



DANDENONG
**Bible
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 Centre**

Newsletter

Aug/Sept 2009

Progress of the new shop

Anyone who has peeped through the glass doors at 118-120 Foster Street will have noticed much activity inside each Saturday and on many week days too! Now, instead of a large open room, there are walls built to separate the shop from the library and the course room. Walls enclose a kitchen area and space for the children who attend Bible Explorers. Plasterboard has been hung with cornices and a lot of painting. Wiring has been redone throughout the shop as well as air-conditioning. However there is still a lot to be done – a kitchen installed, new toilets, more painting, floor coverings and so on. This will all take time to do. At present it is estimated that the shop will probably be opened toward the end of September. God willing, the next newsletter will be able to give an opening date.

Please turn over the page to see some progress photographs.

Playgroup still running

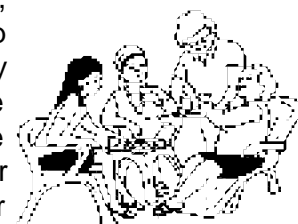


Those wanting to attend the Happy Faces Playgroup will be glad to know that it is still on each Wednesday during term time. The temporary location is the Walker Street Gallery, situated at the corner of Robinson and Walker Streets.

Wednesdays, 10.30am-12.30pm

Ladies' Bible Study continues

Despite the shop being closed, the Ladies' Bible Study group takes place each Thursday during term time. The temporary location is the Walker Street Gallery - corner of Robinson and Walker Streets.



Thursdays, 10.30am-12.30pm

New Life Class

11.30-12.30 Sundays at the Band Room

The New Life Class will be held at the Band Room (Walker St Gallery) for the coming weeks, **except for August 30**. This is situated on the north side of Walker Street at the intersection of Robinson Street, Dandenong. Access is via Robinson Street.

Aug	2	<i>Repent, for the kingdom of God is near!</i>
	9	<i>Old Testament prophecies of Jesus</i>
	16	<i>Nooma DVD: Noise – hearing the voice of God</i>
	23	<i>The correct history of Satan</i>
	30	No Class
Sept	6	<i>The law of love</i>
	13	<i>Honesty – who are you when no-one is looking?</i>
	20	<i>How to read the Bible for all it is worth</i>
	27	<i>Quiz morning</i>

Do you have library books?

Do you have any books which you borrowed from the Bible Education Centre before the Walker Street shop closed? Are you wondering what to do with them? You have two choices:

1. Bring them to the Band Room (Walker Street Gallery) on Sundays between 11am and 1pm or on Wednesdays or Thursdays between 10.30am and 12.30pm.
2. Return them to the new Foster Street shop once it opens.



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Freedom to worship

Recent events in Iran following the disputed election there highlight the freedom we have in Australia to live life as we choose. God has given us the freedom to choose many things in our life and blesses us with many good things in this lovely land. In Australia we have a freedom of religion that allows us to learn of God and to learn from the Bible what he wants of us as a loving father.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows
James 1:17

Photos at 118-120 Foster Street



Frames are put in for internal walls



Cornices and patching



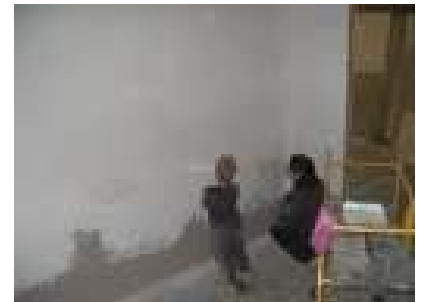
Removal of back roller door to prepare for the double door or disabled access



Attaching plasterboards



Putting insulation in the walls



Even youngsters can help paint!

Did you know?

When the great king Solomon built the magnificent temple in Jerusalem around 950BC the building site must have been unusually quiet. (Our building work isn't like that!) In 1 Kings 6:7 we read:

When the house was built, it was with stone prepared at the quarry; so that neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron was heard in the temple, while it was being built.

This great temple took over seven years to build and the work of over 180,000 men. Israelites were forced to help, besides the workers from Tyre who helped with cutting and sending choice wood for the work. The resulting building was priceless - so much gold and so many precious stones were used. The sad part of the story is that even with a magnificent temple like this the people of Israel sinned so much that God sent the Babylonians to destroy that temple and take away all that was precious. So if you want to visit Solomon's great temple today, you can't!

All our plans depend on the will of God.