

# CCSM NEWSLETTER

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## Looking Forward to 2018 in High Schools

DARREN GRAY

2018 is here as we are presented with a delightful dilemma in our High Schools... more students to teach! This year through the power of prayer and by the grace of Jesus, we are looking at being able to reach more students than we have for a little while.

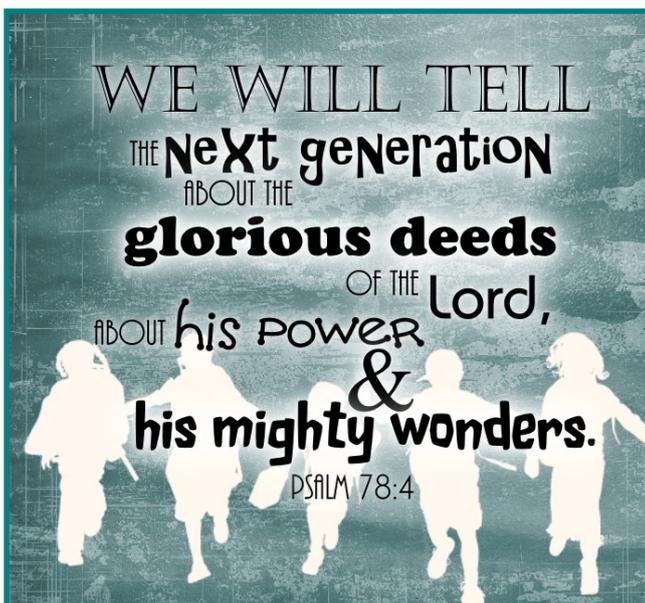


One of our local High Schools has welcomed our request to teach an extra grade. How incredible to be invited to share more about the kingdom of God! We're not quite sure how it will all work, but that is why we are a faith-based ministry! I am confident that God who began a good work in Coffs Coast schools will see it continue until the day of His return. Be encouraged that despite our political

climate and the threats of the enemy, we know who has the victory.

There has never been a more exciting time to be a Christian in Australia and there has never been a bigger need for the truth of God to be in our schools.

Please continue to partner with us in 2018 and spread the good news of what God is doing through CCSM.



# Applying the Bible to Students' Lives

KENT CHENEY

The opportunity to teach the yr 7s and some of the yr 8s at Orara High School in 2017 was something I valued and enjoyed. So I look forward to continuing, and to teaching extra yr 8 classes in 2018.

What a privilege it is to share the Bible, God's Word, with a generation who seem to know so little about its message and its power to transform lives now and forever.

The Bible "thoroughly equips us for every good work." (2 Tim 3:17). Hence my hope in teaching scripture is that young teenagers can be thoroughly equipped for everything God has in store for them. I pray that these students will learn not only Bible truths and how the Bible points to Jesus, but also how it applies to their own lives in 2018.

I pray they will see God's Word as alive and active - exposing their innermost thoughts and desires (Heb 4:12).

Please join me in praying for these students to see the beauty of God in his Word.

It is an honour to know so many people are praying for us.



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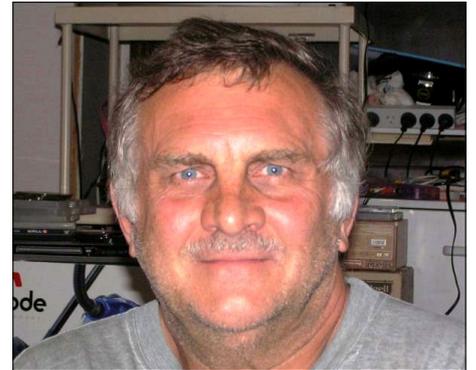
## New Primary SRE Teacher Enjoys the Job

RAY WICKS

From my time in Primary School I remember Rev Robert Johnson, an Anglican minister who taught us Scripture. He left good memories of God's grace and love. I particularly remember how he made me feel special by answering any questions and listening patiently. The messages he gave stayed with me and shaped my life. Today I have kept the faith from the seeds that Reverend Johnson planted.

As I grow older, I believe that every child should have the same opportunity. I love children; they give us joys and challenges. I have been teaching for eight months, currently in Toormina and Sawtell Public schools. I have five year 3-4 classes, about 100 students.

A bit nervous when I first started, I quickly found that the students like to be involved in the lessons. They are co-operative and are enthusiastic volunteers, reading prayers and singing. I find myself being moved when they ask genuine questions about God, and by insightful comments from students and sometimes staff. It is a joy when students are happy to see you and talk to you.



*Could this be a season when God asks you to teach scripture or help with administration?*



# Treasurer's Report to 31 December 2017

GUY BUTLER

	12 months to 31.12.17 Actual	12 months to 31.12.17 Plan	12 months to 31.12.16 Actual
<b>Income</b>	103,954	91,716	94,653
<b>Expenses</b>	87,337	91,716	85,875
<b>Net Income</b>	16,617		8,778
<b>Net Assets</b>	46,578	29,961	29,961

2017 has been and gone, and yet again I have to say a very big thank-you to our Lord and to his people who so generously support the work of CCSM.

Early in the year the year, the board was concerned that financial support might be slipping, but your generosity in the second half of the year has put us \$12,000 ahead of our plan and over \$9,000 ahead of last year. To know that we have this level of support is really encouraging when so much in the media seems to be marginalising Christianity.

Expenses were less than plan but slightly up on 2016, as we kept costs under control whilst allowing for some inflation. Overall for the year we had a surplus of income over expenditure of \$16,617, and net free assets at yearend of \$46,578, a very healthy financial base as we look ahead and plan for 2018.

So a big thank-you again for all of your support in 2017, and please keep it up in 2018. We still have an open door to present Jesus and the Christian faith in our schools. Let's make the most of it!

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