

The Reflector

JULY - AUG 2023



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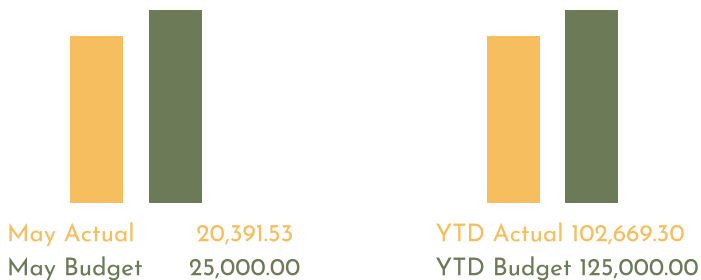
Communications coordinator Isaac Drury

Trainee Bec Standing

Sunday ministry coordinator Jessica Fong

Pastors to school families Bec & Paul Drury

Budget



Direct Debit Details

King's Baptist

Church BSB: 704 922 Account: 100 006 138

Dates for the diary

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| SENIOR'S BIBLE STUDY | JULY 5 |
| MODIFIED KIDS PROGRAM | JULY 2 - 23 |
| SENIOR'S MORNING TEA | JULY 19 |
| YOUTH PROGRAM RETURNS | JULY 28 |
| YOUNG ADULTS SERVICE | JULY 30 |
| SENIOR'S BIBLE STUDY | AUGUST 2 |
| KID'S PROGRAM RETURNS | AUGUST 6 |
| SENIOR'S MORNING TEA | AUGUST 16 |
| PAINT AND SIP NIGHT | AUGUST 18 |
| YOUNG ADULTS SERVICE | AUGUST 27 |



SOMA TRIP REFLECTION

It was such a blessing to witness a community that actively loves and serves one another, not only in encouragement but in works of service, meeting the needs of one another and the community around them.

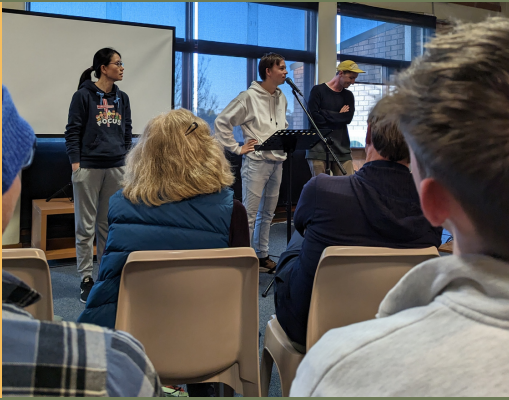


What was amazing was the reality of how messy this could look. They shared often of kids loudly playing or singing while one of the adults was sharing what God had revealed to them to the rest of their missional community (life group). There were many amazing moments, but I think for me, it was the messiness and yet fullness of community life that showed me I can be myself too.

Sometimes I get too caught up in my works and trying to present well to others or even prove myself. I needed to hear the gospel in all its fullness again, it reminded me that Jesus has paid the price for everything I have done, am doing, or will do in the future, whether good or bad.

I feel a part of my identity has been restored and it's because I not only heard again the gospel, but because I could see how it was walked out in the everyday. This is honestly still a journey for me but I feel this was a step in the right direction and another moment my identity became more secure in Jesus.





One of the highlights for us was on the first night when everyone was encouraged to share their story (in 5 minutes!). It was a huge bonding time as we each included times in our lives where God was the hero. It set up the rest of the time together with an incredible sense of intimacy and being an extended family of brothers and sisters in Christ.

Wow! How to express our experience of Soma School Blue Mountains in a few short words - one of Gay's first expressions to the King's group after we left was, "My heart feels full but so does my brain!"

We enjoyed great hosts and a very generous Soma church family sharing their homes, cars, food, time and energy. We learned heaps about knowing our identity comes from who God is and what he has done, and then living out of that identity rather than finding our identity in what we do, or what we have etc. We saw and experienced tangible evidence of that being lived out.



There were so many truths, concepts and challenges that we are still trying to process, including starting to grasp what speaking the gospel/good news of Jesus into each other's lives looks like in the everyday. We are excited to see what that will look like in our King's context as we take small steps to live this out ourselves.

Mark and Gay Ewens

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Here's a quick update about what's happening with our kids programs over the school holidays! We appreciate your patience while our kid's leaders take time to stop and refresh over the break.

July 2 - July 9

MODIFIED PROGRAM

School holiday activities, combined groups with less leaders.

July 16 - July 23

KIDS IN SERVICE.

Packs available for children to work through. *Laura will be away.

August 6

KID'S PROGRAMS RETURN!

LIFE IN HIS NAME

THE BOOK OF JOHN

In July we're starting a new series in the gospel of John!

This series will run for the remainder of 2023, and we'll take an in depth look at the life of Jesus and key events from his ministry during this time.

We've called the series 'Life in his name', because the author is specific about the purpose of the book being "that by believing you may have life in his name."

Please pray that Jesus would transform us and show us true life as we journey through this momentous book throughout the rest of 2023.



MEET BEC & PAUL

King's has recently hired Bec and Paul to be pastors to the school families. Here's what they had to tell us about themselves and the new role.



WHAT WILL YOUR ROLE INVOLVE?

The focus of the role is to build relationships with the school families and in particular the parents. We will be seeking to provide pastoral care for the parents in partnership with the school through regular and purposeful engagement about the things that matter such as relationships, parenting and faith.

The other arm of the role will be to provide pastoral care for those providing the pastoral care. With over 700 families the job is too big for two people so we will need others to join us on this adventure!

WHY WERE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS ROLE?

Paul's time on the school board made it clear that whilst the school does a good job caring pastorally for its students, there is less structure and intentionality around our pastoral relationship with parents and caregivers. Over the last two years he sensed a desire to be part of creating something that is useful for parents, creating a space where church and school parents can learn together and live an adventurous faith!

Bec has been in a pastoral and community development role for the past ten years and sensed God's call to move into a new space to continue using her God given gifts and skills. She has a passion for journeying with and discipling people - helping them to see and understand the way God is at work in their lives.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR WHEN YOU'RE NOT WORKING?

Paul is a self employed pharmacist with a number of business interests, Port Power season ticket holder and all that comes with owning a house with 4 kids and a big yard!
Bec loves to read, hike and spend time with friends.

HOW CAN WE BE PRAYING FOR YOU IN THIS ROLE?

- 1) Please pray for great connections and relationships with people from the King's community.
- 2) Pray for the people you are connected with, especially those who would not describe themselves as followers of Jesus
- 3) Pray for guidance as we seek to discern God's leading

SENIOR'S EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY

10:30AM

First Wednesday of the month

In the King's Community Centre



MORNING TEA

10:30AM | \$8

Third Wednesday of the month

Meet in the Milk + Honey café for
coffee & Cake

CONTACT JO@KINGSBAPTIST.ORG.AU FOR MORE INFO!

PRAYER POINTS

Here's some things we're praying God would do within our community at the moment.

GOOD REST OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Many people in our community - particularly on our volunteer teams - have been coming down with illnesses and sickness. Please pray with us that they would rest and recover so that we can continue serving Jesus together at our full strength!

LIFE GROUPS

Life groups at King's are continuing to grow in every sense of the word! Please pray that this would continue, and that God would give life group leaders the strength and guidance to lead their groups well.

PRAISE FOR YOUNG ADULTS CONGREGATION

Our young adults congregation continues to thrive as we meet monthly on Sunday nights and throughout the week. Please thank God that this has started so successfully and ask that he would continue to have his hand on this space within our church family.



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