

# HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

## A NEW SUPA CAMP THANKS TO YOU!

by ministry leader,  
Kelsey Targett (pictured far right)

I always look forward to each time I'm involved with an SU camp! SU camps give young people new experiences and opportunities to build friendships with their peers, as well as learn from the leaders who are positive role-models for them. The camps offer a safe place to be informed about the teaching of the Bible and children learn what being a Christian can look like.

SUPA (Scripture Union Primary Age) Camps have been running for many years – one in the north and one in the south of Tasmania. They are run for upper primary students, who are beginning to develop independence and form their own opinions about the world. This is a great time to feed them with God's word and surround them with adults who show them love and support. In a matter of days, I have personally seen a young boy change from being resistant and defensive, to one of the most caring and helpful children on camp.

### Extending the SUPA camp ministry

In 2018 a new camp – SUPA and Beyond – has been introduced to cater for campers who have graduated from current SUPA camps. It enables consistency in the campers' lives as they build on great friendships they have formed at previous camps. It also allows for the good news of the Bible to continue to be instilled in their lives as they experience a time of transition and navigate through the tricky teenage years.

So what do SUPA camps look like? Well, they are full of energy! There is always something different to do with activities to suit the more boisterous or quieter kids. One of the main things the kids love is the food – copious amounts of wholesome homemade meals and snacks. The camps are a time for kids to just be kids: they can play, they can chat,

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### Thank you for sowing gospel seeds!

Thank you to those who have given to our EOFY Appeal, that to date has raised **\$60,000**. Thanks to you, kids like Sophie, who attended our Stanley Beach Mission in January, are hearing the gospel for the first time. With donations from the Matching Fund, we are still only 50% of the way to our target figure of **\$120,000**, so if you are still able to give, please fill in the enclosed donation form or go to [sutas.org.au/give](http://sutas.org.au/give).





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run around, eat food, chill out and be surrounded by older people that care for them.

As a leader, SU camps have given me a wonderful opportunity to impact children's lives and to put into practice the skills I am developing as a pre-service teacher at university. But the best outcome from these camps is that campers feel valued, and ultimately have a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ and what he did for us.

**Please continue to pray for our camps coming up over the winter holidays (see right). Please see the back cover for aspects to pray for.**

## UTAS students connect with Spirituality resource

The Spirituality Toolbox is a unique resource developed by SU Tas to help address spiritual health with classes, small groups or in the context of a church camp. Following contact made through our northern Regional Coordinator, Stephanie Sebastian, SU Tas was recently invited to introduce the contents of the toolbox to almost 30 pre-service primary school teachers at UTAS in Launceston.

Jenny Cowley, along with SU council member Helen Ridley, unpacked the toolbox with students and through engaging activities and discussion, explored the meaning of spiritual health and its place in the curriculum. The topic was new to the majority of students and we are excited that we have been invited again in September to share with a further group of UTAS students. Contact the office for further details or to 'unpack' a toolbox for yourself.



### Soup & Treats Event

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Howrah Church of Christ organised a 'Soup & Treats' event to raise vital funds for SU Tas. The event was enjoyed by all, with the highlights including a talk from school chaplain John McCormack – and the delightful treats on offer!



### Art Competition – Winner

Alea Jordan from Zeehan PS, with Principal Sharon Woodberry and school chaplain Sue Ffield.



### St Helens Fun Run

CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER

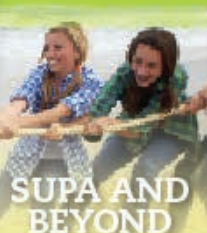
68 participants took part in the St Helens Fun Run on 28 April, raising funds for St Helens Chaplaincy. The winners received vouchers sponsored by local businesses. It was a successful day and thank you to all involved!



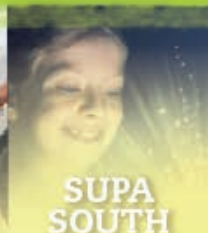
### Art Competition – Runner Up

Amity Harris from Invermay PS was surprised but delighted to receive her award, which also included a sketch book and pens.

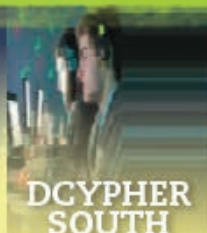
## THANK YOU for praying for our camps!



Years 7–8  
Paper Beach  
29 June – 1 July



Years 4–6  
Roches Beach  
7–10 July



Years 9–12  
Dodges Ferry  
13–16 July



Years 7–10  
Roches Beach  
14–17 July

## Great News for Tas Schools – Chaplaincy Funding Renewed

It is great news that the Federal Government has renewed the funding for school chaplaincy for 2019 and made it 'permanent' so that it continues beyond the usual four-year funding round. The winners from this announcement are the over 80 school communities with an SU Tas chaplain, plus thousands of others around the country, where chaplaincy continues to make a positive difference in the lives of students, staff and families.

The funding allocation to each school remains the same as in previous years so there is an ever increasing need for support from local communities and particularly from School Chaplaincy Committees. School chaplaincy is more effective with local support and we thank you for your commitment and the many valued committee members who give time and effort to school chaplaincy.



## CHAPLAINCY WEEK 2018

# STRONGER TOGETHER

Thank you for joining in the celebrations over the week (20–27 May) and demonstrating the importance of chaplaincy in the community. Here are some of the activities enjoyed:

### MORNING TEA - SMITHTON

Smithton HS celebrated Chaplaincy Week by organising a morning tea with their school chaplain, Christine Blake.



### MUSICAL CONCERT - PROSPECT

At Prospect HS, school chaplain Pete Garwood organised for his son Matthew Garwood, as well as two other local artists, to sing at a musical concert. In addition, the school organised a bbq and motorbikes from the God's Squad were on display.



### FORTUNE COOKIES - YOLLA

At Yolla DHS, school chaplain Lynnese Pease made 'fortune' cookies with encouraging notes for the staff. This was very well received, with a great response from staff.



### SMILING CHALLENGE - INVERMAY

At Invermay PS, school chaplain Jo Watson organised "The Invermay Smile Challenge". Jo spoke at the staff meeting about the health benefits of smiling, with the message that smiling – even 'fake' smiling – helps us feel better and it also does a kindness to others. The staff were very supportive of the challenge; walking around the school with a team of children and cameras, and photographing smiles. Perhaps you could make someone feel better today by smiling?



### OUTREACH TRAILER - RAVENSWOOD HEIGHTS

At Ravenswood Heights PS, Launceston City Mission's Outreach Trailer came to the school with a free after-school sausage sizzle for students and parents. PCYC also came with their games trailer. Prizes of sports equipment were given out to students for participation and enthusiasm.



### ART EXHIBITION - LONGFORD

At Longford PS, the week was celebrated by a special breakfast club, assembly item, and an art exhibition of student work.



### TALENT SHOW - SORELL & DODGES FERRY

Sorell and Dodges Ferry Schools organised an "Our Youth Has Talent" show which involved school students in performance. This has now become a well-known community event.



### MORNING TEAS & SPONSORSHIP - LINDISFARNE & COSGROVE

Lindisfarne PS and Cosgrove HS organised morning teas for their school chaplains, Vic Panne and Claire Johnston. Cosgrove received support from a local business, including a \$200 donation for the event.



### APPRECIATION - GOODWOOD & SNUG

Some schools like Goodwood PS and Snug PS were creative in their expression of appreciation by giving their school chaplains certificates or posting thank you messages on social media.



For more go to [www.sutas.org.au/chaplaincy-week](http://www.sutas.org.au/chaplaincy-week)





# Director's Desk

## Chair for a change!

Dear Friend,

Our heart's desire at SU is to encourage people of all ages to meet with God. A key way of doing that is to regularly read God's word as his message for us.

SU has many helpful ways for people to connect with the Bible so that they can understand it for themselves and then grow in how they apply God's Good News for daily life in the world around us.

I began reading the Bible regularly on my own as a teenager through a subscription to SU's **Daily Bread** in the mail. I enjoyed getting my next issue in the post – perhaps this is something you have done or still do!

Over the years there have been many positive developments with new resources targeted for different needs. **Encounter with God** is a favourite for those who like a deeper exploration of the text. There are Bible reading resources for children, young people and families to explore the Bible and also guides for basic English language and for older people too.

With the increased use of the internet and email in our everyday lives, you can try an online resource though the SU Word Live website [www.wordlive.org](http://www.wordlive.org). Here you can read a daily Scripture passage with study notes or sign up for a daily email. The website also has podcasts, Bible audio skits and other visuals and helpful links.

In Australia, the Resources for Ministry (RFM) website [www.rfmshop.com.au](http://www.rfmshop.com.au) is where you can find lots of Bible reading resources and other ministry materials to browse and order online.

Would you consider promoting SU's Bible reading materials in your local church? We can provide you with resources and information – we'd love to chat further with you about it!

**Kate Barnett**  
SU Tas Chair



## HELLOS & GOODBYES



### SU Volunteer:

We warmly welcome **Amy Dewhurst**, who is volunteering four hours a week in the Hobart office. Amy will be helping Alan, our Communications Manager, and updating information in our database.



### Kings Meadows HS:

We farewell **Will Nicholas** from Kings Meadows High School, as he and his wife return to Melbourne where she has been offered a position with their church. The vacancy at Kings Meadows will be taken up by **Chelsea Kaczmarek**.



## SU Australia & SU Tas AGM News

SU Australia is currently developing a plan for a new and better organisational structure to enable SU to be more effective at both a national and local level. It has been good to have SU representatives from across Australia participating and getting to know one another better. In Tasmania we are giving these proposals our consideration and will provide further updates in the months ahead.

At our recent AGM, the SU Tas Council thanked **Helen Van der Vlist** for nine years' service as a council member, noting her contributions over many years on missions, SUPA club and her local chaplaincy committee. Helen continues as a host for prayer breakfasts and is already getting ready again for the northern SU Dinner!



## PRAYER POINTS

**GIVE THANKS** for Chaplaincy Week, which greatly encouraged our chaplains and their work in schools.

**GIVE THANKS** for the donations coming in for the EOFY appeal. Pray that people will continue to give generously so our outreach can continue and be effective.

**GIVE THANKS** for the renewal of federal funding for chaplaincy. Pray for ongoing decisions at a state level yet to be made.

**PRAY** that relationships formed at the upcoming winter camps will continue to grow and bear fruit.

**PRAY** for energy for our camp leaders in the busy month ahead and that they will trust Jesus as their source of strength.

**PRAY** for our CEO Ruth as she returns from long service leave. Pray that she is refreshed from her holiday and will settle quickly into routine.

**PRAY** that a number of school chaplaincy positions which have been vacant for some period will be filled soon.

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# PURPOSE

SU FUNDRAISING DINNERS



### HOBART

Mon 5 November  
6.30pm

### ULVERSTONE

Thu 8 November  
6.30pm

### LAUNCESTON

Fri 9 November  
6.30pm



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JOHN DE BRUYN

General Manager of de Bruyn's Transport

Enjoy a delicious meal, great entertainment and hear an inspiring speaker, while raising vital funds for SU Tasmania's work with children and families.

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON