

## More Information

We at Maroubra Baptist love being in community with God and in community with each other. There is a monthly calendar on our website at [www.maroubrabaptist.net](http://www.maroubrabaptist.net). If you are interested in getting involved, or need some information, please speak to one of our greeters and they can point you in the right direction regarding whom to contact. We would love you to join us.



## Quote of the week

If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees. Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for.  
C H Spurgeon

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# Communiqué

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## Welcome

If you are looking for a church, a regular attender or visiting, we would like to extend a huge, warm welcome. We are a church for the community, and we enjoy a range of social activities during the week, starting with tea/coffee on the lawn after church. We would love you to remain after the service to enjoy refreshments with us.

## Neighbour Day - next week (26 March)

We are excited about Neighbour day and are encouraging you all to participate next Sunday. Neighbour Day is a community event that encourages people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood. This also fits in well with our Open Door concept and we know how much Jesus values relationships. What better way to foster great relationships than getting to know those who live near us?

Let's be creative in planning our strategies, making sure to consider the interests and needs of our neighbours. Let's be prayerful as we consider a suitable approach and seek God's wisdom as we prepare. Let's be brave in reaching out to build relationships with our neighbours knowing that, as we do, it provides an opportunity for God to show His love through us. And let's be ready for the opportunities and miracles that will result from us stepping through the open door together, in faith.

If you are one of the many who are comfortable either doing something for your neighbor or inviting them round for a cuppa or a BBQ, we encourage you to take a photo so we can share it with the church the following week.

On the other hand, if you would prefer to take things more slowly, please take the card that is included in Communique this week, write something to your neighbor and put it in their mail box. This can be the first step to letting your neighbor know you are thinking of them.



## Playtime and Youth Update

We are very encouraged and excited about the Playtime and Youth Group growth. Playtime has had fluctuating numbers over the years and from time to time there is a significant growth. Currently Playtime is getting 4-6 registrations each week. Some of this is due to St Nick's, Coogee playgroup closing down, but word of mouth is still the main reason people attend Maroubra Baptist Playtime. We are extremely grateful for the team of volunteers who continually come to support this wonderful outreach ministry. Playtime recently reached 40 years and successfully integrates our church with the community.



Likewise, our youth group is growing both in health and depth. Mbra Youth has a steady regular average attendance, which has more than doubled from this time last year and is testimony that prayer, hard work and God's grace, have prevailed to encourage Jaxon in his endeavour to do God's will. Mbra Youth ministry currently comprises three elements. The first is the

'Mbra Youth' nights, which are in-house and involve an engaging environment, a small talk and access to workshop ideas, giving opportunity for the youth to express themselves. The talks can focus on anything from vision or values to encouraging the youth in their exploration of faith. The second is the 'Gathering' nights where the group is compartmentalised into smaller groups which provide intimacy to discuss deeper issues facing young people today, explore their faith values, and further get to know one another. Thirdly, 'Occupy' nights (Offsite) are designed for people to invite friends to an unobtrusive venue which they can enjoy and get to know the other Youth that come along. It is always fun and engaging.

## Please continue to pray for Sandy

We are praying daily for Sandy. This week has been very encouraging as Sandy has moved from ICU to Neuro High Dependency Unit. She is more awake and responsive, speaking the odd word softly and coherently. Sandy was able, quietly to rejoice with us in God's goodness as Neil and her daughter, Heidi prayed. We don't forget to give God all the praise and thanks and glory for this. What a wonderful encouragement to think that our prayers bring God much delight.

