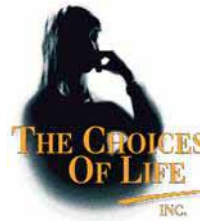


FROM TASMANIA
Calvin Primary School Newsletter
in Kingston Tasmania.

"Yesterday our Year 6 students took part in an enthralling session by Mr Bruce Coleman. The students were shown models, photos, images and scans of babies from conception to birth. The session fits perfectly into the "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" program that the Year 6's are just beginning. The students will revisit some of the information during term 2. This session will be good to look back on during that time."

From Adrian Bosker, Head of School



Choice News
 Positive perspectives on Life Events



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**VICTORIAN AND TASMANIAN VISIT— OVER-
 WHELMING!!**

While I was in Hobart I was asked, "Are you overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problems in our society, especially in the area in which you are

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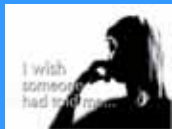
working?" When we look around, the problems are many and varied, and can be overwhelming, Our young people are receiving mixed messages and for them many of life's choices can be overwhelming. However, after a brief reflection on all the encouragements of my week in Victoria and now my week in Tasmania, I had no need to be overwhelmed or discouraged. A small team is developing in each state and before me is the challenge to coordinate and provide the training they need to be effective in supporting the ministry of Choices of Life in the schools.

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It has been a thrilling and humbling experience to see God open doors into schools in Melbourne, Ballarat, Castlemaine, Bendigo and Hobart with many opportunities awaiting for return visits. Even more exciting has been the team of capable potential presenters who, after further training, will be launched across Victoria and Tasmania. There were also a number who wanted to provide the administrative support for those who actually speak to the students. Sonja drove 4 hours from Deniliquin (in south western NSW) to be at the training session in Melbourne with 3 others and Suzanne drove 4 hours from Wynyard to join 4 others at the training in Hobart. I have also met others who want to be involved in future training as well being informed regarding the Choices of Life. The excitement and encouragement of so many has been overwhelming.

Thank you to those who have actively supported the Choices of Life as it expands into new areas—there is no doubt that this positive message of life is wanted and needed across this nation.

A very special THANK YOU to Peter and Jenny Stokes at Salt Shakers (our dinner speakers) who sent emails to their supporters and printed advertisements in their Journal—the response from their readers has been encouraging. Interest has also been expressed from Queensland!

After each junior presentation, emphasizing the absolute wonder of life before birth, the students are asked to complete a questionnaire. It stands in contrast to the seriousness of the senior survey. It asks: Did you enjoy the presentation? When did your life begin? What is something you learnt today that you didn't know before? Would you recommend this presentation to your friends? Has this presentation helped you appreciate the wonder of life? Here are some responses from some Year 6 students. The presentation is also appropriate for Year 7 and 8 students.

Female student responses

It educates people for the future—I learnt about how we are all unique. There is an amazing amount of detail in me at the commencement of my life.
That the baby inside the womb can dream and hear voices.
It's a very interesting way to learn how you came to be here today.
My friends would want to know what they did when they were in their mother's womb.
That I was there from the beginning - I was put here for a reason.
I know how wonderful life is and I am proud of my Mum.
It helped me to accept who I am—I am wonderfully made.
It helped me understand and learn all the trouble God went through to create us.
It taught me that unborn babies are more special than they seem.
Life doesn't really begin on our birthdays.

Male Student responses

That I was conceived first and then I was born after 9 months which means life begins before 9 months.
You explained it to us very well, funny and enjoyable.
It helps you to grow up and think seriously. You explained it so well I want to share it with my friends.
I didn't know I was that small!!!
How God and my mother cared for me as I was being developed.
We start from a single cell and turn into people.
It was a good presentation - the right words for our age were used.
Helped me appreciate human life more.
I had a great time learning and watching the presentation.



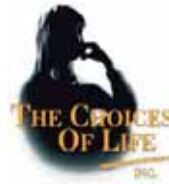
Bernadette's book, *Brave Little Bear*, is available from Choices of Life for only \$20 including postage.

More details about Bernadette's mission and ministry can be found on www.bravelittlebear.com.au

NSW APPOINTMENT DIARY (in addition to schools)

- May 5 to 8— Pastors' Annual Conference for the Anglican Diocese of Armidale
- May 8—Combined Churches meeting in Gunnedah
- June 1—Sydwest Asian Christian Church, Cabramatta
- June 3— Sydney Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church
- June 5—Penrith Ministers Fraternal
- June 21— Annual Dinner and Celebration of Choices of Life
- June 29—Revesby Congregational Church—combined church service with the Padstow and Georges River Congregational Churches.

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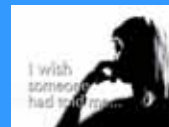
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Bernadette Black is 31 years of age and is married to Steve. They have three children. That's nothing unusual. However their eldest son, Damien, is already 15 years of age.

Bernadette found herself pregnant at 16, in year 10 at a private Catholic school. She acted against the advice of some around her and made the wonderful decision of choosing life. For her abortion was never an option. She tells her story in a marvellous book called the *Brave Little Bear*.



Damien and Bernadette Black

Bernadette and Steve live near Hobart and she frequently speaks to young people in schools. She brings a Christian message of hope and inspiration to thousands of young people every year and clearly demonstrates that with God all things are possible. She does not encourage teenage pregnancy, nor should it be the end of their hopes and dreams.

(See back page for ordering details)

HOW TO PRAY FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Before each speaking opportunity pray for:

- open minds and hearts to the message of life—understanding of the truth—
thank the Lord for the opportunity to be in the school

After each speaking opportunity pray that:

- the message will impact their lives and choices—that God will work in their hearts to bring them to know Jesus Christ more personally

PRAYING EACH DAY

1. Praise God for the amazing opportunities that opened up in Tasmania and Victoria. Pray for the right time for a return visit.
2. Pray for those who attended the presenter training in Victoria and for direction in their involvement. Pray for Vicki, Fiona, Sonja and Rachel.
3. Pray for ongoing contacts emanating from the Pro-life Expo held at Maroochydore (Queensland) on April 23. Praise God that Julie Jordan was able to attend on behalf of Choices of Life.
4. Pray for those who attended the training in Tasmania—for Brenda, Suzanne, Naomi, Sherrin and Geoff—and for Jacqueline who expressed an interest in being involved.
5. Pray for the pastors as they hear about Choices of Life at the Sydney Presbytery meeting (June 3) and the Penrith Ministers Fraternal (June 5).
6. Within one week of the training in Hobart, three of the volunteers were in need of medical treatment. Two of these were because of motor vehicle accidents. Pray for the safety of those who are at the forefront of saving the lives of the unborn.
7. Pray for the opportunity to speak to a combined churches meeting in Gunnedah (NSW) on May 8. Pray for Vince Wall and Jason Barker as they organise this meeting. Pray for open hearts to the message of life.
8. Pray for the opportunity to speak to the Year 7 Scripture class at Cambridge Park High School (Western Sydney) on May 19 and 26. Praise God for openings into government schools. Pray for more!
9. Pray for those who are still awaiting a further opportunity for training in Sydney—Amanda, Judith and Jenny.
10. Pray for the Armidale Diocese Anglican ministers (on May 8) as they are encouraged to be more involved in, and preaching on, life issues, including counselling of those in need because of past life-changing decisions
11. Praise God for the enthusiasm of Mary and Sheree as they seek to contact schools on the Blue Mountains west of Sydney. Pray for them as they are facing particular personal challenges at the moment.
12. Pray for open hearts for the students at St Philips Christian College (Cessnock) and Singleton Christian School on May 21 and 22.
13. Pray for the Year 11 students on our first visit to Magdalene Catholic College, Narellan (NSW).
14. Praise God for the opportunity to speak at the Ballarat Christian College and the great encouragement of the staff under the outstanding Christian leadership of the Principal, Mr Kerry Hutton, and the pastoral Care Coordinator, Mr Trent Loader.
15. Pray for the final preparations and planning for the Annual Sydney Dinner on June 21. Pray for all those who will take part.
16. Praise God for the faithful leadership of Phil and Jan Chapman at the Olivet Christian School in Castlemaine and their warm welcome.
17. Praise God for Brenda who worked tirelessly to organise the week in Hobart and to provide transport to the many appointments including a radio interview and 5 school classes.
18. Pray for the ministry of Peter and Jenny Stokes and Salt Shakers as they 'help Christians to make a difference'. Praise God for their enthusiastic support of Choices of Life.
19. Pray for Praise God for the ongoing freedom to visit schools and speak clearly about the sanctity of human life. Pray for the impact of the Word of God in their lives.
20. Pray for John and Elizabeth Nelson, Assistant Principals at Heathdale Christian College in Melbourne. They opened the school for the training days in Melbourne and have been an enormous encouragement.
21. Praise God for the opportunity speak about Choices of Life at Werribee Baptist and at a church fellowship in Geelong. Praise God for their excitement about the message of life and hope in the schools.
22. Pray for the Annual NSW Dinner (June 21). Pray that it will honour the faithfulness of God and not our achievements.
23. Pray for darity in presenting the pro-life message to the mainly Vietnamese congregation at Sydwest Asian Church at Cabramatta ((NSW) on June 1.
24. Praise God for the 10th return visit to Chester Hill North Primary School (June 4). Pray for an impact of the vale of life for the staff and students.
25. Pray for the Year 12 (all boys) ethics class at Holy Cross, Ryde (NSW). Pray for open hearts and minds to the message of the value of life. (May 23)
26. Praise God for the many young people who have a conviction about the sanctity of life and have a desire to be obedient to God in their relationships.
27. Pray for return visits to Wyong (June 10) and Berowra (June 16) Christian Schools. Praise God for the support of many schools in NSW.
28. Pray for David and Sherrin in Hobart. They have a passion for pro-life issues and desire to be involved in Choices of Life.
29. Praise God for *Your Choice*, an organisation under the leadership of Iain Smith, seeking to impact the protestant churches in Tasmania regarding the sanctity of life.
30. Pray for the combined Congregational Churches service at Revesby (June 29). Pray for minds and hearts open to God's Word.
31. Please pray Bruce as he coordinates an enthusiastic team of volunteers and presenters in three states