

In 2018 CCSM again facilitated scripture teaching in 20 primary schools and four high schools with 47 teaching teams involving 58 teachers, teaching approximately 3,150 students in 146 classes.

TEACHER TRAINING: In January a committee of four primary teachers and Lynda Mulder planned the Primary Teaching Ideas Workshop scheduled for 31st January. In the event, Lynda was unable to attend, but Elgar Starkis and Grant Geytenbeek brought Biblical times to life with their on-screen displays of historical, archaeological and Google Earth pictures. Pat Harwood demonstrated creative memory verse props and Jenny Newans showed easy dress-ups for the simplified mimes she writes for her students.

A first was the webinar of GodSpace trainers at Epping on module 5, Biblical Foundations, with ten CCSM teachers at Sawtell Uniting Church. On 25 July Lynda Mulder conducted update training on The Learner and the Teacher, Classroom Management and Duty of Care. Seventy teachers attended in February and 58 in July. Training was also delivered using GodSpace DVDs and accompanying booklets.

Darren Gray and Kent Cheney completed online training required by their approved providers. Darren also attended Woolgoolga High School staff training days. Teachers are supported by elected board members at the high school committee meeting once each term.

AUTHORISATION: High school and primary teachers updated WWCC, child protection and approved provider authorisation expiry dates. Our signed approved provider cross-authorisation agreement was emailed to schools along with required information for DoE NTBE checks.

CURRICULUM: With the imminent retirement of Steve Spence, who had authorised our high school curriculum for Coffs Harbour region, CCSM purchased the Anglican Think Faith curriculum. With classes up and running, our teachers struggled to summarise and adapt its material to Coffs students' needs. In August we submitted our own curriculum for yrs 7 and 8 to Baptist Churches of NSW for authorisation and with the assistance of two retired State high school teacher Board members, Caryl Martin and Colin Clulow, edited it as required, with final approval coming in February 2019. The already authorised PeaceWise curriculum has become our 2019 curriculum for yrs 9 and 10. The primary curriculum is unchanged. Scope and Sequence documents for primary and high school curricula for 2019 are to be found at:

<https://nswactbaptists.org.au/authorised-sre-curriculum/> and at www.ccsm.org.au

PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITING PROGRAMMES were provided in three schools by QuizWorx in March and in five schools by Christian Community Middle School in November.

THE ANNUAL DINNER in August was mutually encouraging for teachers and the 130 supporters who attended.

WEBSITE: PackWeb was employed to upgrade and maintain our website.

NEWSLETTER: With rising printing costs for our quarterly newsletter, Northern Beaches Anglicans and Sawtell Anglican Church took over newsletter printing from term 3 with minimal costs to CCSM, thanks to Leone Hanger and Keith McPherson.

At a **CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** for Christian SRE and All Faiths at Parliament House in November SRE's value to Contemporary Society was recognised by the Minister for Education and the Shadow Minister as empowering student decision making, creating a safe place for students to explore deeper questions of faith and belief, strengthening multiculturalism and having psychological benefits – auguring well for SRE in 2019. Lois and Ed Drummond received an award from the Minister for Education in recognition of their outstanding contribution to providing SRE to students in New South Wales

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-- Lois Drummond, Honorary Secretary