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Read all about it...

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the end of term one and for some lucky students, the start of three weeks holiday!

If you do happen to have some spare time in the next few weeks you might find a couple of things in this newsletter to help keep you busy, including a competition you could enter with a HUGE prize! And don't forget to register for WYD with CYM.

A thought for the holidays:

Why do people spend money they don't have, to buy things they don't need, to impress people they don't like??

Until next time, take care,

the CYM team

(Fr Richard, Belinda, Rachelle and Tom)

Quote of the Newsletter

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Psalm 103:30

Calendar of Events

(see other events throughout newsletter)

What?	Who for?	When?	Where?	Time?
WYD info / formation sessions statewide	everyone	The week starting Sunday June	TBA Statewide	TBA
WYD Southern pilgrims retreat	Southern Pilgrims	Sat 8th & Sun 9th September	TBA in the South	TBA
WYD Northern pilgrims retreat	Northern & North-western pilgrims	Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd September	TBA in the North	TBA
Journey of the WYD Cross & Icon in Tasmania	everyone	11th —19th May 2008	Various places	
World Youth Day 2008 Sydney Australia	everyone	15-20th July 2008	Sydney	

For more details on any of the above events, contact CYM

What's on....

Southern BBQ at Pentecost

All Southerners are invited to a family BBQ this Sunday 27th of May at Risdon Brook Dam from 12.30pm onwards.

BYO everything you need for a BBQ lunch

Competition....

Win a FREE trip to WYD'08 by designing the Tasmanian pilgrim's T-shirt

for details and entry form,
see the attachment sent with this email
or go to: <http://www.cymtas.org.au/tshirtcomp/>



Love this pilgrimage



Job Vacancies / help wanted

About to start school holidays? Might have a couple of hours spare?
Your local CYM coordinator might have something you could help out with.

Contact: Rachele in the South on 0400 045 368
Tom in the North on 0407 533 925
Belinda in the North West on 0418 502 415

Prayer

Sam's prayer for unity:

Father,

We come together to surrender our entire selves to your vision of unity.

Lead us to truth and speak gently into the very depths of our hearts.

Help us to cast all bitterness and pride to the foot of the cross so that we may fully embrace the truth of Christ, our Saviour.

Please unite all Christians as one body, Father, as your son, Jesus, is one in you and you are in him. Send your Holy Spirit, Lord, to draw us together that we may become, as one, apostles of love to the entire world.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



Why we do the things we do
Why do we shake hands?

Before receiving communion, the celebrant invites the congregation to 'offer one another a sign of peace', usually in the form of a handshake, smile or embrace. By this action we affirm our relationship as brothers and sisters in Christ. It is a genuine sign of reconciliation that prepares us for the profound act of intimacy which is signified when we share at the one Eucharistic table. So, you see, the sign of peace is more than a 'nice' thing to do. It is an expression of the bond that unites us as Christians. Think about it next time you offer this sign. Please, no 'dead-fish' handshakes! Extend your hand with warmth and conviction.

World Youth Day Updates

Register as a pilgrim with the Tasmanian pilgrimage group TODAY!

go to: www.cymtas.org.au

click on the WYD logo,
then click on *register your interest*.

http://wydtas.org.au/pilgrimage_register/

Even if you're not quite sure about going to WYD08, register with CYM and you won't miss out on all the important information. This is *not* your official registration with WYD Sydney - that will come a bit later.

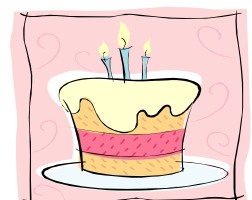
www.wyd2008.org



The Birthday Cake

Birthdays coming up:

Lyndall Rush	28th May
Josie Young	6th June
Emily Finch	7th June
Gerard Williams	7th June



Happy, happy birthday to you!

This week.....

National Week of Christian Unity May 20 - 27

An invitation to every single Christian on the planet...

Set your alarm for 4.01pm & join Christians across the globe praying for the unity of Christians. More details below...

Aussie walks across globe in the name of Christian Unity

As Australia prepares for National Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from May 20, Samuel Clear, a 28 year old from Tasmania, is attracting the attention of Christians worldwide, as he independently walks an 18 month pilgrimage across the planet inviting people to join him in praying for the unity of all Christians. Currently five months into his journey and in South America, Sam has also faced much opposition; having been racially abused, stalked by a puma and held up at gunpoint.

Naming the pilgrimage, Walk4One, Sam left Australia on December 14, 2006 to begin his 29,000km, 564 day, worldwide journey, which includes 18,000kms traveled on foot. From Cape Branco the eastern most point of Brazil, Sam is travelling through South America, Central America and North America, across Russia, and down through Europe to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. The unique quest will culminate in Sydney in July 2008 for the start of World Youth Day.

Specifically Sam is inviting every Christian to join him by setting their watch or mobile alarm for 4.01pm as a reminder to stop for a moment and pray that God will unite us as one in Christ. With Christians praying at 4.01pm across the different time zones Sam hopes to create a powerful 24 hour a day worldwide prayer session in the name of Christian unity.

"People don't necessarily need to pray for long, even just 30 seconds as you work is enough, and a valuable way to be part of this worldwide quest. Imagine the power of thousands of Christians, joining together each day, united in our focus on Christ and our desire for unity, in that one moment!"

Overwhelmed by the division amongst Christians around the world and convicted of the great sadness this brings our Lord, Sam felt moved to leave his job, home and family, sell everything he owned, to personally fund the journey and begin the 564 day mission.

"I had read several autobiographies in which Christians spoke of being ostracized and worse, by family and friends when their spiritual search led them to convert from one Christian denomination to another. This left me struck by the division amongst Christians around the world. Despite all believing in Christ; various conflicting theologies, practices, experiences, misunderstandings and belief systems continue to cause judgment, conflict and division between Christians," said Sam.

"With such division it is impossible to say that the body of Christ is united. It is broken. I don't claim to know what true unity looks like but I was, in that moment, so convicted of the broken body of Christ and the sadness this brings our Lord. I felt the need to pray and motivate others to join me in praying, so together we can surrender our own agendas and ask for God's vision of unity to come to be", says Sam who refers to Jesus' call to unity in John 17:21.

Sam's extraordinary commitment to this quest is clear, after more than 130 days on the road he continues, despite facing many difficult experiences. In Venezuela, he was stalked by a puma in the middle of the night, held up at gun point by a farmer who mistook him for a robber and endured racially motivated physical and verbal abuse.

On some days he has been forced to walk up to 60km a day in 40 degree temperatures. He has slept on roadsides and in rat infested rooms. However, he has also experienced the great hospitality of many Christian Churches along the way, which have joined him in prayer and invited him to speak of his journey and his desire for unity.

Christians are encouraged to visit the Walk4One website at:

www.ymt.com.au/walk4one/

to add your name to the growing list of Christians praying for unity. You can also read further background on Walk4One, view Sam's itinerary and weekly blog.

Background on Samuel Clear

Prior to Walk4One, Samuel Clear was a Manager with Youth Mission Team Australia (YMT), a youth ministry, focused on bringing young people into personal relationship with Christ.

One of 5 children, Sam was born in February 1979 and grew up on isolated Flinders Island before his family moved to a 1500 acre property in central north Tasmania. He attended St Patrick's College in Launceston, where he was School Captain in 1996. He furthered his studies at the University of Tasmania, graduating in 2001 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

His upbringing on Flinders Island and then in rural Tasmania instilled in him a great sense of adventure and a love of the outdoors, particularly sport. He played AFL reserves as a 17 year old and represented Tasmania in football and basketball. He was also heavily involved in both cricket and athletics. Standing at 196cms (6 ft, 5 in) and weighing 95kg – he's difficult to miss!

Sam's Prayer for Unity

For those unsure of how or what to pray - here's a prayer that Sam wrote for that very purpose: see page 3 of this newsletter