

The Chef who Teaches Scripture

Matt Guidon



Matt & son Mirco step out of the kitchen for a moment at our 10th Annual Dinner

In 2003, after a compelling call at church for more scripture teachers, I began at Boambee Primary School. Little did I know that this ministry would grow on me to a point where it has established itself in my life as a part of my very being.

Since 2011 I have been teaching the yr 6 classes at Narranga. I attempt to connect with the children on a personal level and try to improve on this every year. My enthusiasm is fuelled by the interest the children show in SRE with only one or two (even none) not taking part.

At this age the children are like sponges absorbing the truth of the Gospel. One of my main objectives is to make it contemporary and relevant to their lives without in any way watering it down. I love to involve the children in a bit of discussion after a biblical story or use an object lesson to illustrate a point.

Towards the end of the year I have concluded with an appropriate movie, and also presented them with a Christmas card with a recent memory verse along with one of my choc-chip cookies. My idea is to create a memory that lasts.

SRE is an unbelievably powerful outreach opportunity. The Scripture teachers are held in high regard at Narranga. I give God the glory for this and want to continue to honour Him with my service.

I would also like to encourage anyone with children close to their hearts to consider even just helping out as an assistant teacher. There is personal fulfilment in telling our state school children about Jesus and his present and eternal plan for them. These children are often very much removed from anything to do with God, and SRE will make a crucial difference in their lives.

Matt takes time out of his catering business to teach scripture and donates his services as chef for the CCSM Annual Dinner

Is God Real?

Erica Butler



That is the number one question the year 7 kids at Orara have this year. Is he real? How do you know he's real? Why do you think he's real? Then there are a third of the kids who think that God is real but they have very little contact with church. What difference would it make if God was real?

How do you know that God is real? Dave and I share about the wonder of creation, the voice in their hearts, the story of Jesus and the experience of millions of people over the last 2,000 years – how lives have changed and people have found meaning and hope. We don't often hear the penny drop, but we do see children pausing to wonder about things they have not had the chance to think about before.

We are settling in to our new fortnightly routine at Orara, and amazed at how often we have really good times in our six period days. Dave's obvious passion and gifting are a great blessing. There has been a great response from the new year 7s.

Please pray that the penny drops for these children, that the love and goodness of Jesus becomes real for them.



Kororo Primary Kindergarten Classes

Patty Westhuyzen



My husband and I moved to Kororo from Brisbane towards the end of 2012.

I felt God was calling me to use my experience and skills to help spread His Word and share His love with children.

I was so excited to go to my first training morning and discover that a scripture teacher was needed for Kindy classes at Kororo. I was also blessed by the Lord in the provision of a helper, Shirley Shannon.

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The staff has always been so welcoming and helpful and the children are a never ending source of joy!

The material provided is easy to use with loads of great ideas, my only complaint being that half an hour is too short!

What a wonderful privilege and honour it is to be free to go into our public schools and share the love of God and the Good News about His Son with children who might otherwise never have the opportunity. May we all continually pray for God's safe-keeping of His scripture classes in our schools.

NEXT PRIMARY TEACHER TRAINING MORNING

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Bray Street, Coffs Harbour

Thursday 17 July, 9am-12.30pm, with Cheryl Clendinning

Darren Gray in all four high schools

The first term of the year has been quite a busy one. I'm really enjoying my time at all of the four state high schools and I've met so many terrific young people. The word of God is being well received and I am thrilled that so few students are choosing to opt out of scripture. I am being blessed and I pray students are too.

Even so, I am seeing some disturbing trends that need God's intervention - some show a lack of respect for teachers and each other, and some do not appreciate the gift that education is in this country. Please pray for peace in students' homes and a positive response to the authority of their parents, their school and the law.

You and I can take heart and be encouraged in this ministry that we all are part of because God tells us in his Word that he is in control and he works even we don't see it or when we are simply done for the day. Philippians 1:6



says: God began doing a good work in you, and I am sure he will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again.

God has started a work in these young people and I am trusting him to continue.

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Treasurer's Report for January to March 2014

Guy Butler, Treasurer

	2014 Jan-Mar Actual	2014 Jan-Mar Plan	2014 Jan—Dec Plan	2013 Jan-Dec Actual
Income	22,928	23,817	95,268	85,839
Expenses	26,013	28,696	95,268	104,147
Net Assets	16,990	15,197	20,076	20,076

Once again, I'll begin with a big THANK YOU to our financial supporters. Our income from donations for the first 3 months is up by over \$8,000 over the same period last year. This is great news! Our expenses for the year to date are below plan, but this is due to the timing of actual expense payments being different from our plan.

The last 2 columns show our financial plan for

this year and our actual financials for last year.

After considering a number of factors, the board reluctantly decided to reduce the amount of high school scripture teaching we offer. This explains the drop in planned

expenses for the current year.

Our income plan is simply the income we need to meet our expense commitments.

So, please keep up the giving. Whilst there is a long way to go this year, the start is really encouraging.

Thank you again for your support.