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- Visit our website at www.blacktowneastpc.org.au. Recent sermons can be downloaded from the website. Weekly bulletins are also available on the website.

Mission News

Vander Heidens

Dear everyone at Blacktown East,
We can't believe it has been nearly a whole year since we left Australia to return to Portugal. It has been a busy, but productive year with Matt's ministry at the bible college. There is a wonderful group of students at the college, ready to be trained for ministry in Portugal.
The Christmas season in Portugal is similar in many ways to that in Australia. The shops and streets are decorated brightly, people busy buying presents and cooking way too much food. But there are also some big differences. For starters.... it's freezing here! Also, the only public holiday is Christmas Day. Theoretically, Boxing Day is a normal work day (although this year of course it is a Saturday). We are learning that Christmas Eve is in some ways of more family importance than Christmas Day itself. Christmas Eve is when the huge dinner is baked (usually involves some variation of salted cod fish!) and everyone opens their presents at about midnight. Then they sleep in as long as possible on Christmas Day and have lunch or dinner again with families. We are enjoying learning more about how the Portuguese celebrate Christmas!
We miss you all dearly and trust this message finds you well. May you all enjoy a joyous Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Thank you for your love, prayers and support during 2009.
Love and blessings,
Matt, Kiri, Mieka, Sofia and Joshua.



“Enjoying Jesus as Lord”

Blacktown East Presbyterian Church is a community of God's people passionate about knowing and loving God better, caring for one another, and making Jesus known.

Sunday, 3 January 2010

Meeting on Sundays at
9:30am and 6:00pm
Cnr Heffron Rd and
Gallop Grove, Lalor Park

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

1Peter 1:3-5

Diary dates

- til 9 Jan Bouldens away
- 15-17 Jan Session retreat

Notices

Leave

The Bouldens are away on holiday and returning on Saturday.

Prayer Calendar

A prayer calendar for January is now available from the front desk.

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Session Retreat

On 15th and 16th January the session will be having a retreat where they stop to reflect upon what's happening and plan for the upcoming year. Please pray for them as they lead and guide us. If you have any thoughts or matters you would like them to discuss please let Malcolm know.

Thank you

Laurie Perry would like to express his thanks to all those who have helped him in the past. He is greatly appreciative of the prayers and kindness you have shown him.

Christian Soccer Association 2010 Winter competition.

(March to September) New Teams and Players wanted for All-age Men's Soccer Competition. Registration is in January. If you would like to form a Blacktown East Presbyterian Team please see Keith.

KCC Conventions program 2010

next generation (formerly kylc) - Two identical weeks in January that equip and train leaders to lead Bible focussed children's and youth ministry.

Week 1 11-15 Jan

Week 2 has been sold out.

mkc | men's katoomba convention - Practical, man-to-man teaching, over three identical weekends in February/March. Speakers John Dickson, Gary Millar

19-20 February 2010

26-27 February 2010

5-6 March 2010

kec | katoomba easter convention - Especially for families. Includes children's and youth programs for all ages. 2 - 5 April. Speakers: John Lennox, Stephen Um, Ray Galea.

kyck - A convention for high-schoolers over three identical weekends in and near the April school holidays.

engage - Designed to revitalise and refresh Christians in the often crazy and always complex world of work. Two identical weekends at the end of August.

Roster reminders

Service Leading (am)	3-Jan	Derek	10-Jan	Shane
Welcoming (am)	3-Jan	Marie A & Neil M	10-Jan	Neil M & Joan B
Morning tea	3-Jan	MaryAnne, Celia	10-Jan	Adam & Karen, McIntoshs
Childrens talk	3-Jan	Bob	10-Jan	Derek
Bible reading (am)	3-Jan	Stephanie	10-Jan	Lisette
Service Leading (pm)	3-Jan	Rhonda	10-Jan	Naomi
Welcoming (pm)	3-Jan	Sylvia, Toni	10-Jan	Dani & Tim
Supper	3-Jan	Louise S, Corinne W	10-Jan	Nick L, Adam M, Daniel B
Bible reading (pm)	3-Jan	Rhonda	10-Jan	David B
Data projector (pm)	3-Jan	Tim	10-Jan	Mick Q
Mowing	9 Jan	Shane W	16 Jan	
Cleaning	9 Jan		16 Jan	

Prayer points from today's meeting

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16(b)

**Prayer meetings:
Sundays 5pm church hall,
Tuesdays 6:45am at the manse.**