



KILLARA DISTRICT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Dear KDCEA Supporters,

Term 3 was an exciting and tumultuous term filled with joys amidst challenges. I trust that this newsletter may help you grasp God's work in reaching our next generation of young people in Killara High School (KHS) and Lindfield Learning Village (LLV). I pray also that this newsletter may energise you for what is planned for term 4.

1. What's happening at KHS and LLV?

- The Year 10s at KHS have been exploring the question: "what does a complete or full life look like?" The stage 5 curriculum on this topic worked really well for year 9s in the previous term, but there wasn't the same level of engagement or interest with the year 10s on this topic. That being said, there was one lesson that went really well, as we contrasted the claim of a full and complete life that this world offers, with the true full and complete life that Jesus provides.
- The year 7s and 8s explored how God worked to build his church in the Book of Acts. In addition to these lessons, the students and I have had an opportunity to delve into some deeper questions about the Christian faith. This has been encouraging to see, as students are thinking more deeply about the things of God. Furthermore, there are a few new students in the year 8 class, which has changed the dynamics of the class in the positive direction.
- The secondary students at LLV have struggled in terms of attendance, but the students who do attend, are very engaged. It is a delight to open God's Word with them to see that the Christian hope we have is not in vain. One of the key features that stood out this term was the Biblical picture of the new heaven and the new earth, and how we can have full assurance of eternal life because of what Jesus has already achieved on the cross.
- The K-2 class at LLV have loved singing this term. One of the joys of this term was seeing them get excited to sing God's truth. The students learnt about Jesus' desire to seek and save the lost through Luke's gospel. A key highlight in Luke's gospel was the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus; the students really seemed to understand the profundity of Jesus saving someone who was undeserving.

2. Term 4 Updates

In term 4, I (Koh) am teaching history in a rural school as part of my last teaching placement at university. As such, I won't be teaching SRE at KHS or LLV this term. However, with the help of Henri, Michael, Paul, and Jon, all of the classes are covered in my absence. I thank God for all of these men who have a conviction to reach the lost in our schools. I particularly thank God for Paul and Michael for taking my class load while I am away, for without their additional help, many gospel opportunities would have been lost.

3. Prayer Points

- Pray for the next generation of Christian students that they might grow in courage and grace to speak the truth in love to their friends at school.
- Pray that God might work by his Spirit to change the hearts of those who have no interest in the Bible.
- Pray for Henri and Michael (KHS), as well as Paul and Jon (LLV) as they teach SRE that they will grow in their clarity, faithfulness and love.
- Thank God for the fact that we can still consistently teach SRE in public schools here in NSW.
- Thank God for the many local churches that support KDCEA so that these teenagers can have an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.

4. Financial Partnership

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 - Killara District Christian Education Association, PO Box 359, Lindfield NSW 2070 (**Note our new postal address**)
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By way of conclusion, let me quote Hebrews 12:1-3 to encourage you to keep running the race that God has marked out for us:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

May our eyes be fixed on our Lord and Saviour, the only comfort and hope in life and death, as we seek to reach those who are still strangers and enemies of God.

On behalf of KDCEA,
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