

DON'T FORGET!!

Open House at Anglican House

Thursday, May 8, 7 - 9 pm

This has been arranged by the Christian Education Committee as an opportunity for Church School teachers to

- ✓tour our new Resource Centre
 - ✓see what's available to assist your teaching
 - ✓visit with other teachers
 - ✓enjoy refreshments
 - ✓check out a sample of the new Anglican Learning Centre kits
 - ✓pick up your end-of-year zipper pull awards
- We are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible.*

CHANGE OF DATE

Saturday, May 31, NOT May 10 as previously advertised

9:30 - noon and 1 - 3 pm, St Mary and St Bartholomew, Westmorland Rd, Saint John.

Teaching about the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, a time for discussion - who's doing what, music for Sunday School, children in worship and an instructed eucharist.

Anglican Church School Awards

The Christian Education Committee's zipper pull award for anyone involved in our Church Schools is selling very, very well. We have run out of the initial order of 1000, and ordered another 1000. There is still time to order yours from Anglican House.



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Two ideas from the parishes

As many of you know, the Christian Education Committee has been calling Sunday School superintendents or clergy in the last week or so, to update our records and just 'have a chat.' These ideas came out of calls to two parishes.

THE TRADING POST POINT SYSTEM is used in Shediac. Children are awarded points when they come to their church school, one for their presence, one if they bring a friend, one for remembering to bring a Bible, one for remembering their offering envelope (see later note). Every two months or so, and just before the summer break, the Trading Post Item Bank is opened. It has a selection of items for which children may trade their

points. Most things may be obtained for a few points, but Captain Hugh Bateman reports that recently they have begun to have children's Bibles which 'cost' thirty or more points and a surprising number of children have been excited about this and saved up in order to be able to get one. (Note: Since the offering is often dependent upon the parents and not the child, there is an alternative option to bringing the envelope. Children may bring used postage stamps instead. These are saved to give to the Bible Society, which is able to use them to buy Bibles for children in other parts of the world.)

SWORD DRILL This takes place every week in Westfield. At some point when children are gathered in the open prayer circle, the leader will say, "Bibles up!" She then calls out a verse for the children to race to find. The verse is chosen because it has some connection with the lesson that day. There is then a short talk and discussion about it. Avril Wood says the children are excited about their ability to find things in their Bibles which is improving all the time.

Pre-school Books

This is an inexpensive way to make books for your nursery, or for use in play bags. Use re-sealable plastic bags. Try to get some which do not have the company's name printed on them. Collect nature pictures from old magazines, seed catalogues etc. Stick the pictures onto paper cut to fit the bags, and print 'God made . . .' above or below your pictures. Make sure there are pictures on both sides of the bag. Stack several bags with the opening on the right so you can change the pictures easily if you want to, and hold them together on the left with a clear-front clip style report cover, or just a grip strip on its own. You could make books of different coloured flowers, or of animals.

Mid-Week Bible Clubs

In my conversations with church school leaders, many told me how sports activities on Sunday mornings at this time of year drastically reduce Sunday School attendance. If your Sunday School is badly affected by this, you might consider trying a Mid-Week Bible Club next year. These have a format similar to Vacation Bible School with plenty of games and fun, and run after school. If you are interested, call me for a workshop on beginning one.