

Focus on Today's News

This week has been *National Missing Persons week* throughout Australia. The aim of the Week is twofold:

1. to raise community awareness of the issues and impacts surrounding missing persons
2. to raise the focus for those who are missing

In 2008, the focus is on young people as a significant group at-risk of going missing. Out of the estimated 35,000 people who are reported missing each year, approximately 20,000 are under the age of 18. Overall, a person in our nation goes missing every 15 minutes. While over 95% are located within a month, the impact on families, friends and the missing persons themselves can be devastating.

There are various issues associated with people going missing including escaping from violence, bullying, drugs/alcohol abuse, depression and rebellion. Communication plays a vital role in preventing young people from going missing and potentially finding them once they have become a missing person. As such, the motto for 2008 campaign is "*When communication goes missing, so does our youth. Don't close the door to communication*".

In Australia the rate of missing persons is as high, or higher, than that of road traffic accident deaths and suicide. While the high number of missing persons is significant, it is equally disturbing to learn that for every missing person about 12 people are affected. This includes family members, friends, work colleagues, and community members. "*Therefore, in any one-year in Australia, 360,000 people feel the effect of the missing persons phenomenon*".

As a Christian community we grieve with those who are the friends/family of missing persons and we try to reach out a hand to help. Please join with us in prayer for the missing:

Almighty God, may you watch over those who are missing. Let them know how much they are loved. Keep them from harm's way, and protect their soul from temptation. Strengthen them in body and soul on this journey, and provide them with the necessities. Please guide them in what they do, and, if it be Your Will, lead them back home to their loved ones. Amen.

—Stephen

Today	Next Sunday
9:30am <i>SoulCare</i> Stephen Cathcart <i>Missing Persons</i>	9:30am <i>SoulCare</i> Stephen Cathcart <i>What Matters the Most</i>
9:30am <i>Praise and Communion</i> Richard Oakes <i>When of Prayer</i>	9:30am <i>Praise and Communion</i> Richard Oakes <i>Why of Prayer</i>
10:30am Morning Tea	10:30am Morning Tea
12:30pm <i>Korean Community</i>	12:30pm <i>Korean Community</i>
7:00pm <i>Connect @ 7</i> Jeff Deuble <i>Sharing God's Love & Good News</i>	7:00pm <i>Connect @ 7</i> Jeff Deuble

MOWING ROSTER
August 16 Martin Smuts

Prayer Hotline
9487 3918
Hanna Dijkstal
All requests are kept
confidential and treated
with the greatest respect.

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Church Bulletin Information and Service Presentations

Deadline for all office requests are due by **Thursday 2:00pm**.
Please contact the office on 9988 4688 or email Louise at
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T H A N K Y O U

Thankyou to those who contributed to the China Mission. The money and resources that were donated were greatly received by the Jaglemans and Seth Home. Alex and Joshua would like to thankyou as they and their ministry have been greatly blessed by your generosity. The team would like to thankyou for the prayer coverage they received while they were in China. They really felt supported and protected by your prayers.

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7:30pm, Saturday 23 August \$5
Castle Hill Community Church
47 Britannia Road, Castle Hill
Contact Tina or Jo for more details
www.myspace.com/fusetheyouth

Created for Christ



Join us on Sunday 31st August at 10:15am for our combined morning service. This will be an opportunity to be inspired through music and song and to be encouraged in the faith.

Church Ski Weekend

When: Nights of 27, 28, 29 & 30 August
Where: Old Adaminaby (www.eucumbeneunits.com)
½ hour Mt Selwyn, 1 ½ hours Perisher/Thredbo
Cost: \$85 a bed for the whole 4 nights
For details contact Scott on 9487 3883.
Be quick only 1 place is available!

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for His wonderful grace that saves and strengthens us
- Pray for those who are grieving over the loss of their family member or friends.
- Pray for the National Missing Persons week that people will be found and reconciled with their loved ones
- Pray for youth groups as they meet on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons for bible study
- Pray for the elders as they begin a new round of discussions and think about the development of the white house
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi and the Korean community.
- Pray for Pastor Phil from Vineyard Church as he recovers from his brain surgery

Church Anniversary – 24th August

It is always exciting to celebrate a birthday. It is no different for us as a church as we celebrate 43 years of being on Bobbin Head Road. This is a time to remember our pioneers, to give thanks to God and to allow God to shape our future.



Live, Learn, Love

Proverbs 3:5—6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

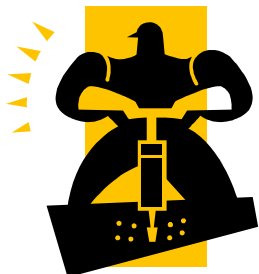
Home Groups Term 3

Home groups for term 3 have recommenced

Day and Time	Leader	Where
Monday 10:30am	Graeme Varcoe	Church Hall
Monday 7:30pm	Neil Cowdery	Meeting Room 2
Tuesday 10am	Loida Dart	Cotswolds
Tuesday 7:30pm	Stephen Cathcart	Norma and Oz home, Wahroonga
Wednesday 7:30pm	Richard Oakes	Schneider's home
Wednesday 7:30pm	Tina Phillips	Bartholomew's home
Thursday 9:30-11:30am <i>Ladies only</i>	Angela Cathcart and Janet Oakes	Conference room
Friday 6pm	Stephen Cathcart	Henderson's home
Sunday 5-6:30pm	Tina, Jo, Dave and Joshua	Church

“When the scripture speaks, God Speaks”

Martin Luther



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Between Monday 11th August and Monday 18th August, road works will be carried out along Bobbin Head Road, between Burns Road and Allara Avenue, from 8pm to 5am. During this time please make sure that you are not parked on the main road.

Thankyou.

FOOTSTEPS

Footsteps Holiday Club is on during the first week of the school holidays 29th September to 2nd October. We are seeking people who will be able to help in various capacities:

- Craft
- BBQ on Thursday
- Singing
- Playing Instruments
- Leading small groups

If you would like to be involved or want to know more please see Stephen or Tina

17 days of Prayer for China during the Olympics

During the days of the Olympics the eyes of the world will be on that nation. Many believe that China will not only be the next world economic superpower but also possibly the nation most likely to become the next great missionary-*sending* nation in the world. The Australian Prayer Network (APN) has written to Churches and individual Christians to join in a daily prayer on 3 or 4 Prayer Points that they will supply by email every day during the Olympics. These prayer points will focus on the Chinese Olympians, the Chinese government, the Chinese church and the Chinese people. If you desire to pray for China and to receive these Prayer points, then all you need to do is to register by forwarding your email address to me hanna@ecomtel.com.au Alternatively you can register on the list that has been put out in the Church foyer.

Hanna Dijkstal

To all those caring people and friends

I would like to write a short note to express my appreciation to everyone that provided meals, flowers and cards to help me and the girls through such a hard, sad and difficult time with the passing of my husband Mark. It is lovely to know that we live in a community of such caring and beautiful people. Again thankyou very much,
Love from Colleen, Leemarie, Jacqui and Jessica

