



# Blacktown City Corps

## Opportunities for Ministry

Oasis	Sunday	9:00 am
Family Worship	Sunday	10:30 am
Delve Bible Study	2nd Sunday of each month	1:30 pm
Koinonia (FELLOWSHIP LUNCH)	4th Sunday each month	
Junior Soldiers	During the meeting every 2nd Sunday	
PRISM Program	Monday	7:00 pm
Ladies Fellowship	Tuesday	
	Morning tea	10:30 am
	Home League	11:00 am
Ensemble Practice	Tuesday	7:30 pm
Kids at Play	Wednesday	10:00 am
Band Practice	Wednesday	7:30 pm
Know your Bible	Thursday	9:30—10:30 am
Timbrels / Your Group /Life	6:30	every second Friday Night.

## Blacktown City Corps Newsletter

7th September 2014



# HAPPY FATHERS DAY



Visitors are always welcome at Blacktown. Please share in a time of fellowship during morning tea following the Service.

Please note: Any inclusions in the Newsletter please contact Captain Bill or Susanne or Gail Salmon.

Gail can be contacted on 4733 2401 (leave a message) or email:  
gail\_salmon@bigpond.com

### Corps Officers

### Captains William & Susanne Geracia

**COMING EVENTS: Please check the notice board for all coming events:**

**JUNIOR SOLDIERS will be held today, during the meeting. If you know of any 7—11 year old children who would like to become Junior Soldiers, please see Candice Mannix or Captain Susanne for more details.**

**Today is Helen Van Loons last Sunday with us. Pray for Helen as she moves and begins a new chapter in her life.**

**Granville MISSIONARY MORNING September 10th.**

**EQUIP - Sign up now!**

**YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday September 13th Search the City Scavenger Hunt. \$5 and cost of lunch. 10am at the hall—See Captain Bill for details.**

**The Corps Picnic listed for 28th September WILL NOT be on due to our special service with the National Servicemen. There will be KOINONIA as usual.**

**A Koinonia lunch will be held on October 26th and that will be our last for the year—as on November 23rd we will be having a “Thanksgiving Meal” and further information will be given closer to the date.**

**DON'T FORGET to check out the NOTICBOARD for new calendar information.**

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Janine is ready for home. We have been doing paper chases and cleaning up the records covering the past 14 months and Janine is ready to run amok with a baseball bat over what we are finding or not finding.

Janine has fitted back into her chair that she left last year. I have to keep levering her out as she is no longer the Administrator. She is reluctant to give her chair up. I have to remind the staff they have to see me instead of her. I can identify with that as I fitted straight back in the role of Principal and have to remind myself that is not my role any more.

This can prove frustrating. At the School Executive Meeting one of the senior teachers said he was getting complaints that the half-yearly reports for some grades have not been sent home They were supposed to be sent home in June. What! Why?

It turned out the computer teacher had lost his marks in June and hadn't bother to issue new ones despite repeated requests- hence no reports completed.

It is hard to lift community confidence in the school when you have incompetence like this.

We had the school security company trying to get 70% more charges out of us. Good try - Security company nil -school one.

We had a major earth tremor the other night. The people outside said our building swayed dramatically, not easy to do when it a double storey duplex. Anyway after the third major sway and with us hanging onto the bed Janine says;

"Do you think we should get out?"

"No," I replied, " I am more worried about the possibility of a tsunami hitting in the next couple of hours than the building collapsing." I went back to sleep. Janine was awake most of the night thinking about the tsunami. It is said that those with a clear conscience sleep well.

We are gradually repairing the school. With some fees coming in and suspensions going out we may end up with a very small school population.

Mind you, the fee problem is not all the parents' fault. On one of the above mentioned paper chases we found a pile of fee invoices on the Assistant Administrator's desk going back to November 2013!

I really feel sorry for parents who haven't been invoiced since we left and are now having to find "bilpela" money

It is hard to work out how many students we have as the computerised class rolls and registers have not been updated since we left and the teachers' class rolls have students in them that have left and students in them of which there are no records.

The inventory's proved interesting. Basically all electronic equipment in the Administrator's house that wasn't too big to move are "missing" along with other items such as crockery and cutlery etc.. Other school inventories record most things as "broken."

Major road works continue and are a pain especially around the markets for those who know and love this place. You wouldn't recognise the road system. No more locked into 2nd. gear.

On the bright side, the sugar fruit tastes as good as ever, I am warm, bananas are growing in the yard and the roads are improving.

- Wayne



## **BIRTHDAYS**

7th September Erin McCready

8th September Les Crowder

12th September Bev Masters

*To recharge your spiritual battery,  
Plug into the Source.*

**SPECIAL NOTE:** We are still looking for a ‘willing volunteer’ to help Bill with pub ministry on a Friday night. If you feel this could be your way to minister to others, please see Bill as soon as possible.



## **HOME LEAGUE SCHEDULE:**

- ⇒ 9th Sept. Mad Hatters Tea Party— **Commencing at 10:30am.** Kath & Val. Ladies please wear a *MAD HAT* and please bring something for morning tea. This will also be Helen Van Loon’s last day at Home League and we will be having a farewell for her at morning tea time.
- ⇒ 16th Sept. Mr. Noel Phelan Maritime Museum –speaking on collision between The Voyager & The Melbourne in 1964.
- ⇒ 23rd Sept. Guest Speaker Julia Longford—Australian Hearing.
- ⇒ 30th Sept. Ruth & John Tween—“Tween’s Tours”.

**OASIS LEADERS MEETING**—Wednesday October 8th during Band Practice. **PLEASE BE THERE!** Some things to discuss urgently. Come help us get ready for term 4 and decorate in our new theme of the **CIRCUS!**

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING** for ALL leaders to plan term 4. October 5th at 1:30pm.

**COLLEGE GALA DAY**—Saturday 11th October 9am—3pm, 120 Kingsland Road. Bexley North.—see notice board for details.

**WOMEN OF WORTH (WOW) October 24th—26th** (rego closes October 7th). Please see Susanne and/or check out the noticeboard for flyers. Please note: Cabins are limited! If you haven’t handed in your forms now is the time to do so!

**Sports Ministry Training Day**—Sept. 13th. Ask Ivan for more details.



September 21st Maddie Muir and Alison Douglass will be enrolled as Senior Soldiers and it will also be Youth Celebration Sunday.



The National Servicemen will be joining us on September 28th.

## **WEEKLY GIVING**

Open Plate Giving \$ 82.85

Planned Giving \$ 1,490.00



## Sermon Series

***Please read and let God open your hearts.***

Jesus, in the Book of Revelations spoke truths to these Seven Churches.

In August and September, we will look at these Churches and explore their reactions. We will also discover what the Church can learn from Jesus' words and how we can avoid laying ruins as is revealed in these Seven Churches of Revelation. Start reading now Revelations Chapters 1-3, and start praying that God will expose us to the truths of Jesus' words!

This year Captain Susanne would like our Corps to participate in Operation Christmas Child. This is an amazing ministry run out of Samaritans Purse. In 2013 over 300,000 shoeboxes were packed by Australians and New Zealanders. This year they are being sent to South East Asia and the South Pacific. Collection month is October—stay tuned for more details or chat to Susanne!

On September 21st, from 1—5pm at the Corps, John & Nicole Viles, the DYS's will be holding a SAFESALVOS training day. Susanne will be speaking to some leaders; as most must get their training refreshed. If you participate in activities at the Corps in which children are directly involved you must also come to the training. Susanne has been informed by the DYS's that whoever has not had their training and forms completed by December 1st will no longer be able to participate/volunteer in such programs. Susanne and Bill take the safety of children very seriously and we will be upholding the standards that DHQ has set in place. We don't want to loose you as leaders! Please come! Chat to Susanne with questions.

## PRAYER LIST



Please pray our Officers, Captain Bill & Susanne and their family as they minister to us.

Pray for Wayne & Janine Robbins who are now in PNG.

Pray for Rena with continued serious health concerns.

Kath Paddison is at home but far from well. Please continue to pray for Kath as she seeks to do God's will.

Continue to pray for Sandra Robinson and her family as she is still recovering from her surgery.

Pray for Estelle Ring and her family as they have all been unwell.

Pray for John Humphreys who is in hospital.

Pray for Elaine Nash who is at home and recovering.

Pray for Sandra Tillson who is not well at this time.

Pray for Val Norval who is now home from hospital.

Pray for Tracey Sheaves.

Continue to pray for Cadets Chris & Kay Ford and Jessica & Sara as they continue their studies at The Training College and prepare for commissioning.

**This week pray especially for:** Preston, Kathryn, Lachlan & Claire Hardy, Freda Hill, Bela & David Heard, Maree & Kelvin Hill, Robyn Hobbs.

**Give thanks to God for the answers to prayers and for the many blessings he gives us daily.**