

PARRAMATTERS

Parramatta Salvation Army

SUNDAY 21 MAY 2017

SUNDAY 28 MAY 2017: RED SHIELD APPEAL [WORSHIP: PEEC AT 9AM]

SUNDAY 4 JUNE: AXIOS [SEE BACK PAGE]



A special welcome to family and friends who are here to celebrate these five becoming Junior Soldiers today!

PRAYERPOINTS



We are praying today for our new Junior Soldiers who are making a sacred promise about being disciples of Jesus!



Please pray for the preparation going into the Red Shield Appeal.



Please pray for upcoming AXIOS Discipleship Conference: that it will be a great day of learning and growing in faith.



Please remember those in our corps family who are still undergoing treatment or recovering from operations. Also for the families who are supporting their progress and facing the challenges that ill-health present.



If you would like us to pray for you or your loved ones, contact either **Marty Bust** or **Dot Griffin** for it to be included in the newsletter and Prayer Network.



A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Red Shield promotion at the Family Store on Saturday 13th May.



Get involved in this year's

RED SHIELD DOORKNOCK

MAY 27–28, 2017



RED SHIELD APPEAL

The Red Shield Appeal is a great way for our corps to support the wider work of The Salvation Army and a wonderful opportunity to meet and work with our local community. In particular, the many students who volunteer to help with the door knock and provide the energy and enthusiasm to fulfill this part of the Appeal. We have students volunteering from Pendle Hill High, Muirfield High, Cumberland High, Northmead High, Arthur Philip High, Parramatta High, MacArthur Girls High and Model Farms High. We also are supported by the Parramatta Lions Club who collect at Winston Hills Mall.

We still need adult helpers be supervisors and drivers for these students—so please see Sharon SB if this is something you can help with. Please see Carissa if you haven't yet applied for a Working With Children's Check [volunteers are free].

TRAINING: there will be training available today for those helping on the Community Collection Points so you know how to use the eftpos machine and the TAP device.

REGISTRATION: if you need help with registration on SOVS [Salvation Army Online Volunteer System] please see Cameron or Sharon today.

In anticipation of a great result next weekend we thank our team captains: George Sanders, Daniel Evans, Maryanne & Cameron Lovering, Peter West, Cassandra & Gareth Rees, Margaret Poore, Annette Duncan, Carissa Ainsworth, Grant SB, Nathan Browning, Richard Eden, Marty Bust as well as Betty Hazell and Doreen Salt [Willows]. Thank you to Jeff Parker to putting up the banners. To the Junior Soldiers and Youth Group for getting the kits ready. Thank you to Barry Fischle for coordinating the Community Collection Points and to Andrew Keast for coordinating the Counting House, as well as Denise Thomas at Reception. It's going to be a great team effort! We also want to specially thank Deneise Grady as she relinquishes her role as Area Captain [she has been managing 3 teams and 9 maps].

Calling all Junior Soldiers!

The Annual Red Shield Sort-a-thon is on again and we need your help. Sorting the bags is a very helpful way to assist with this very large project. Once you have been out collecting with your parents, come and help sort out the bags. Come and be part of the best sorting team there ever was! See Jeff Parker for more detail.

PEOPLE NEWS

- ◆ Arabelle Lloyd, Tanya Parker, Cameron Eisenhuth, Isaac Grey and Darcy Browning are being enrolled as Junior Soldier's today!
- ◆ Congratulations to Carla Al Khouri on her scholarship award.
- ◆ Last week four people joined the Thursday English Conversation Class for the first time. They came via the mall outreach and Neetu promoting the class in our local library. Two of the newcomers attend the bible study afterwards.
- ◆ Linda Barrett, our Family Store Manager has been awarded the prestigious Rotary award 'Pride of Workmanship'. Congratulations!

If you have news to share with the wider church family please forward it to the office by Wednesday. Thanks

CORPS NEWS

WANTED: TIMBRELS

There are quite a number of young girls wanting to learn to play the timbrel. If you have any spare timbrels at home that you could donate it would be greatly appreciated. Please pass them onto Catherine Lloyd or Carissa Ainsworth.

Please note there will be no ParraMatters newsletter next Sunday 28 May 2017. The next ParraMatters will be Sunday 4 June. If you have news to share with the wider church community please forward it to the office by Wednesday 31 May.

CELEBRATING OUR PEOPLE!

It was a celebration morning on Thursday when we said a heart felt 'thank you' to Audrey Dart who has been a faithful volunteer helper for English Conversation Groups for 18 years! This has been a mighty commitment since Audrey lives in Haberfield and her journey time on public transport is significant. Now aged 91, Audrey has reluctantly decided that it's time to step back from this involvement. Audrey first came along to assist us at the suggestion of one of our Corps members - and she has been a precious asset to our group ever since. She reminded us that we learn so much about the world and each other when we come together and that she has appreciated the sense of family within the group. A delightful contribution to the morning was a floral arrangement and a 'handbag' celebration cake - both made by Neetu. She is the helper who now looks after Audrey's group. We first met Neetu as a Play Group mum and then she transitioned to be a Conversation Group helper - what a blessing! This ministry is a constant encouragement to our Corps. You're welcome to come and join the experience if you want to find out more.



UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

10AM WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2017

10am for morning tea and
10.30am for
the meeting.

This week the
topic will be
'Dream the
Life you Really
Want' Lead by
Major Beverley Mole. All ladies
welcome.



SALVOS ACADEMY

The Salvos Academy is conducting a talk on 'The Salvation Army and Contemporary Social Issues' at Stanmore House on Tuesday 6 June at 7.00pm. You will have the opportunity to explore how The Salvation Army responds to contemporary social issues, how and why Positional Statements are created and what impact they have on us as Salvationists. You will hear about the Moral and Social Issues Council and how The Salvation Army internationally is approaching global social issues. Everyone is welcome to attend.

YOUTH GROUP

26 May

7:30 TO 8:30PM



2 June

GLOW STICK
GUANTLET



Instead of a weekend long Discipleship Conference this year AXIOS will happen on Sunday 4 June and Sunday 15 October. It will have the same great content for each of us to keeping on learning how to be followers of Jesus, 'worthy of our calling'. This year's theme is: "To equip his people" Ephesians 4:12. Having looked at the needs of our current congregation and the makeup of our community, this year we will be offering a range of breakout teaching sessions that will help to equip us as Salvos in a constantly changing world.

EPHESIANS 4:12



DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE



SUNDAY JUNE 4

Salvation Army Citadel: 34 Smith Street, Parramatta

- Sharing your faith with children - presented by Tammy Tolman - Grandparents, Parents, Aunts, Uncles, Youth Leaders, Children's Ministry workers, School Teachers. Children are our future and sometimes it's hard to know how to talk to them about our faith.
- Talking about faith with your Hindu neighbour - presented by Marelyne Bishop - Hinduism is one of the fastest growing religions in Australia mostly through immigration from India. With 996 million Hindus in India and 275,000 Hindus in Australia (in 2011) how do we interact at work, on the sporting field, at the shops or at our highly popular mid week playgroups and music group.
- Gathering at tables, a How to Guide - you have heard about Gathering at Tables. We have actually gathered at tables and there is a knife and fork in our hall each week to remind us. Come to this session to find out more from our Area Officers, Belinda and Lynden Spicer.
- Talking about faith with your Chinese neighbour - Lydia Hong (from Hurstville Corps) will guide us through what is, for many of us, an ancient and deeply complex culture. Come along to learn a little about how to share your faith with people with a Chinese background.

The format for the day is a little different to a normal Sunday at Parramatta Salvos.

8.00am - Knee-drill [Adoration + X + Intercession + Offering + Silence]

9.00am - Coffee and Croissants

9.30am - Children and Youth Worship (in the main hall) - ages 3 to 20-ish

9.30am - Breakout Sessions (as described above)

10.30am - Morning Tea

11.00am - Youth Group Life Groups; Children's Program (in the main hall ages 3-12)

11.00am - Breakout Sessions (repeated)

Noon - Lunch (pre-order or bring your own)

1.00pm - Worship Service (all ages)

2.30pm - Close

You will need to choose 2 breakout sessions to attend, so choose the ones that will help you in your faith. You can bring your own lunch or pre-order (just \$5) from a choice of Sushi, Sandwiches or Wraps.. We would love you to register online at www.axios.org.au over the next 2 weeks. Entrance to all sessions is free this year but we need you to register so we know what size room to allocate to each breakout session. If you don't want to register online, see Dot Griffin or Denise Thomas. So remember, 4th of June, the week after the Red Shield Appeal, to be at Parramatta Salvos for a great day of Discipleship Teaching, Fellowship and Worship.

If you would like to give to the kingdom building activities in and through our Corps by transfer please use the following details: **BSB 032078; Account No. 000810288; Account Name - The Salvation Army, Parramatta.** Please include an applicable reference on the transfer so we can accurately record the gift.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please send your details to parramatta.corps@gmail.com



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