

KIWI NEWS

The Raine Family @ The South Pacific Bible College

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New Zealand

Greetings once again. As you can see this report is covering both April and May. My role as Principal is taking a bit more time and energy and squeezing out a few other things so my apologies for this report coming a little late.

We are drawing to a close of the Romans preaching series. It has gone really well and presently my colleague Mike Austin is preaching the closing chapters.

Last weekend was our annual "Super Saturday". Around 80 children turned up and most of these are not currently attending Sunday School. The morning session contains singing, Bible stories & drama, and craft activities. In the afternoon there are carnival activities which are all Biblically themed. Staff and students of the College take an active role in preparing and leading on the day. The story was Jesus healing the paralytic let down through the roof. In our auditorium we have a cavity in the roof with access down in to the auditorium. As the story was being acted out, we lowered one of our youth on a stretcher down into the auditorium. When Jesus (played by student Joshua) "healed" him and he arose several of the younger children let out a gasp and said "wow". It was as if they were really watching it happen and even for us it made the story so much more real !

SPBC

I know I keep saying this but it's hard to believe we are already into the second quarter. On the most part students finished the 1st Quarter well but we had one student who is struggling a little, however we knew this would be the case.

As I mentioned at the opening of this letter my role as Principal has its challenges. At the beginning of the year, in fact as soon as I was appointed, we received notice that the College's main USA sponsor was going to cease in 2008. Also we have one very generous donor who gives a lot and he is not able to guarantee a renewal. Together these two represent 75% of our USA funding for the College. Last week Sue, our secretary, handed in her notice. Sue has been at the College 16 years and does a lot to assist us in management and she will be hard to replace. Then this week I had to dismiss a student which is an extremely difficult thing to do. As a small College we build quite close relationships and so in the unfortunate event that a student needs to be dismissed it does have its emotional toll upon you.

cleaning up the area. At the same time there are a few people who have started building at the neighboring property and they have already put electric power lines in, dug water pipes for their land which is just a few metres to the church property. After the electricity and water we will do the costing for the road and from then the building can begin. That is where the work is at for now.

Dan is in hospital at the present time, he has some health issues complicated by diabetes too and the doctors said that he will stay there for a few months. We ask for your prayers for him. Kuma and Mele will teach our children again this year and they have both enjoyed to be with the kids. I continue to preach, teach and minister to the church family here.- **Alani None.**

Fiji

The group (Capital City Church in Suva Fiji) had the opportunity to visit the children at the Suva hospital. The event was to visit and donate toys towards children in hospital.

With the 12 members that were available that day for the visit as a group in the hospital it was a first experience. At first they were nervous and a bit scared till they reached the door, all the feeling of stomach butterflies disappeared. I could see the change of expression feeling emotional all of a sudden that they hasten to attend to every kid. We've been told that some of the kids were not visited even by their own families, for us being there we