



DANDENONG
**Bible
Education
Centre**

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One Year Old! What's been happening over the past year?

Don't forget that our Open Day is coming up fast. We will be open (God willing) from **10am-3pm on Saturday 8th October**. The flyer about the Open Day gives more details.

So now let's look at some of the things that have happened through our first year.

Our **Open Day** last year was an interesting day with lots of happy faces and interesting conversations. Prizes for answering the quiz were earned, the children enjoyed some craft activities, and the food was delicious. The Bible displays and old Bibles were interesting to see.



Before Christmas we held a barbecue and the children performed a special **Christmas show** at the Soundshell in Dandenong Park. We enjoyed a variety of songs and plays about the birth of Jesus Christ and why we celebrate Christmas. The attractive props for these plays were then put on display in the shop window to remind all who passed that Jesus started his life in very humble circumstances.

A two-night course about the origins and **meaning of Christmas** was presented before Christmas. Sometimes we don't really know what our celebrations are all about, and a course like this can help you find out the Christian message. If you missed it, maybe you could come this year!

In January a **first aid course** was a helpful learning experience for about a dozen people. We practiced revival skills and learned what to do in a number of different emergency situations.

At **Easter** we held a service at the Bible Education Centre about the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Although the trial and crucifixion are sober, sad realities, the joyous sequel of resurrection – when Jesus was made alive again to live forever – comforts us. Jesus was willing to suffer so much for us, so we need to reflect on our response to him.

In July we shared a **special weekend** with a visiting speaker from New Zealand. The theme was "Learning more from our Lord" and the shop was filled with people enjoying and discussing his talks, eating, playing games and socializing together. What a full and interesting weekend!

In addition to these special events there have been many **Bible courses** run – for the beginner through to the advanced Bible student. Some have learned how to read the Bible effectively, whilst others have learned about the relationship between God, Jesus and us. English skills have been improved at a class each Thursday night, where the Bible is used to learn more about English.



People more familiar with the Bible have enjoyed a fortnightly advanced Bible study class, covering a variety of subjects. Of course, Sunday is a busy day at the Bible Education Centre, starting with our service to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. This is followed by activities for all ages – the **"New Life" class** for adults and secondary school students and **"Bible Explorers"** for younger children. Sharing lunch together gives time for chatting.

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Bible Explorers – for Primary-school children. Come and try it!

“In Bible Explorers we did Jacob selling Esau a bowl of lentil soup for Esau’s birthright or inheritance. The day we did that, we had lentil soup for lunch. We have lunch at the shop.”

Ashley – 10yrs

“Last term we learnt about Jacob and Esau. When Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of lentil soup and for lunch we had lentil soup. I’m looking forward to next term because we do interesting things in Bible Explorers.”

Jed – 12yrs

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Cary – 8yrs

Jacob's Irresistible Lentil Soup

Jacob's older brother Esau loved lentil soup. One day when Esau came home from hunting he was very, very hungry. He almost fainted when he smelled his brother Jacob's soup cooking. "For a bowl of soup I'll sell you my birthright," he cried. "Done!" said Jacob. He ladled out the soup and won Esau's birthright -- the right of the older brother to inherit a double portion of his father Isaac's property and power.

- 1 Tablespoon margarine or butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 carrots, diced
- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 cup brown (or red) lentils (picked over and rinsed)
- 6 cups of water or stock
- pinch of cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon cumin - optional

Melt margarine/butter in large soup pot, sauté onion and garlic. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer for 1½ - 2 hours. Puree and Enjoy! (Great when done in the crock pot. Just put it all in and leave it all day!)

Serve with grated cheese sprinkled on top. Serves four - six hungry hunters



Stop press!

We plan to start a new topic at Bible Explorers – starting 16th October. We will be learning about the great preacher Paul. Classes run from 11.30-12.30 each Sunday. Come and join us for singing, craft, drama and stories of Paul.

New Life Class: 11.30am-12.30pm each Sunday, followed by lunch

We make plans for the future, but God decides whether or not they happen.

October	2	<i>Should we keep the 10 commandments today?</i>
	9	<i>Bible skeletons and fingerprints</i>
	16	<i>Jesus Christ – Old Testament prophecies</i>
	23	<i>Jesus Christ – Jesus in God's plan</i>
	30	<i>Jesus Christ – son of God and son of man</i>

November	6	<i>Jesus Christ – The relationship of God & Jesus</i>
	13	<i>Jesus Christ – The sermon on the mount</i>
	20	<i>Jesus Christ – The Lord's prayer</i>
	27	<i>Jesus Christ – The sacrifice of Jesus</i>