

WHO IS JESUS?



"Why do you think it is important to study the question, 'Who is Jesus?'" This is a question that I have been asking my Year 7 students this term, as we begin to look at the life of Jesus. Is it just because Christianity is the largest religion in the world? Is it because he is considered important to both Christians and Muslims, who make up more than half the world's population?

I think it is the various responses people have to this question that makes it important. 2000 years ago, many Jews wanted him to be a successful revolutionary, overthrowing Roman

rule, but he resisted such a populist kingship, dashing their hopes when he was executed on the cross. Today, many people see him as a great teacher, who offered advice for life, but you choose whether to listen.

Yet as the Year 7 students work their way through the gospel of Luke, I pray that they will see that he came to overthrow a much greater power than the Romans, and that his teaching is something that no one can ultimately live up to by themselves. They will be challenged by seeing his authority to forgive sins, His authority over nature, over death and disease, claiming to be God, which he demonstrates powerfully, by rising from the dead!

Please pray that students would consider Jesus' claim to be God, for themselves, and accept him as their Lord and Saviour.

Tony Jones, SRE Teacher, NBHS

PRAYER POINTS

Normanhurst Boys'

- Give thanks for the number of Year 7 students in SRE, and that they are very keen to discuss and ask questions. Pray that they will read their new Bibles, especially Luke's gospel.
- Pray that Year 8 students see that the Bible, is one story that reveals Jesus as the Serpent Crusher, and give thanks for students asking more insightful questions.
- Pray that Year 9 and 10 students will be see that faith in Jesus is based on solid evidence and reason, and that only in Jesus is true joy found.

- Give thanks for the boys who come to the Christian group, 'Connect,' and pray it would continue to grow, with more from Years 9 and 10.

Hornsby Girls'

- Please pray for good class dynamics, and that students will feel comfortable to discuss, and ask questions.
- Pray that Christian students will see the opportunities in class to share their faith, and take initiative with leading discussion and serving their non-Christian friends.
- Pray for wisdom in knowing best how to challenge students, especially at the start and end of the lesson, where I hope to hook them in and then get them to apply what they have learnt to their lives.
- Thank God for the growth in the Christian group, 'Highlite,' and for the enthusiastic leaders. Pray that more year 7 and 8 students will attend.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR NEWS! – June 2023

The budget for 2023 is \$120,000 of which \$30,000 has been received by the end of May! Please pray that many will be enabled to respond with generosity to this need.

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**Glenys Porter,
NCEA Treasurer, June 2023**

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