some new students, some new teachers and same message of Jesus for all. Indira from St. Andrews Anglican has joined us as a new teacher this year. She has been consistently running groups in Tag over 2019, and she graduated from KHS in 2018 – so a big welcome to the team for her, and it is very exciting to see her ministering in the same community she came from.

We began the year with consistent numbers enrolled in SRE as we have had in years past. This is a significant praise point, as the Department of Education introduced new rules surrounding SRE enrolment for year 7 students, but in the end, we have a good number of students. Praise God that this did not affect Killara High, but still be praying for other schools around the state as it did affect other numbers of enrolments.

TAG lunchtime group was able to maintain its numbers into the new year. Henri has a faithful group of year 8's that always look forward to coming. He is currently guiding them through how to run a Bible study of their own, so that as they get older, they can show others the Good News of Jesus. Indira has had a thriving group of year 9 girls come to listen and

grow each week. I've been able to spark conversations with walk-ins and some seniors that drop by from time to time.

As you may know, the Covid-19 crisis has greatly affected our communities, including our schools and churches. SRE has been 'paused' all around the state as of week 9 of term 1. The authorising bodies of different denominations and curriculum writers are meeting to determine the future of SRE during this time. There are big questions surrounding online learning, teacher engagement and the delivery of SRE. Please be praying that this will not go on for long and pray for wisdom as these multiple organisations come to their decisions. This also meant that our senior seminars could not go ahead in week 10.

For now, Henri and I are having online meetings with our supervisors and other SRE teachers to keep connected, but it also means we have more time to connect, pray and prepare for the future. It has also been a valuable time to be upskilling and reviewing the SRE process. Generate has made some great resources available for their SRE teachers to access, which has been great during this time. I have also taken up some theology units in ministry and New Testament studies to keep myself sharp through these times. We look ahead to the updates the government will bring out and what the future holds for SRE at Killara and across NSW. Please be praying with us during this time, as I will be praying for you and your communities.

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God that our enrolments are consistent
- Please pray for the families of student and staff of KHS that they are not affected by Covid-19
- Pray that SRE teachers around the state can still have a meaningful impact in their

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communities

- Praise God that he is faithful, even when we can't understand it or see it.

An update on our family, we are safe and healthy, working from home and isolating as much as possible. It has been great to have extended time with my wife and son. Leo is now walking, which means he follows me all around the house! He gets into different drawers and cupboards, and his smile makes it impossible for me to be upset at him for it. Hope is loving how much I am home, but we are constantly having to come up with play-activities at home as we can't take Leo out at the moment. Pray for our youth community as well, as our youth group has had to be suspended for now, and we are working out how to stay connected to young people.

Peter Gardner

SRE Coordinator



10x10 Challenge:

We have a unique opportunity to invest in the lives of young people in our area. It's as simple as giving \$100 a year and praying for God to shape the lives of students at Killara High School. We're looking for 10 people from 10 churches to give \$100 each year. Will you take part in what God is doing in the lives of youth?

Treasurer's Report

We are again grateful to God as His loyal servants continue to provide for the financial needs of KDCEA.

Your support allows us to employ Pete and Henri, who together with their helpers, are able to deliver the message of the transforming work of Jesus in our lives. How wonderful for this to happen just as you start out in your adult life.

In the first three months of the year we have received donations to cover just less than half our annual running costs of \$50,000. Historically in the second half of the year our donation income falls away quite dramatically which means that we would like to be within 80% of our annual budget by the end of June. This means raising an additional \$16,000 by the end of June 2020.

We have been advised by Generate Ministries that they are applying for the Job Keeper grant. At this stage though we are unsure how this will impact financially on KDCEA. We are again humbled by the generosity of your giving and thank our Lord Jesus for you.

Yours in Christ,
Derek Cornelius
KDCEA Treasurer

Chairperson's Report

As Peter notes, KDCEA made a good start to 2020, but lessons were paused at week 9 of term 1. We don't know how long this situation will last, but we intend to use the time wisely to increase communications with our churches and personal members and to plan for the future.

Many churches are now operating on-line and KDCEA is keen to participate in these services. With the assistance of Generate we are continuing to explore the many issues associated with on-line provision of SRE. Thank you for your continuing support and know that all KDCEA members are in our prayers at this uncertain time.

Yours in Christ,
James Cox
KDCEA Chairperson

Financial support

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Once again, we appreciate for all the support we receive, and we thank God for your generosity.

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