

NEWSLETTER

Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Christian Education Association Inc.

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REFLECTIONS on 2012

It's too easy! The local schools invite the local churches to teach the Scriptures to their students once a week. All that is asked is that the content of the classes be authorised by the relevant religious body. There is no impediment, a few common sense guidelines and access is not only allowed but encouraged. It has to be the one of the best provisions given to churches in NSW. Through, cooperation, organisation, generosity and hard work the opportunity is grasped with both hands.

2012 was a challenging year at Pennant Hills High. With a decrease in student numbers the Association's Executive made the difficult decision to reduce the teaching capacity to one full-time teacher. This meant that we were to terminate Grant Howard's employment with us. We thank Grant for his years of service and are sorry to let him go. We pray for him and his family.

The changing of the timetable at Pennant Hills High also presented a challenge to us. We were faced with having to staff multiple classes held on Monday at the same time. This required volunteers to provide teaching for those classes. We appreciate the help of Jonathan Lamb (PHBC), Geoff Everett (St Matt's), Katy Craknell (Vineyard), Mitch Forbes (TCBC), Laura Bradley (St Agathas), Rick Hall (St Marks) Pete Fellows (TCBC) and Peter Murphy. It was difficult to find people and John Haines worked tirelessly to ensure that most classes were covered.

In 2013, the school has found a way to timetable the classes at different times. So normality has been restored. We are grateful to the school executive for their understanding and efforts in improving this situation. Graham continues to teach at Pennant Hills. He has earned the respect of the teachers and students.

In 2011 Peter Murphy suffered a severe workplace injury to his hand. We are thankful for answered prayer and that his hand has almost fully recovered. Peter has now taught at Cherrybrook Technology High School

longer than most teachers there. He provides a consistent witness and quality Christian Studies program.

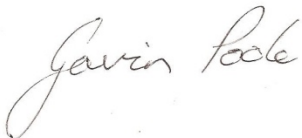
Many thanks go to our committed Executive. They work hard liaising with the schools, providing support for the teachers, communicating with the churches and managing finance. I am grateful for their support.

The annual dinner was a highlight with the opportunity to celebrate the work of the association and meet many of our generous supporters. I hope we can continue this tradition. We look forward to another dinner late in the year.

During the year two of our valued members, Alan Hohne and Harry Edwards died. We offer our condolences to their widows and thank the Lord for their commitment to the association and great example they left us. We praise the Lord for the hope of the resurrection.

On a few occasions we came close to running out of money. With prayer and appeal to our supporters this crisis was averted. So once again we kept our head above financial water.

There is a lot of work and time that goes into providing Christian Studies in the local schools but it is worth the effort.



Chairman

PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for the resources that are available to assist the teachers as they bring the good news of Jesus Christ.

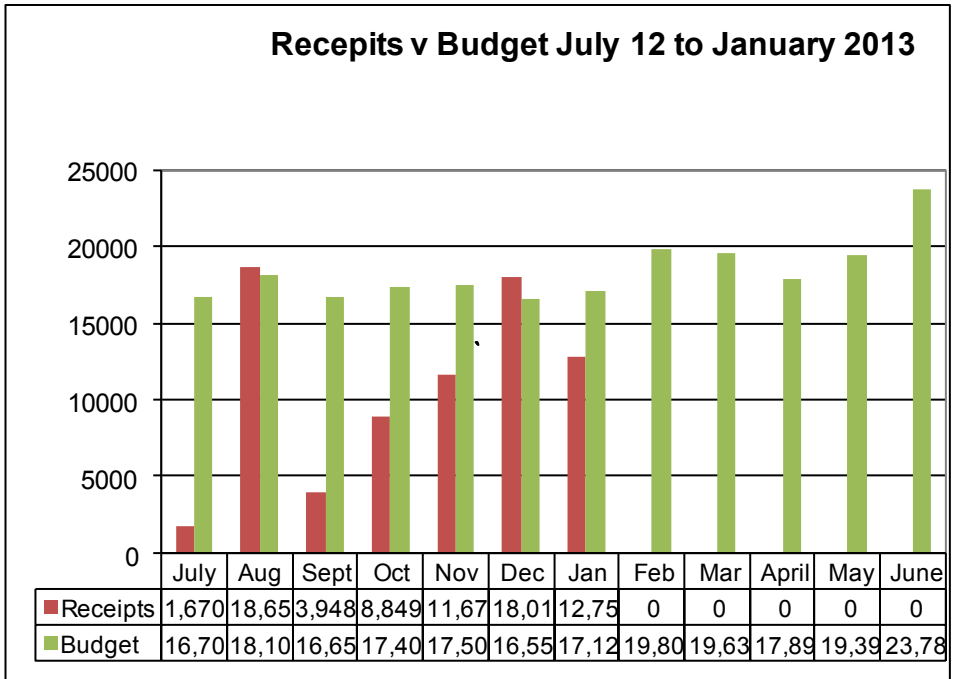


- Give thanks for the students who asked for Bibles.
- Give thanks for Special Religious Education timetables in both schools.
- Give thanks for the provision of the finance needed each year.
- Pray for the lunchtime student groups as they start the year with new leaders
- Pray that discipling in Jesus name will grow in both importance and effectiveness in the school student body.

TREASURERS REPORT

As at the 28th of January 2013 we have \$22,624.44cr in our Cheque Account, \$2,086.19cr in our CCMT Account and \$20,110.20 in a Term Deposit (maturity 8th of March 2013). The Term Deposit includes a provision of \$18,892 for LSL Leave Liability as at 30th June 2012.

Monies received in this financial Year to January 2013 total \$75,570 short by \$44,506 to budget as at January 2013. Our Annual June Appeal Target this year will need to be **\$120,000** to cover our Budget of **\$220,592** for the Financial Year Ending June 2013.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our faithful supporters who give each month by direct payment into the association's bank account.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on treasurer@phccea.org.au if you have any questions.

Yours in Christ
Elizabeth Morrison

How can I help SUPPORT.....

Special Religious Education in our local High Schools?

Financial Support:

- Become a Pledge Partner and contribute \$50 per month, or \$..... per month, or
- Make a One Off Donation.

All donations \$2 and over to PHCCEA are tax deductible. You will need to provide your address so we can send you a receipt.

Three options for making payments

- Payments can be direct deposited:
Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Christian Education Assoc.inc.
Commonweath Bank BSB: 062-225 Account Number: 0090 3146
- Cheques can be sent to the address below.
- Complete and mail the credit card slip to the address below.

Please debit my visa/mastercard for \$..... once off/monthly
Starting from(date)
Card Number _____ EXPIRY __ / __
Cardholder Name: _____
Signature: _____

Prayer partner

- I would like to become a PHCCEA Prayer partner. Please email me monthly prayer points or urgent prayer points if needed.

Quarterly Newsletter

- I am interested in receiving PHCCEA quarterly newsletter by email.
My email address is.....

Skills:

- I have skills eg marketing/administration/webpage design/
publication/ other that I would be
happy to contribute to PHCCEA on an occasional basis for advice or
short projects as needed.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone Number/s.....

Email address:.....\

Church:.....

Please give this completed form to the PHCCEA contact in your church, or send it to: "PHCCEA" PO Box 346, Pennant Hills NSW 1715 or email information to: secretary@phccea.org.au