

CSMA SRE Teacher report
Monaro High School
September 2020

With classes being back in session for term 3 for both year 7 and 8 it has been an interesting return to lessons. In the way of attendance classes have held steady from pre-Covid and have maintained so right throughout term 3. With the majority of both year 7 and 8 classes being from a non- churchd background it has been challenging at times as well as rewarding.

For the year 7 class we have a consistent attendance of about 20 students. Many of these students have only a basic knowledge of the bible through primary school SRE lessons. There are some lessons that are quite challenging as the behaviour of the students can be disruptive. This of course effects the entire class as time is often spent in behavioural issue rather than in teaching.

We have been working through the unit *Paul in Acts* looking at the change in his life and the work that he did through the New Testament. This has been done through looking at the locations that Paul went to on his missionary journeys. We have had some good discussions at times and this has been encouraging to be part of.

The year 8 class has had similar attendance numbers to year 7 with a consistent 20 students coming. This term year 8 have been looking at the life of Peter and his role in the expansion of the Christian faith through world. One of the better lessons we had we looked at some of the preconceived ideas we have as to what "church" is. This led to some good discussion about how we can sometimes assume things without really knowing much about them.

Prayer Points

- For continued favour in the school with both students and staff
- For the students and staffs' overall well-being during this time.
- That I will develop better ways of teaching the class and be more effective in communication.

Praise Points

- That classes have started and there is positive support from the principal
- For some of the discussions that we have had during classes.

Please also pray for me as I will be having a hernia operation during the school holidays. Please pray for a quick recovery so that I can continue with everything that I am doing.

Thank you for all your support, spiritually and financially, this is an important mission field that we don't want to lose

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