

Treasurer's Report to 31 May 2019

GUY BUTLER

	5 months to 31/05/19 Actual	5 months to 31/05/19 Plan	5 months to 31/05/18 Actual	12 months to 31/12/18 Actual	12 months to 31/12/19 Plan
Income	34,790	39,190	33,218	95,436	101,639
Expenses	48,178	50,560	50,565	94,545	101,639
Net Income	-13,388	-11,370	-17,347	891	—
Net Assets	24,736	26,199	29,282	38,124	38,124

I must begin with the customary big THANK YOU to our Lord Jesus and our financial supporters. It is such a blessing to see the ongoing and consistent faithfulness of the support we receive.

As in recent years, income from donations has slowed down in April and May compared to the plan. When I draw up the planned income for the year, I simply calculate the monthly average donations we need to receive to match planned expenses. I have checked back over the last 11 financial years, and in 8 of the 11 years, donations have followed a pattern of dropping in April / May before taking off again in June and onwards (the wonders of computers and spreadsheets!).

Our expenses this year are lower than plan to date. I take account of when expenses will occur; so the board is confident it has expenses under control.

What is the message of all the above? Please pray for our finances, and please keep on giving as you feel led!

The doorway for bringing the Christian message into our schools is still open, and for many children it will be the first time they get to hear about our wonderful Lord and Saviour Jesus. Please keep up the giving so we can continue to make Him known.

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Bonville Pupil Returns as SRE Teacher

PETE LAGETTIE

I've been teaching the 3/4 and 5/6 SRE classes at Bonville Primary School since term 4 2018, taking over from Deb, who had taught there for ten years. To anybody thinking about SRE teaching, I would encourage you to jump through all the hoops and go for it. This has become one of the most rewarding parts of my week and it is a real privilege and a worthwhile role!

Bonville Primary was my school as a child in the 1970-80s and so it was meaningful for me to be back there. It is so very important a service to tell little minds about the good things that God is and what He has done, to be able to input good life skills and attitudes and to reinforce the good behaviours the classroom teachers are training into these young people.

It is a wonderful opportunity that the Department of Education is giving us every week. We should be grateful to and pray for the parents who permit us to tell their precious kids about this loving God we know and trust and give them a balance for later life.

I would encourage you all to keep plugging away and say like Nehemiah... 'I am doing a great work and cannot come down'... Nehemiah 6:3b Amplified Bible



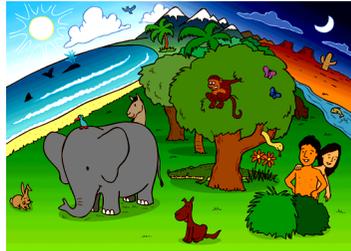


The Bible is Relevant to Children's Lives

NEVILLE BROWN AT NARRANGA

I consider it one of the greatest blessings to be able to present Christ to the children each week and to show the relevance and connection of the Bible to their lives even though these events took place several thousand years ago...

... if it is presenting the Creation story, letting the children know that there is a God who loves them and to whom they are accountable...



...or showing how the story of one girl, Miriam, is relevant to them because



God promised a Saviour and at one small point in human history – **their history**, one little girl stood in the gap as people tried to stop God's plan...

...or how God used Gideon, the least in his house, in the least clan of his tribe, because it is not all about us but it is all about God and how He can use each one of us.



As SRE teachers, we are supported with easy to prepare material and excellent combined churches training through CCSM.

We are authorised by our denomination and local church according to Department of Education procedures.

There is a joy in serving with my fellow SRE teachers & praying together for this valuable ministry.

Neville Brown has been teaching at Narranga Primary School for four years, currently teaching four classes of yrs 1, 2 and 4.



Teachers wear up-to date authorisation card to school



News from Coffs, Orara, Toormina and Woolgoolga High Schools

DARREN GRAY, HIGH SCHOOL SRE TEACHER

Well... the elections are all done, the wheels of government keep on turning and although scripture is always a hot topic, we continue to build momentum in 2019.

There has been a bit of administration confusion surrounding year 7 being opt in this year. This has taken some months to sort out, but we are now on track and will be all organised for a smooth transition into 2020. Please continue to pray for all our class numbers, but particularly year 7 into next year.

Numbers across the board are holding steady and, in some grades, are increasing. Schools by and large recognise and appreciate our faithfulness. SRE teachers are commended for their reliability and flexibility. These are sought-after qualities in a school environment and are highly regarded.

"Please pray...for yr 7 into 2020"

With half the year done, I am enjoying lessons at each school and building rapport. I had a particularly good lesson on growing in the fruits of the Spirit with a year 10 class recently, which ended with a student saying, "This is great advice, and surely everyone would want more of each of these things in their life. Why haven't I heard of this before?" I explained that sadly, although brilliant advice, because it comes from the Bible it is often not known of or not passed on because of its source. She exclaimed, "Does it matter if it's from the Bible? If it's going to make us better people, we should all do it!"

Couldn't have said it better myself.

