



Treasurer's Report to 31 August 2019

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	8 months to 31/08/19 Actual	8 months to 31/08/19 Plan	8 months to 31/08/18 Actual
Income	65,928	65,951	63,074
Expenses	67,636	73,614	69,963
Net Income	-1,708	-7,663	-6,889
Net Assets	36,416	29,567	39,675



A very big THANK YOU to all our wonderful supporters – to those who pray for us, to those who volunteer with us, and especially in my role as Treasurer to those who support us financially. CCSM simply could not do what it does without each of us taking our part as we are able and feel led.

In line with previous years, the last 3 months have seen a really encouraging increase in the level of donations. This is definitely a reason to pause and thank the Lord.

Included in the income line is the surplus of \$1,700 from the Supporters Dinner in August. I hope you agree with the board that the change in format did not adversely affect the night. The positive is that it generated some useful funds. Our expenses remain well under control.

As we plan for next year, it is reassuring to the board to know we have your continuing support. Our healthy net assets position encourages us to be positive in how we respond to opportunities that present to us.

Please pray that the board makes the best decisions for next year, and that we receive the financial support we need to faithfully execute these decisions.

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CCSM NEWSLETTER

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Schools Urged to Stick to Enrolment Process on Religious Education

From christiansre.com.au

New education department enrolment forms for 2020 require principals to ensure each parent is supplied with an SRE enrolment form and preference form at the same time. Each school administrator is then required to actively seek the return of both forms to ensure that each child's needs are met.

Christian SRE spokesperson Murray Norman said they have evidence that some schools are ignoring the policy, potentially robbing parents of this important choice.

"If a parent doesn't want religious education for their child that's their choice. However, if they didn't even have the opportunity to choose because they weren't provided with a form, the school has denied them that right by stealth."

"We are calling on all schools to make sure the correct forms are provided to each parent, not left on a counter or stuffed in a child's school bag. Furthermore, schools need to be proactive in chasing up forms not returned."

He said SRE providers and volunteers have been asked to check on each school where SRE is available and make sure the processes are being followed.

"If they are not, we want to hear about it and so do thousands of parents across NSW."

In two recent media polls, Australians clearly demonstrated that the majority of parents want religious education in state schools, while independent research has found that almost 80 per cent believe that schools should be a safe place for students to explore deeper questions of faith and belief.

"...parents want to be able to choose religion for their child."



CCSM Supper replaces Annual Dinner



Chairman Keith McPherson and Assistant Secretary Caryl Martin explained Supper tickets cost less and raise more funds for SRE. Soups, breads and desserts were delicious



Jenny Newans' yr 1-4 students enjoy simple dramas and dress-ups

Keith introduced three primary teachers. Ten volunteers took part in Jenny's mime of Peter's amazing escape when the angel broke Peter out of jail, with props. Dressups didn't fit adults but enthusiastic acting compensated



Pat Harwood uses clever creative props



to teach Bible verses to K-yr1 students



A professional musician and teacher Adrian Penny uses music, movement and tech skills in large assembly classes. He is currently designing programmes for wider use — watch this space

"I'm his sheep" - we danced and sang

Year 7 enrolments in 2019 and 2020

We've been doing as Christian SRE asks (page 1), speaking with principals about collecting ALL parent letters for 2020, with parents giving their YES OR NO to SRE as part of the enrolment process.

CONFUSION OVER 2019 ENROLMENTS

Some schools gave these new parent letters to students already enrolled in 2019 to take home; we don't know how many made it home and back to school. Sadly, this means that Kent's yr 7 classes at Orara and Darren's yr 7 at Woolgoolga began very late and are pitifully small. Darren explained this administrative confusion (as well as societal pressures) but also gave us some good news.

THE GOOD NEWS

- * For the first time ever Darren will teach yr 11 students at Toormina next year!
- * Darren has extra yr 8, 9 and 10 classes and we are asking for yr 9 classes at Orara for 2020.
- * Our CCSM curriculum for yrs 7-8 has been authorised by the NSW Baptist Association, and we have purchased a PeaceWise curriculum for yrs 9-10 and Jesus the Game Changer for yr 11. God is supplying all our needs!



Kent Cheney related high-school students' faith questions

Three volunteers for Darren's demonstration of a game to teach that preconceived ideas may not always be right

