

We looked forward to finishing visiting the primary schools in the Central Coast, as we had very good response, because the teachers are tired and appreciated the encouragement of our God-given strategy. For those we spoke with it was as if He knew their stresses and wanted to strengthen them. Three Principals and two teachers in particular were very interested, giving us some of their valuable time to find out more and even to discuss their own ideals. 38 schools accepted both sets of booklets, the 12 children's ones and the



Tuggerah School – Lots of Trees

7 teen ones. Only one school office manager refused to take the books to her Principal. We do not know if it was her initiative or school policy.

On our first day we visited Point Clare, Gosford and Gosford East, Woodport, Wyoming (where the booklets and prayers were rejected),

Niagara Park, Narara, Holgate, Lisarow, Ourimbah, Chittaway Bay, Tuggerah and Wyong schools. We like to pray God's blessings into the community in each place but Niagara Park and Holgate would not allow us within the school grounds

"because the Education Department will not allow it". This seems indicative of the anti-Christian spirit rising up since so many schools were most glad that we pray. We stayed that night at the Central Coast Motel

after a busy day.

Next day we expected to be even busier with 15 schools on our schedule but God was so gracious to us and every school we visited was appreciative, so the day flowed with joy. The schools we

visited this day were Tacoma, Tuggerawong, Wadalba (where our grandson was school captain a few years ago), Kanwal, Warnervale, and Porters Creek (which is in Warnervale and a very new school because of huge population growth in the area).

From there to Woongarah, Gorokan, Blue Haven, Northlakes, Mannering Park, Wyee, Morisset, Dora Creek and Bonnells Bay schools. It was at Gorokan and Morisset that we had our conversations with Principals which encouraged us and them. All this area in the Central Coast has beautiful scenery, much of it overlooking the lakes. Plenty of homes have boats to enable their residents to enjoy their environment to the max, which may explain a relaxed attitude to visitors to the area, compared to hectic cities. So our busy schedule was actually relaxed – so nice! We stayed that night in Morisset at an excellent motel – Lake Macquarie Hotel/Motel.

On our third day we visited Wangi Wangi, Arcadia Vale, Rathmines, Coal Point, Toronto, Blackalls Park, Biraban, Awaba, Cooranbong, Jilliby and Wyong Creek schools. At Awaba we had a lovely chat with C and then met the Principal there. Every one of these schools on this day were appreciative

and interested in the booklets as well as appreciating the prayers so it was another joyful day and we arrived home quite early. We were very glad we had decided to do a trip in December because it gives all these Principals plenty of time to peruse the material and we are trusting that God will indeed speak into their hearts the strategies to take their schools into a prosperous and successful, positive 2023. We had visited 39 schools, only one refused our offered booklets, and had asked God to bless 40 communities whose 'representatives' accepted our prayer. It is our privilege to represent Him as we go to these places, so we thank Him for His faithfulness.



Holgate School



Narara School – Grand Entrance



Morisset School



Jilliby School



Wyee School



Dora Creek School



Overlooking the Lake