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Bible Reading Plan

Reading your Bible is a great way to familiarise yourself with the entire story of Biblical history, to increase your faith and knowledge of the gospel and God's providence, and to fill your mind with precious Scripture which will be a blessing to your soul and will help you put on the spiritual armour. No matter how many times you read your Bible through, you will always discover new things which will be a source of encouragement, strength and increasing knowledge.

For 2022 we are recommending the chronological reading plan, because it follows the story as it happens. This means you will read matching portions in different books as you go along, following the story of the Bible down through history.

You can download the Bible reading plan here: www.sdarm.org.au/readingplan



WA Field Camp 2021

"It's Closer Than You Think" 24-29 September 2021

For the past couple of years, the WA Field Conference has been held at the Barbers' farm, but this year it was inaccessible due to flooding. So instead, it was held at the Lausevics' property.

Those that were staying overnight started arriving a couple of hours before sunset on Friday, and there was a bit of a scramble to set up and find enough extra blankets, because it was just as cold as predicted, and no one pays attention to the weather report nowadays. We were thankful for the hastily built fire courtesy of Johnny (thank you Johnny). Sabbath was opened with a prayer instead of the planned worship as the title "Closer Than You Think" appeared to be prophetic, both for those taking the worship, and for those listening.

Sabbath morning started with a health segment by Catherine Robles, focusing on things to drink immediately after waking up (besides water) that help start digestion and aid in overall health. The first one was nice, cold lemon water for the nice, cold morning. Then worship was held by Chris Newman on "Reasons for Christ's Return."

After that was breakfast and Sabbath School and looking for more blankets. Divine Service followed and was presented by Jacques Payet on the topic of "Pre-Pentecost Preparation."

We then had a combined lunch and enjoyed the sun while sitting around the fire. Sometimes the official meeting area of a camp is different to the social area, but the cooler weather from Sunday onward meant the fire was universally appealing, and there was much toasting of toes.

After that was Young People's meeting. The Children's Treasure Sabbath School class had prepared an activity where the children gave out squares of paper that had a number on it. Once the number was called out, the person with the number answered a particular question. There were some very good questions, and it was interesting to hear other peoples' answers.

After some more items we were divided into teams and given painting supplies and a canvas. The instructions were to paint what we pictured when we thought of Heaven. There were many and varied interpretations and styles, with several overarching themes, and some things that only a couple people thought of. I noticed several paintings of the Tree of Life, along with many mansions, and streets of crystal and gold. In our group there was a lion and the lamb lying down together, a river, and an attempt on my part to represent the glory of God, which we can only assume was lacking the brilliancy of the original. The meeting stretched out longer than intended due to some artists needing to complete their paintings to the fullest realisation. After



everyone was done, the groups went up front and explained their paintings and what their team had suggested. Everyone enjoyed the chance to release their inner artist, as well as to think about what we have to look forward to.

As has become the custom for camps in WA, youth activities planned for the evening morphed into discussion around the fire. The rain held off in the evenings, so we had plenty of opportunity to talk.

On Sunday morning there was another health segment, this time with probiotics as the drink of the hour. There was a bit more hesitation for this one, and much ruminating on the flavour profile from the bacteria, with some concluding that it had an aftertaste of molasses. After that we had worship held by Catherine Robles on "My Readiness for Christ's Return," which was very interesting.

Children's activities on Sunday were organised by Chloe Brown. In the morning the activity was making clay oil lamps to go along with the lesson of the 10 wise and foolish virgins. Many were the shapes thereof. After a break the hot glue gun was brought out, and the kids and the hot glue assistants got to work making small tree houses out of circles of wood and small logs. There was a plethora of designs far beyond what Chloe had imagined, which included ladders, many different levels, and in one instance a crane/swing fusion made of hot glue string with a honky nut at the end (I've been informed that honky nuts are a WA thing, so that's gum nuts for everyone else). Towards the end there was a movement to add bracken fern leaves to the houses, which grew until each house had a bit of greenery or a leaf on it. After lunch there were boats made with wine corks and toothpicks, along with little cloth sails.

At lunch the tables that the kids were using were moved out from under the gazebo and loaded up with food. The optimistic and those that didn't want to move the tables again, assured the doubters that it wasn't going to rain. When it started raining there was a scramble to put the tables back under the gazebo, and make sure everyone could fit underneath. It was a bit of a squeeze, but we

managed after some shuffling. If there were complaints, no one heard them through the downpour.

It cleared up in enough time so that thankfully, the fire didn't go out. The kids decided that plain watermelon simply wasn't good enough, so they decided to roast it on the fire. Not to imply that they ate it afterward, of course. The fun was in the roasting, not the eating.

There was another kids' activity in the afternoon led by Johnny. He got them to change a tire and demonstrated how to fix a hole in it, as well as how to pump it up. Everyone got a turn loosening the lug nuts to take the old tire off, after a search for an appropriate wrench. There was also a special commendation to Josiah for sticking around until the very end.

On Sunday night everyone was a bit reluctant to leave the fire to go watch the planned short film, so it ended up with Luke bringing the projector, laptop and whiteboard out by the fire. The whiteboard was unused, because the film ended up being projected onto the side of the Kneebone's caravan awning. There was a great deal of talk about angles and resolution from the seats around the fire. It was much appreciated, and everyone enjoyed the outdoor theatre experience.

On Monday morning the health segment concluded with carrot and celery juice, which wasn't much of a surprise because it is hard to hide the presence of a juicer. After that was worship on "Preparing Others For Christ's Return," by Jhana Lausevic.

A large part of Monday involved recording the audio and filming for Jade's Scripture song for that week. The audio was first, so that the kids would have something to sing to when they were filming. We usually just see the end results of what we watch and might not realise the amount of time and detail that goes on behind the scenes. Participating in it definitely helped me gain a new appreciation for how much work Jade puts into her videos—particularly the audio! A great deal of work was also done by the guardians of the children, to keep everyone clean and out of puddles before the filming even began.



Everyone eventually made their way down to the orchard for the filming, where they were organised in as orderly and picturesque a way as possible. It was cloudy when we started filming, but the sun soon came out, to the iov of those behind the camera. and the great displeasure of those in front of it, who were facing the sun. Many



were the directives to "look at the camera!" that resulted in great tribulation. Despite that, there were lots of laughs and smiles because Shadow, the Border Collie, was determined to capture the drone, which was buzzing tauntingly just out of her reach. For other shots the kids enthusiastically obeyed the instructions to climb up and down the pine-needle-covered walls of the dry dam. Afterwards there was a bit of a discussion as to whether Luke had "landed" the drone in a pine tree again, but we were assured that it wasn't the case.

The rain held off long enough to get the necessary footage and was polite enough to give lots of advanced warning of its approach. Nevertheless, we were still occasionally taken by surprise, rather aptly demonstrating the theme of the camp! Despite the sun and rain, we were reliably informed that filming of the video was a favourite part of camp for many of the children.

On Monday evening an impromptu conference occurred to help Cameron figure out the camp fees, taking into account that not everyone stayed the night, and some only came one day, and how much the amenities cost if the showers didn't work until Sabbath.

On Tuesday those left at camp proceeded to pack up. Blankets were returned. The oil lamps that had been drying for most of camp were distributed to their respective owners, and when they were filled with oil and tested the following Sabbath (in a safe and supervised manner) they burned very well. After packing there was cleaning up and sorting out who owned the cutlery that was lying around, and who was willing to take them if their owners had already left.

I found this year's Conference to be a great blessing, and I enjoyed the meetings and worships that I attended. It's always nice to have the conference as an outdoor camp, despite the rain, and the extended camp meant it was more relaxed, with plenty of time for fellowship. Many thanks to the Lausevics for the use of their property!

~ Reported by Hannah Lausevic

Children's Sabbath - Guildford WA

"And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Luke 18:15-16.

Due to the large number of children attending the Guildford Church each week, it was decided that it would be very beneficial to hold a Children's Sabbath

every two months, when we can also invite other families who don't regularly attend our church. These Sabbaths are especially designed for the children and all the meetings are geared to cater for these precious little ones.

On Sabbath 23rd October, we all gathered at Guildford Church for Sabbath School, where the children studied the lesson about Gideon. We also made some lamps which were used later during that day.

Following the lesson, we all made our way to a beautiful spot in nature, beside a creek, where the children enjoyed the feeling of what it would have been like to be part of Gideon's 300 men. After making a joyful noise with their trumpets, we headed to another spot where we enjoyed our lunch beside a nice waterhole.

We thank God for the simplicity of the little ones, and for their eagerness to learn. May God help each one of them as they make their experiences with Him. Our prayer for our children is for each to grow to honour. love and serve Him.



Combined Sabbath at Elim Heights Youth Camp

30th October 2021

It was so wonderful to be able to gather once again at Elim Heights Youth Camp. There is something very special about worshipping God in nature, and we thank Him for giving us that privilege and for providing such a beautiful day in which to do so.

Over 60 people joined together for worship and fellowship. These included a few visitors as well. The morning meetings were held in the outdoor Amphitheatre, which was truly amazing. Even the birds joined in heralding praises to our Creator.

After lunch, we were blessed to have another outdoor gathering—a sing-along session with some quizzes and experiences.

All too quickly, the day came to an end, and people started to depart for home. When we realised what a blessing it was to spend the day out in nature with the Lord, many comments were made wishing that we could do this at least once a month.

We now look forward to the next meeting at Elim Heights Youth Camp.





Amphitheatre Stage Reconstruction

Elim Heights Youth Camp

At the time when the bushfires went through the Elim Heights Youth Camp, it not only destroyed some of the buildings that were standing, but also burnt down the stage at the outside amphitheater. Brother Keith Robertson has been kind enough to take under his wings the re-construction of this stage.

It gives us pleasure to report to you that this work is now fully completed and looking beautiful.

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Brother Keith for his time, work, and all the efforts put into Elim Heights, in preparing the campgrounds for future events.



NSW Churches Re-open for Worship

Sabbath morning saw many happy faces as the much awaited-for day had come. Many eager Schofields Church members, families and friends were finally able to meet together for worship in God's house once more.

During the lockdown, the children's Sabbath School room was divided into two functional rooms, so when the children returned, they were surprised to see their new rooms and enjoyed their separate spaces.

There were two meetings on the day: Sabbath School and Divine Service. The hymns were played by several instruments, making this day even more special.

Many times, we take things for granted, and it is not until something is gone that we miss it. This was the same with our fellowship meetings. During the time when we were not permitted to attend houses of worship, we could hardly wait till we could meet again.



We thank God that this was made possible, and may we always be grateful for the privileges of worshipping together in God's house.





Sr Elaine Weymark's Farewell

On Sabbath, 13th November, we had a special afternoon meeting at Schofields Church to celebrate and farewell one of our most valued church members. Sr Elaine Weymark has moved up the NSW coast to be closer to her children, and before she left we thought it fitting to spend an afternoon reminiscing on her time with us over the years.

Br Joe Voncina led the meeting, and we were favoured with musical items and personal testimonies from members of the congregation, sharing memories of Sr Weymark. Sr Weymark herself warmed our hearts with stories of her younger days with Br Weymark: how they met;

their time travelling and working across Australia; and then, more recently, her work at Elim Heights and the children's building, and her excitement that the Elim Health Store and Bookshop became a reality and continues to be blessed.

People from both younger and older generations took turns to share their stories of Sr Weymark, and, after 3 hours with hardly an end in sight, it was clear that Sr Weymark had left a mark on all of us over the years. Her kindness, thoughtfulness, and sweet nature has been, and will continue to be, an enormous blessing to all of us.

Following the close of the meeting, Sr Weymark was presented with a beautiful cake prepared by Sr Lidia Voncina and a gorgeous bouquet of flowers put together by Sr Maryanne Stoyko. A farewell gift and card containing messages and signatures from those who were present, was also given to her. We had the opportunity to take photos with Sr Weymark, and then the cake was cut and served for all to enjoy.

We pray for God's continued blessings, protection, and guidance over Sr Weymark in the next phase of her life, and we look forward to seeing her again soon, either in Sydney or to drop by and visit her new place on travels up the coast.

~ Reported by Vivian Cosson









WA Youth Events

Our monthly youth events this year have all been extremely enjoyable, but if I name all of them you all might want to move here, and since there's sooo little space in WA, I will only mention the three most recent ones.

Cake decorating night

After church and young people's, we all made our way to the Payet's house where we enjoyed chatting and participating in a conversation starter game. Once Sabbath had closed and we had eaten tea, we were separated into teams of two, and then the real fun began! We had a choice between twenty round cakes, which Jade made, and some square, shop-bought

sponge cakes. You can guess which ones got taken first. (Jade's). Once we had chosen our cakes and decorations, each team found a spot either on the kitchen bench or the table and got to work.

I will take you on a tour of the Payet's kitchen and dining room. First, we have Team Johnny and Emma crumb coating their cake with black icing! Upon realising that this is not a good idea, and that they don't want their cake to look like a mud puddle with sand sprinkled on it, they opt for a quick fix and cover it with fondant. In the meantime, we have moved on to Team Luke and Kieran at the table and witness some expert plastering being done by Luke. Moving to our right and we see Team Josiah and Cyrus kneading a very suspicious looking lump of green fondant. We are informed that "it's going to be a frog" and withdraw our suspicion. Next up is team Chloe and Isaac artistically placing gold leaf on their cake in the shape of a crescent moon. Next to them is Team Hannah and Jhana, who while attempting to artistically place silver leaf on the sides of their cake. make a permanent addition to the Payet's dining room table. (We were informed that it needed a sand any ways. It's still there though.) We move past this team and see Janina and Imogen, whose cakes are definitely not lacking in decorations. Now we are back at team Luke and Kieran. The plastering completed and a layer of fondant over the cake, Kieran is decorating it with gel pens. Not wanting to squeeze past everyone around the table again, and seeing interesting happenings in the kitchen, we return to team Johnny and Emma. They have now given up trying to cover their mistakes and are decorating the wrinkly fondant with bronze dust. While this is happening, Jade realises that she hasn't made a cake yet, and due to the deceptiveness of a food colouring bottle, dyes some fondant red instead of black. Taking the comment that it looks like a heart as a suggestion, Johnny and Emma insert it into their cake by a skillful, but gruesome operation and announce it "perfect!" They then turn it into a message about mental health. (Consult the picture for details) We now turn back to the table, where Hannah is attempting to create a flower, at Luke's suggestion, on the unadorned top of our cake. Luke and Kieran are making the finishing touches to their



cake and Josiah and Cyrus's frog is looking quite realistic. Chloe and Isaac have finished their cake ages ago and are already cleaning up. Ooops, due to all this excitement I've forgotten about Team Jacques and Michelle. They have made a turtle cake. I'm not sure how the making of it went because there was so little drama involved. Once we had cleaned up as much as possible, we lined up our cakes for a picture. And since it was Jade's birthday the next day, we were all about to sing her Happy Birthday. Then Johnny appeared with their lovely cake, adorned with candles. Jade answered the question on the cake and blew out all the candles except one! We had questions.

Now that all the cakes are lined up, let's review them. Team Chloe and Isaac were doomed from the start to have the fanciest looking cake. Team Johnny and Emma on the other hand won the grossness award. Luke and Kieran have the most fascinating cake and Josiah and Cyrus the coolest. I have to say that Jade's is the prettiest along with mine and Hannah's. (no vanity here) Team Jacques and Michelle's is the most, umm, not cake looking and Janina and Imogen's the most sparkly. All the credit for this event goes to our amazing youth leaders! Also, a big thank you to the Payet's for hosting this event, and for putting up with the destruction left behind.

Youth Social

For this event we were promised a fire and lots of mosquitoes. Who wouldn't want to go? Just kidding, Jade's cooking was incentive enough. With the usual Sabbath program ended we took a walk along a creek and then headed to the Kneebones' house where the social would be held. Upon arriving we all duly admired Josiah's nicely mowed lawn and set up our camping chairs. Once we had set up and sung for a while the sun had set and we closed Sabbath. While we waited for the food to be warmed up, the fire was lit and we, naturally, formed a circle around it. After we had eaten, Chloe, who had promised games, produced a pack of cards, and we were all required to choose one. Written on the back of these cards was a question about ourselves which we had to answer.

At this time Luke and Jade's neighbour had joined us, so we each said our full name, how we were feeling, and answered the question on the card. A lot of us hadn't heard each other's middle names before, and there was considerable amusement when we heard some of the stories behind them. Once we had answered the questions and couldn't laugh any more, we handed the cards back. While doing this we were warned to be careful with them, as they were borrowed. Unfortunately, as one was being passed to Chloe it fell into the fire! While most of us were gasping with horror, Luke saved the day, um, night and snatched it from the

flames. The problem was that it was already half burnt and not much use other than proof that we hadn't stolen it.

After things had wound down and some people had left, we all began to tell of our most embarrassing moments. Some of us had quite spectacular ones, while others, including myself, had only minor things, like being accused of stealing sheet music. While one of our number, vowing not to tell their most embarrassing moment, was compelled to tell it by peer pressure and a campfire, both of which were very compelling. By this time, it was close to ten, so we all thanked Jade and Luke and headed home.

Sushi making day

This is how I believe this event came about. Jade, Johnny and Chloe, the Guildford youth leaders, receive word that Sabbath lunch is being disturbed by Dina's cries of misery when she realises that Jacques, yet again, hasn't brought any sushi. Realising that neglecting to address this problem may end in disaster they hatch a plan which was probably intended to cure us of loving sushi once and for all (it didn't work).

Jacques Payet, being the resident sushi expert, and not having learnt from the cake night, kindly agreed to host this event. We were told to arrive sometime between nine and ten, so naturally, most of us arrived near ten thirty. (Indefinite time setting will always have its consequences) Jacques started with how to prepare the rice. Probably the only thing most of us will remember is how much sugar was in it and Jacques' admonitions of "Don't bruise the rice," "Be gentle to the rice," "Treat the rice with love and respect." Fortunately for us using half the sugar was acceptable. Unfortunately for the rice, our "love and respect" was not quite up to Jacques' level. After Jacques had demonstrated how to roll the sushi, we prepared our ingredients and had a try ourselves. Be informed that eating the equivalent of half a tofu

block and half a cucumber in fillings is not conducive to a raving appetite at lunch time. (Surprise! Surprise!) The rice ran out before everyone had a go, so we all played a game of Articulate while waiting for some more to cook.

During the extremely long game that ensued which involved more yelling than I would like to mention, Jacques and some others made the rest of the sushi and observed from the safe distance of the kitchen. Fortunately for our stomachs a team had won by the time all the sushi was made.

Once we had gathered around the kitchen Jacques demonstrated how to cut the sushi, which can either be done with a cutting frame or freehand. The frame seems to have been more well used, as the freehand sample ended up being in some interesting proportions. Then it was time to eat!

I can safely report to our youth leaders that this event was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved and that our love of sushi will probably need a little more curing. A big thank you to Jacques for teaching us, and for putting up with the aspects of our sushi making that must have hurt his soul.

~Jhana Lausevic

Musical Outreach

To those who may not be aware, a few families with a passion for music and sharing the good news of salvation have been providing online praise. For God's honour and your enjoyment, these are available by clicking the different links below.

Ah-Ching Family Sing-along (fortnightly during lockdown)

For several Sabbath afternoons we have been blessed to join 'Live' for a Sing-along session with the Ah-Ching family together with Br. Isaac Foaese. This has been a time of praise and thanksgiving. During the sing-alongs, Sister Tanya gave opportunity for individuals to request their favourite song, and at future sessions they fulfilled these requests.



Feel free to click on the links below to view these sessions:

- Session no. 1 https://www.facebook.com/events/935592530352975/
- Session no. 2 https://www.facebook.com/events/578546776840917/
- Session no. 3 https://www.facebook.com/events/217941226963236/
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- Session no. 5 https://www.facebook.com/events/394462558830858/
- Session no. 6 https://www.facebook.com/events/373827734398721/

Scripture for Kids - Weekly

The Kneebone family hosts a YouTube channel called "Scripture for Kids" where each week they have delighted many with a song. Most of them are written specifically for the memory verse from the *Children's Treasures* Bible Lesson for the week. The words for the Bible verse songs are taken from the KJV Bible.

Link: https://www.youtube.com/ScriptureforKids

Sounds of Scripture – Weekly

The Tyler family hosts a YouTube channel called "Sounds of Scripture" where they diligently prepare a beautiful musical rendition for each week's *Junior Searcher* Bible lesson memory verse. The words are also taken from the KJV Bible.

Link: https://www.youtube.com/SoundsofScripture

We praise the Lord for these talented families. Thank you to each family member for sharing these very enjoyable musical items of praise to God. We appreciate the sacrifice, time, and effort which each have put into providing these occasions of joy. May God continue to bless their talents and efforts!









Batger Girls Baptism

November 27th, 2021

By Miguel Mendoza

Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

It was a beautiful and a joyful day as we saw three precious souls—Chantelle, Allegra, and Sabella Batger—make a public confession of giving their lives to the Lord in baptism.

The whole program took place in nature at Lal Lal Falls Reserve. The candidates had family and friends whom they invited for the occasion. We wanted to livestream the whole program, but due to bad internet reception we had to record it and upload it later. See link below for full event. The profession of faith was led by Bro. Nathan Tyler, who delivered a message and asked the three sisters a series of important questions on the principles of faith. A special item was presented by the Maranatha Church choir. Recommendations were made by the members as a token of approval for the candidates to be baptised. After that, we closed with a prayer and got ready to step into the water.

After singing the hymn "O Now I See the Crimson Wave," we knelt in prayer. Then I read from Colossians 2:10-12, encouraging the candidates who made the decision to surrender their lives to our Lord. Then Chantelle, Allegra and Sabella themselves presented a beautiful musical item. Then we made our way into the water, and the sisters were baptised one by one, in order of age.

Afterwards, the three shared another special item. It was a unique experience! I felt so blessed to be part of this event, and I give thanks to the Lord for this opportunity. May His name be praised.

Later on, in the picnic area, they were fellowshipped as new members of our church. We had many special items which gladdened our hearts. The three new members were welcomed into church



fellowship, and received lots of special gifts, flowers, and a certificate of their baptism. Finally, everyone had the opportunity

to greet them at the end of the program.

I think we all were blessed to see them declaring that they live now to honour our Lord and Saviour and that they are dead to the world and the things it offers. Let's keep them and their family in our prayers!



A special thanks to our interstate visitors who made an effort to be with us for this important event. The new members of the church really enjoyed your presence with us.

Special message from the girls:

From a young age we were taught to pray and have full dependence upon God for daily needs such as food and money. In New Zealand we experienced miracles in situations which were impossible to get out of, such as when we had absolutely no money and yet God provided milk and bread for us as He did with George Müller. Jesus has done so much in our lives as He died for us, provides us food, shelter, life, an amazing family and so much more! The least we could do for Him was to give Him our hearts that are broken and dirty. After all He has done for us, He still wants to make us clean. He gave His life to give us ours, and now we are free! The least we could do was to publicly declare our love for Him, which lead us to be baptised.

Although we have chosen to be baptised at such a young age, we encourage everyone, whether old or young, to take a step for God. In the Scriptures we are told, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12. Jesus has promised us that "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" Matthew 10:32.

Wherever you go, we challenge you to put on Christ for others to see His love shining out of you. If you stand up for Him as Daniel did, He will stand up for you before our heavenly Father. Baptism isn't the end of your walk with God; it is the beginning of living life through Him. This is the time when Satan wants your soul the most, and it is at this time and forevermore when you have to pray with zeal to your best Friend for guidance. If anyone would like to follow Him "let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23.

God bless you all

Chantelle, Allegra, and Sabella

You can watch all the program on the following YouTube playlist link: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3oSBMV3DgYCkk3zn0L4tlvJT9VKzA7sR

Literature Campaigns Continue

Last year the churches in New South Wales put together a new leaflet advertising the book *The Great Controversy*. Over half of the initial print run of 40,000 copies has been distributed, with over 20 copies of the book being requested.

A new feature of this leaflet is the inclusion of a QR code that leads to an online form to request a copy of the book.

This design is now in use in South Australia as well, with 20,000 leaflets printed and requests now coming in.

Several families have sponsored leaflet distributions in their own areas, either by letterboxing themselves or sponsoring post office drops, which are organised by our office. If you're interested in doing this, please contact the office and speak with Tanya.

Canvassing Report from South Australia

The Lord has blessed the canvassing campaign in Adelaide with two teams of two—four servants to preach the gospel with the silent messengers. Effective canvassing is conducted every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30pm till 5:30pm in the Adelaide suburban area.

The work the Lord can do in the short period of a couple of hours and in one street is amazing and wonderful. We go out onto the front line two by two and go door to door armed with the health message and the message of salvation. We have a short community survey consisting of five short questions inviting the people we meet to participate in several programs, including a five day stop-smoking program, vegetarian cooking classes, Optimise Your Brain seminar, video game addiction recovery program and more. We also offer Bible studies by correspondence. Flyers are handed to the people when the programs are accepted.

When the person has answered the survey questions, we then offer them free books which are made into a pack. These packs consist include literature such as *Steps to Christ*, *What Really Happens After Death* and *Wake Up to Wellness*.

We also offer magazine style books in exchange for a small donation: *Plants That Heal, Foods That Heal, More Choices* cookbook, The Great Controversy, *The Desire of Ages* and several children's books. These are usually sold from \$10-\$15 each, we also ask for a small change donation.

Occasional canvassing is also conducted during free days or when presenting colporteur books to friends, neighbours, relatives, classmates, coworkers, etc. Plans are also afoot to set aside one Sunday per month for the whole church to go canvassing together. This will be accompanied by some training lectures to prepare.

May the Lord continue to bless this very important work.

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time." Colporteur Ministry, p. 6.

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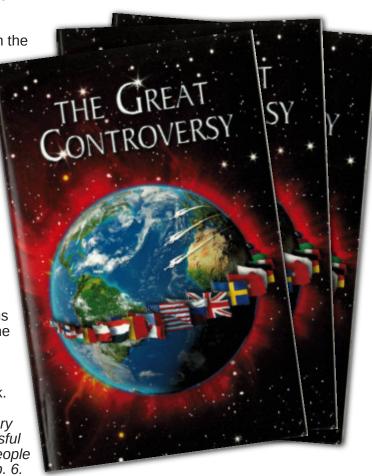
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Camponotus Kids Day Activity

Jindabyne - 27 December 2021

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." Proverbs 6:6.



After much preparation and anticipation, it was time to hold our very first Camponotus Kids ev-ANT.

Many parents came together with their children and camped at the Alpine Village in Jindabyne. The program for over 20 children between the ages of 5 and 12 took place on Monday 27th December 2021.

The day started with a prayer and the children learning the first verse of their "Camponotus Kids" theme song. This was followed by an icebreaker activity so the children could get to know one another, continue to develop social and communication skills, learn to take turns, and listen and be interested in others. A story and spiritual lesson was shared with the children, where they were helped to understand what 'diligence' means and how it affects those around us. Each child received a booklet which contained the story "Little Corners," and this session was finished by all singing the song: "Jesus Bids Us Shine." We thank Jane Wiseman for her wonderful drawing skills in illustrating this booklet.

Another 'get to know you' activity was held before a craft session took place, where the children made an ant from spoons and pipe cleaners. During this activity the children learnt what a carpenter ant is and why they are called a carpenter ant. It was explained that just like the carpenter ant is a little thing that can do big things, so they are little people that can do great things for Jesus. The ant carried a quote in its mouth: "Jesus can do big things through little things."

It was time to get moving again, so the children enjoyed orienteering. During this activity, they learnt about compasses and learnt direction by using landmarks. They learnt to be observant about the world around them. They also learnt to watch for landmarks when walking in the bush and to be aware of changing environments and how they can use this to guide them.

The weather was perfect for the outdoor activities prepared. These included an obstacle course, skipping and a ball game. During these activities the children were encouraged to challenge their gross motor skills. When lunchtime came, they were more than ready for it!

Another hands-on activity took place where the children made slime by mixing corn flour and water together. Many lessons were learnt by this experiment, and the children truly enjoyed playing with the slime. When a fluid's viscosity is constant it is referred to as a Newtonian fluid. Slime is an example of a fluid whose viscosity is not constant; it changes depending on the stress or forces applied to it. It was then time to clean up, and with this activity the day was concluded. Dinner once again was very welcome.

We praise God for enabling us to hold this ev-ANT and for the fellowship that we all shared with one another.





Philippines Cyclone Appeal

In December 2021, Typhoon Rai, a powerful and catastrophic tropical cyclone, devastated communities in the Philippines, with a reported 1.5 million houses damaged or destroyed. Many church members' homes were lost or severely damed in the destructive winds. Several church buildings were also damaged or lost, including houses of worship in Gabi-Ubay, Tayasan, Liburon and Mandatag.

Funds are needed to assist in the rebuilding efforts. It is estimated the cost of rebuilding and repair to be about 2.4 million Philippine pesos (around AUD \$65,000).

If you feel led to donate any amount large or small, please help our brethren in the Philppines to rebuild their homes and lives. And please pray that they may be of good courage and able to be a blessing to their local communities as well.

How to Donate

To support this appeal, please donate through your local SDARM congregation or deposit directly:

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Reference: Cyclone Appeal











In Loving Memory of Nikola Popovik

14.05.1956 - 05.11.2021

Adapted from the eulogy read at the funeral of Br. Nikola Popovik.

We thank God for Nikola's life and remember him for what he was—a truly lovely person: generous, righteous, positive, with a great sense of humor, caring and always putting others before himself.

Nikola was born into a happy family. Both Nikola and his only sibling, his sister Olga who is six years younger, were born in Skopje, the capital of Republic of North Macedonia, at the time part of Yugoslavia. Nikola was the first child and the first grandson in the Popovik family, thus was named after their grandfather Nikola, respected and known in the community among other things, for establishing the first intercity bus transport in Macedonia in the 1920s.

Nikola's extended family in Skopje was large as both parents had five siblings each. At childhood birthdays there could easily over 50 guests, all family.

Nikola was an exceptionally intelligent, hardworking, and creative person. His father Dragoljub Popovik, a chemical engineer and professor of Organic Chemistry at the University in Skopje, and his mother Rada Popovik, a pharmacist were role models to both Nikola and Olga.

Nikola trained as a chemical engineer. After finishing his degree in chemical engineering, he also completed an additional Master's in biotechnology, investigating the qualities of different types of Macedonian-grown apple species. His first job after finishing his degree was at a chocolate factory in Skopje, where his changes to the production process improved the work conditions for the workers as well as the product quality. After that he worked in a chemical/pharmaceutical industry where he was involved in complex chemical analysis ensuring product quality.

Nikola decided to emigrate to Australia after his father passed away in 1987. He came to Australia in 1989 alone, with no family or friends to welcome him here. Everything was different: climate, culture and values. Soon, however, Nikola got a job at Victoria University of Technology, as manager of the biotechnology lab.

In 1991, the war in Yugoslavia started, and Nikola was concerned about the safety of his family there, because of the possibility of the war spreading to Macedonia. He invited them to Australia, and his mother took up the invitation. Nikola and his mother got on well, and when she became ill, he looked after her until she passed away in 2000.



Nikola was very good at keeping in touch, even though he lived on the other side of the globe. He would visit most of them when travelling to Macedonia. He tried especially to be there for his sister Olga, particularly after their father passed away.

Nikola loved the outdoors. He lived near a mountain/hill in Skopje that was 1060 meters high. In the spring, summer and autumn months, on Sundays, he would climb to the top sometimes with friends, often with his cousin Vladimir, and sometimes his sister Olga would also come along. He cycled long distances in Skopje, even to work; he continued to go on walks and cycle here in Australia with his friend Chris and a few other colleagues and friends from Victoria University.

In everything he did, Nikola was like that: once he decided on something, there was nothing that would stop his determination. He always put others before himself. Even when he was very ill he was worried about how we all were. For those who were ill, he looked for ways to help and support. Nikola was a calm and patient person. He loved people and was there for everyone.

Soon after Nikola came to Australia, he became a Seventh Day Adventist, and his mother also joined the church. Some time later he became connected with the SDA Reform Movement. He was a faithful supporter of the fledgling church in Werribee.

Always an avid student, Nikola would often have something to say about what he was studying in the Bible. Knowing the truth was important to him, and he was constantly searching for new insights.

Nikola was a great fighter and fought fiercely against his illness, since the day he was diagnosed. He remained positive and had faith. Nikola was operated in 2018, and several times he had different chemotherapy treatments, but he also tried all recognised therapies as immunotherapy, integrative medicine therapies, as well as many herbal therapies. In 2018 Nikola had been diagnosed with

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stage 4 cancer, which typically only gives the patient only 3-4 months to live. Nikola's fight gave him three years, but unfortunately not longer.

Nikola's close friends Alida, Geoff, Miguel and many others have been a huge support to him. They were his family here supporting him in both making important decisions and in practical things. During his illness, his friends regularly came

by to see him or phoned to talk to him and check how he was. Whether it was taking him to hospital, making soup, shopping or discussing things, they were there. He was surrounded by love and care.

Although living far away, many kilometers away, Nikola and his sister shared a closeness up to the last moment. The talked together regularly, and in the last 4 years of his life

since he became ill, they spoke every single day.

A close friend Aleksandar, originally from Macedonia, now living in Wollongong, stayed for 6 months with Nikola to support him while Nikola was on chemo. Gina and Georgi from Canberra, his cousin Vladimir and wife Violeta, and his nephew Ognen from Skopje were great support too. Their love and frequent calls several times a week meant a lot to Nikola, especially during his illness.

During his illness Nikola met Valentina and Zoran who became his and my friends, through whom he learned about many of the therapies. In the last few weeks before Nikola passed away, Valentina came to see Nikola every day. She talked to him, brought food and looked after him. On the 5th November as Nikola was not answering Valentina's calls, her husband Zoran came to Nikola's house and found that he had passed away.

Olga last spoke to Nikola on the 4th of November. They were both excited and happy that she had been granted permission to travel to Australia to visit him. Unfortunately, it was not to be. He passed away only few days short of her arrival.

Nikola's state had deteriorated rapidly over the last two or three weeks. He fell after he had dropped his









car off at a garage that is nearby to his house. He was taken to hospital where he was kept for a couple of days. On his return home Nikola had to have oxygen 24 hours a day, and his condition deteriorated rapidly over the course of only two weeks. Alida, his close friend who has been a great support throughout Nikola's illness, told how unwell and weak Nikola looked after coming back from hospital.

Nikola will remain missed and loved by many people whose life he had touched. Family and friends here in Australia and back home in Macedonia will miss Nikola very much.

We echo the words recorded by the prophet John, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." (Revelation 14:13).

We are indebted to Br. Nikola's sister Olga for much of the detail in the above life sketch. Olga currently lives in Denmark with her husband Jens and daughter Sofia.

In Loving Memory of Lydia Kraus

14 June 1935 - 25 December 2021

In the book of Colossians (3:12), the Bible tells us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For us, this is how we see Lydia Kraus touching the lives of all who knew her.

Born on 14 June 1935 in Wilhelminenort, in a fertile agricultural region of east Germany, she came into the world as a blue baby, born in the hay, during the busy summer harvest.

Mum was the third of 5 children born to Gustav and Johanna Mulitze, the others being Gerhard, Ruth, Gustav and Elisabeth. She also grew up with her half-brother Hans and his grandmother in the childhood home. Mums' early life was very happy. The Mulitze parents and grandparents were loving Christians and the siblings were very close. Mum loved to visit her grandma (Oma) Anna Mulitze to see her smiling face and listen to Bible stories. Mum's father Gustav operated a successful woodworking business making all sorts of furniture, tools, and toys. Even skis and violins were part of his skill set. Mum fondly remembered going into the forest with her father to knock on trees and select the right one that would be crafted into a violin with the right acoustics.

Her father was also a gifted musician, and the love for music pervaded the Mulitze home and remained an important part of Mum's life to the very end. She enjoyed church music best. We loved to hear her sing, play piano and guitar with feeling, and we children also took the time to learn and enjoy music. The lessons of precision Mum learned from her father she applied to all things she did, whether it was cooking, sewing, or ensuring the design and construction of the family home were just right. Mum's mother Johanna was a woman of strong faith and many talents. She spent much of her premarriage life attending to the affairs of a wealthy Jewish family in Berlin and yet was able to quickly transition back to farm work when she came home for visits. The ability to connect with people and provide emotional support were all part of the example she set for her family while her enterprising skills were particularly valuable during the difficult war days and post war period when food and safe shelter were not easily obtained. We believe Mum valued and carried with her that same resourcefulness and the ability to understand and empathise with people.

Mum realised as a young girl that faith and love were important. The family experienced persecution because her parents felt it was not right to enroll the children into the Hitler Youth or allow them to attend school on God's day of rest. Furthermore, they did not fly the Nazi flag despite pressure from neighbours to do so given their proximity to a local

war memorial.
Mum said that
she learned
the importance
of living by
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this.

Mum also believed that God protected her and spared her life many times. One of her tasks was to collect the mail from the post office, a 2km



round trip by foot. Mum took great care to time her trip to avoid being outside when the air raid sirens were on; however, on one occasion just after she emptied the mailbox and started for home, an aeroplane suddenly appeared from nowhere and opened fire. Mum fell flat to the ground as the bullets flew all around her wounding and killing people and destroying homes, but she was untouched. Mum believed that God spared her life during that unexpected air raid.

Life changed dramatically on the night of 20 January 1945. Mum's parents were woken by a knock on their window at midnight and told to leave home immediately. They did so, later finding out that a Nazi raid had been planned for the following day which would have annihilated the family. After a short stay with relatives, the family again had to flee by train due to the approaching battle front. As the extended family approached the station the scene before them was one of chaos with the station overflowing with desperate people all trying to get a train out before the area would be besieged. As they joined the frenzied crowd, Mum, who was nine years old at the time, lost grip of her mother's skirt and was separated from her family by the pushing and shoving. In terror she saw the pram carried above her mother's head going further away as unfamiliar faces pushed past her. Paralysed with fear and crying bitterly, a man picked her up, asked what platform she needed and pushed his way through the crowd, miraculously delivering her into the arms of her crying mother, just as the train started leaving the platform. Mum always thought God had sent an angel to save her from being a "lost child" of the war.

The family eventually found refuge in Kelheim, Bavaria near the Danube River. They remained there

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after the war as the family home was now no longer in Germany – the borders had been changed. Post war life was hard with strict rationing, but Mum's mother was resourceful, taking the children with her to pick berries and mushrooms in the forest to supplement their diet and taking on farm work in exchange for wheat and potatoes. Mum would say "Though we were sometimes hungry, we never starved – God was good to us."

Mum had an adventurous spirit. At the age of 13, she accepted an offer from the Red Cross to have a working farm stay in Switzerland to build up her nutrition. Her six-month planned stay was extended multiple times because she was so helpful to the host family! Her duties included milking cows, delivering the milk to the dairy and caring for the infant children. Mum stayed three and a half years!

Upon returning to Germany, Mum took up a sewing course and then the canvassing work under the guidance of an older lady (Sr Humple). Initially they went together, and then they did a trial where they would split up and meet again at the next street. Though only 17 years old, Mum was confident enough to visit the American army barracks and offer the books there. She got talking with a soldier who showed an interest in the literature. He called his friends over, and soon they bought everything she had which left both Mum and her mentor amazed. They canvassed many German towns together and had more wonderful experiences but also some confronting ones. Having been taught never to pass a door, Mum met a lady who dealt with the occult. She had been invited inside and given a special stone to hold to "feel the power." Mum honestly said that she felt "nothing at all" and safely left the home, thanking God for His power and protection.

Mum attended a Youth Convention in Austria in 1956 where she met a young man called John who had a camera and offered to send photos to those who wanted copies. Lots of the youth requested photos, but only Mum received a letter along with the photos asking her to write again. A correspondence started, and Mum learned that John was planning to emigrate to Australia. Their time together had made a favourable impression on them both so Mum continued to correspond with Dad for the next two years after he sailed to Australia in 1957. When she received a letter from Australia inviting her to marry him, she prayerfully considered the matter and consulted her parents. Her mother looked at the globe to locate where Australia was and almost fainted when she realised it was literally on the opposite side of the world. They asked if she felt it was God's will to go so far away—to which she said, "Yes." "Then go and praying hands will be behind you," was their reply. She bravely left family and friends on a journey to the other side of the world to a country she knew little about, which spoke a language she did not know, and to marry a man she only met on one occasion with the knowledge it was

likely they would never see her family again international travel being so limited and expensive at the time.

Mum arrived in Australia on 26 January 1960 and married on 29 May 1960. Ever since they were married Mum and Dad were a team, and we children also felt included in everything. In the early years Mum and Dad shared their home with Dad's sisters. cousins and other migrants until they could find their feet. They learned the language and got to work. Mum worked as a sewing machinist at Anthony Squires – men's apparel - until just before Garry was born. When we children were teenagers, Mum returned to work as a petrol station attendant. The relationship with the petrol station owner developed to allow all of us to be involved in some way which provided valuable work experience as teenagers. If needed, Mum would put her own money into the till to ensure her shift balanced at the end as she felt that was the faithful thing to do.

Mum and Dad made home life simple and happy. Home and garden activities became part of our weekly routine; though we were not always willing workers on their organic patch, we did enjoy the fruits of our combined efforts and learned that good things take time and bring satisfaction.

Church activities and regular family holidays made growing up together a joy and blessing. Mum and all the family made lifelong friendships with people met during these trips throughout New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia. Mum and Sonya also shared a special mother/daughter trip to Western Australia to see the wildflowers in bloom and reconnect with family and friends. Then, after nearly 30 years, a trip to Europe was possible—a



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wonderful time to see Mum's father and siblings and extended family as well as old friends. New friendships blossomed too during more overseas trips to Europe, North and South America and South Africa.

Every birthday brought us together in a special way, and Mum's sponge cakes are a tradition we will miss. Mum was a wonderful cook and baker. Her green bean soup is still a family favourite, but all meals were delicious. We all took turns choosing the special Sabbath meal and dessert which Mum would prepare every Friday afternoon.

Mum's kindness and hospitality was appreciated by many visitors to our home. Often interstate and overseas visitors would stay after camp meetings, and groups of youth would come for dinner and a sleepover before or after their outings.

Mum was at her best in her role as a caring mother. Truly the work of a mother is greater than that of a king, and our mum holds a special place in our hearts. The births of the three of us were difficult experiences. Garry was very premature, the pregnancy with Sonya was complicated and Harold unexpectedly came along 14 months after Sonya as an oversized child. All of this took a toll on her body.

Mum had an endearing leadership style. A balance of firmness and love. She moulded our faith and sense of responsibility. Mum's heartfelt prayers were something we will never forget—we went from wishing they were shorter when we were children to cherishing the comfort and strength her prayers brought. Her church family were also included in her circle of love and prayers. Many people have shared how she encouraged them with her kindness and wisdom.

Mum thoroughly enjoyed being a grandmother. She liked to see and hear the grandchildren doing presentations at church and spending time together enjoying their lives, even when it was just to sit and watch them playing in the pool. She was always ready to answer their questions and hear their stories. Days before passing away, Mum found a ripe passionfruit on a vine in the garden of the rehabilitation hospital, and instead of enjoying it herself, she insisted on giving it to the grandchildren to share. It was to be one of her last selfless acts.

Mum's health journey has not been an easy one. In her mid-40's she developed asthma and suffered from many bad asthma attacks which resulted in several emergency visits to hospital. This triggered our move to a rural setting away from traffic and fumes which significantly improved her breathing.

Many additional health challenges were to come her way over the years. Mum developed osteoarthritis



and later experienced a mild stroke in October 2014. During this time, it was identified that she also had heart problems. Mum came under the care of a cardiologist who treated her and organised surgery in 2017. She recovered well but in late April she had a heart attack. God worked a miracle to restore Mum to us after she went into multi-organ failure, and she continued to praise and thank Him each day for the "bonus time" granted. She bravely rose above increasing frailty and frequent pain, remaining strong in spirit and love. Dad and Mum became particularly close during this time as he selflessly cared for her, and they reminisced about their lives together. It was sweet and precious time for them and all the family.

In November 2021, Mum had surgery to remove two skin cancers which were very painful. The surgery went well, but during her recovery in rehab, she developed a chest infection. Mum continued with rehab, but her body weakened to the point that she was unable to overcome infection anymore. She passed away peacefully with her mind clear and her faith as strong as ever. Her parting words to us were, "Be faithful."

What do we continue to cherish from Mum's life? We will always cherish the example that she set on what it means to be a Christian. She embodied compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. We will also cherish the lessons learned at her knee - the importance of being hardworking, resourceful, and being faithful in the little things. But most of all, we will continue to cherish her example in praising God throughout all circumstances of life, no matter how difficult life may get. We know that through faith and prayer, God will help us bravely meet life's challenges. And finally, because of our mother, we will always know that the greatest power on Earth and in Heaven is Love.

~ The Kraus family

In Loving Memory of Grace Barnett

14 June 1930 - 28 December 2021

Grace Jean Barnett passed away on 28 December, 2021, aged 91 years. She was the third daughter of Ted and Violet Burley, born on 14 June, 1930 at Miles, Old. Grace's young life was spent on properties in western Queensland. Living in the country, social and church life was limited, but thanks to one older sister, an interdenominational Bible study group was conducted but unfortunately later closed down by the Church of England minister. An SDA colporteur visited the Burley dairy farm where he helped with the milking and after dinner would canvass his books and read the Bible. The Burleys joined the SDA church after these visits. The family moved to Nambour when Grace was 14 years of age. Grace's parents were keen for Grace to be able to start work and also attend a local Seventh Day Adventist church. Her father found her a position to learn the dressmaking trade, which continued to be her passion for the rest of her life. She attended the Yandina Seventh Dav Adventist church where there were many young people who became lifelong friends. The minister helped her to attend youth camps where she met her husband of 59 years, the late Alva Lincoln Barnett, who passed away in 2009.

During 1960, Br CP Haynes and Br S Rendell visited the Barnett Family and held many Bible studies, introducing the Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement and its history. The Clayfield SDARM group officially welcomed this young family with five children to their congregation in 1961. For many years the Barnett family faithfully travelled the 200km round trip every second Sabbath to

worship. Rain, hail, or shine, including floods, the regular attendance happened. In this time another son and daughter were added to complete the family.

Grace is survived by her seven children, 15 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Grace was a very practical, nononsense mother and endeavoured to teach her children to work so that they would be able to care for themselves when they grew up. She also taught them to have a love for God and to live according to the way of life set out in the Bible and the Ten Commandments. Knowing God loved her, she was sustained sustained even in her last hours, praying for comfort and forgiveness. Grace was looking forward to that time when there would be no more sin and pain but the wonderful joy of seeing the Lord come in all His glory at the Second Coming. Her greatest wish for the future was that all her children and descendants would have the same heartfelt desire so that we can all be together again, but this time, in heaven.







Schofields Children's Sabbath School Renovations

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." Deuteronomy 6:6, 7.

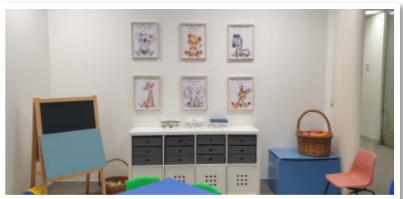
For some time, the children who are studying *Children's Treasures* lessons at Schofields Church were having their classes in the dinning room of the AUC Office.

A decision to divide the current Sabbath School room into two separate rooms by separating the current room through the middle was made. Work was immediately put into action, and with the help of Brothers Keith Robertson and Joe Voncina the work was completed so that Sr. Lidia Voncina could finish with the painting.

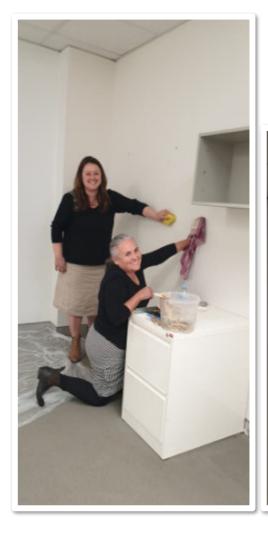
Now the children are enjoying their own spaces where they learn their lessons and do their Sabbath school activities.

Thank you to those who helped in getting these rooms ready.













Victoria Youth Cook-off

On November 21st, the Victorian youth had an amazing day.

Thanks to the help and organisation of sister Martha Barat, they were able to participate in a "Youth Cook-off."

We used Sr. Martha's kitchen to be able to run the program, and young people were divided in teams according to recipes. The cook-off theme was "Italy." Teams formed were, Pasta team, Pizza team, Gnocchi team, and Tiramisu team (yes, Tiramisu is an Italian dessert).

Every group had to prepare their meals from scratch. They had to use their skills to come up with ideas on how to prepare the recipes. If you are wondering whether Mr. Google was permitted to be used or not... well, yes it was, but sometimes only. So, the youth had to be creative, very creative.

Each team spent a few hours preparing such delicious meals, and you can see the result in the pictures. At the end, we had the chance to taste of all the meals. They were so good. We said that we would vote on the most delicious food, but it was too hard to decide, so we decided that everyone won.





As we are well aware of being in-and-out of lockdowns in this field, we thought it was a good idea to keep the youth bonded by involving them in different activities. We pray that our Lord may help us remain encouraged and active through these uncertain times, and especially the young people, in order for us to be united and active as never before.



Upcoming Events



Victoria Camp

Date: 15-18 April, 2022 Location: Seymour, VIC

Contact: Miguel 0410 640 787



New South Wales Camp

Date: 10-13 June, 2022 (TBC) Venue: Elim Heights Youth Camp

Contact: Paul 0414 495 838

GC Online Seminars

Dates: Every second month Online at www.sdarm.org

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