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## parents' update – APRIL/MAY

on growing up

**G'day welcome to our April/May parents' update!** In Ephesians 4 we read about how one of God's purposes for his people is that they mature. The theme for this update is *GROWING UP...*

**[PHAT]** What a great time we had on PHAT05 Samurai! Amidst all the crazy games, the crazy food it was exciting to see that many of our youth are *growing up*. During our combined group time we often meet different people and hear about how they became a Christian. On the first PHAT in 2002 almost all of the interviewees were leaders. This year almost all of them were youth! We heard a number of exciting stories of how different people have become Christian on previous PHATs and how they are now continuing to *grow up* in the Lord.

Ephesians was the book that we studied together on PHAT in our quiet times, junior/senior morning talks, bible discussion groups and the combined night talks. It's great to see so many wrestle with the Bible! Thank God for the 13 who have indicated that they put their trust in Jesus' death & resurrection and ask God that He would continue to be at work in all our youth *growing* them to be more like Jesus.

**[Growing Up groups]** Each week we have groups to help teenagers *grow up*... This term on Friday nights Focus [yr10-12] will be learning from 1 Timothy and Triple F [yr7-9] will be learning from the Psalms. As important as our large Friday night gatherings are... we are keen to see every one of our youth in a smaller group. Yr10-12 groups meet at various times and this term they will be looking at Joshua. Time and time again we hear from the youth that these small groups are a big factor in helping them to *grow up*. If you've got a yr10-12er not yet in one, this term would be a great time to start. These groups meet in homes [thanks again to all the host families] at various times. The Yr 7-9 groups meet during 830 and 1030 church on a Sunday morning. This term they will be learning from Matthew 1-7. The yr9s will start home growth groups late in the year.

**[Helping others to grow]** We have more and more youth keen to help others to *grow*... One of the ways that you can tell someone is *growing up* is their enthusiasm and willingness to help others to do the same. We have quite a number of yr10-12s involved in leading our children's groups. This has been a tremendous opportunity for all those involved. Later on this term we will be kicking off a new program called JXT [Junior Cross Training]. JXT will help our yr9s to think more about how they can serve each other in Triple F, particularly the yr7 & 8s. During PHAT we also saw that youth were keen to help out and serve in many ways. This is all very good and more signs that youth are *growing up*.

**[Parents, Prayer, Partnership]** I'm sure you can all remember the joys of *growing up*... Amidst all the pressures of life and parenting, we are living in exciting times as we partner together to see more and more youth *grow up*. Our next **Parents, Prayer, & Partnership** will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at either 10am or 12noon [after both of our morning church meetings]. It will be a good time to catch up with other parents and continuing praying for our youth.

See you all soon!

Regards,

**Rhett Harris & David Miers**

2 dates for the fridge:

- 15<sup>th</sup> May – parents, prayer, & partnership
- 20<sup>th</sup> May – m a s s i v e [yr7-12] PHAT DVD!

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