

## 2013/14 AGM Scripture Report

2013 was a good year with many challenges and exciting things happening. This year we have expanded beyond teaching just year 7 and have begun teaching year 8 students as well. This did cause a few timetabling issues at the beginning however these were corrected and things progressed well. Throughout the year we have looked at many different topics with the students from Origins through to purpose and hope. One of my aims with the year 8 students in particular was to try and get them to look outside their own little world and begin to think about the bigger picture and how they fit into all this and where God fits into the big picture of Life.

2014 has been a slow start and I am once again struggling to get into the school with timetabling issues. I have found communication and the necessary action needed on behalf of the deputy slow and frustrating. This is an issue that needs to be addressed so that there is a smooth transition for the students at the beginning of the school year and not happen half way through term 1.

The requirements of the DEC to have a curriculum/syllabus in place for scripture has brought with it frustrations for a lot of scripture teachers throughout the state. Mostly due to lack of effective communication about what is required and from whom it is required.

In 2014 I really feel that there is going to be as many challenges as 2013 but there will also be greater breakthroughs with the students. With this in mind some prayer requests for people to pray about for 2014 are:

- The whole school environment – many of the students seem to have a negative view of the school and the staff.
- The new year 7 students – this time in life is both exciting and scary for many of the students and they will be trying to find their place.
- The year students that will be in year 8 that they will have a continued interest and desire to participate in the classes and learn more about who God is and what the bible has to say about life.
- The students that will no longer be in scripture classes, due to moving into year 9 – that they will not forget the things they have learnt and will continue to ask questions when they see me or the school Chaplain around the school.
- For the new syllabus that it will work effectively in Monaro High School and also be easy to adapt and taught on a practical level as well.
- For an increase in support for this ministry, the schools are the front line of ministry work and the greater support that it receives the better.
- For my own personal health and well being and also that I might be able to have a greater impact in the school and reach out to the students in ways that are fresh and relevant.

I would like to thank everyone for the support that they have given both prayer and financial. Even more so with the prayer as that is where the real battle is fought. So thank you and I look forward to what 2014 has to offer, both in its challenges and breakthroughs.

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