

The Bible – One Single Story!



One of my great joys in teaching SRE is in helping my students understand how **the whole Bible** is a single story, that **points to Jesus as our Saviour**. In Terms 2 and 3, Year 8 looked at the story of the Old Testament, beginning with Creation and The Fall. When Satan speaks to the woman, we see a pattern of sin established, she SEES the fruit, DESIRES it for what it offers, and so TAKES it for herself. This See-Desire-Take pattern then becomes a test for others. The boys in Year 8 began to recognise the pattern. Beginning with

Abraham and Sarah, who seeing that they have no child, and desiring to fulfil God's promise, take Hagar to use for themselves. Then in others such as David, who sees Bathsheba and desires her, so takes her for himself, or Jonah, who sees that God is offering forgiveness to the Ninevites, but desires their destruction, so takes himself away from Nineveh, albeit unsuccessfully. Finally we reach Jesus, who is shown by Satan things desirable for him. Yet Jesus refuses to take these things for himself, trusting instead in the goodness of God and his word, therefore passing the test and going on to fulfil the promise of a perfect saviour, who crushes the head of the serpent. Thank God for Jesus who passes this test on our behalf, and that the boys in Year 8 can see how this is who the whole story of the Bible points towards. **Pray that God will give them understanding, and they will put their trust in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, as a result.**

Tony Jones, SRE Teacher, NBHS.

PRAYER POINTS

Normanhurst Boys'

- Pray Year 7 students would ask good questions as they are confronted with the need to answer the question, 'Who is Jesus?' for themselves.
- Give thanks that Year 8 students are remembering the key ideas taught from lesson to lesson.
- Pray that the boys in Year 9 would recognize the compelling evidence for the truth of the resurrection, and reflect on what that means.

- Pray that as Year 10 look at 'Worldviews', they would recognize their own beliefs and bring them into line with a Biblical worldview.
- Pray for the new leaders of 'Connect' to grow in their ability to lead well, and to faithfully teach the Bible as they disciple the younger students.

Hornsby Girls'

- Pray that I'll be devoted to studying the Bible for myself and sensitive to God's leading as I prepare this term's lessons.
- Pray for strong and positive relationships with students and staff.
- Pray that God will bless Year 9 as they have their last full term of lessons. Pray that they'll be engaged as we consider what the Bible says about the future and what it might mean for them.
- Thank God for our three new enthusiastic Highlite leaders. Pray for wisdom, courage and vision as they learn to lead Bible studies, care for others, and manage their time.

FINANCIAL NEWS – October 2022

Thank you to all of you who have so generously supported NCEA this year.

The budget for 2022 is \$120,000. At the end of September \$86,000 had been received for which we give grateful thanks. This leaves a need for the provision of \$34,000 by the end of this year! Please pray that many will be enabled to respond with generosity to this need.

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**Glenys Porter,
NCEA Treasurer, October 2022**

