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Parents & Partnership – AUG06

We hope that this CCECYOUTH Parents & Partnership Newsletter finds you well.

10 years – It's been 10 years since Central Coast Evangelical Church started!! There are many things for which we can be thankful to God. It's been exciting to see the youth ministry grow during those years as the church has continued to grow. At our first youth group camp we had about 15 teenagers attend. At PHAT in April we had about 150! That's significant growth! While numerical growth is exciting, it's been great to see the growth in many young lives. If praying for CCECYOUTH we'd love you to pray for continued growth in the lives of teenagers on the Central Coast over the next 10 years and beyond.

focus on focus – FOCUS is our Friday night youth group for students in year 10-12 (or equivalent). We meet in "The Shed" and so far 2006 has been a great year with many teenagers keen to serve each other. This year we have run 2 "**No Regrets**" breakfasts for year 12 students. This has been a good opportunity to eat food together, hear from the experience of previous year 12 students, be challenged from the Bible and pray for one another.

In early August we ran our second CCECYOUTH "**Careers Expo**". The aim of the expo is to help yr10-12s to think about how being Christian will impact their decisions about career, study, marriage, church and life.

communication – In *Napoleon Dynamite* (the greatest teen movie of the new millennium) Kip sings a song to his Bride at the end of the movie with the following line in it: *I love technology* (For the context of this quote hire the video or ask your teenager!). Here at ccecyouth we LOVE technology! We love technology because it helps us to communicate throughout the week with teenagers and their parents. Some of the technological things we have in operation for communication include: our podcast, online forum, website, sms, photoblog, weekly email and this new invention called the telephone. While nothing beats communicating face to face, each of these mediums helps us to stay in contact. **In particular we are keen to get as many parents on our ccecyouth breaking news email list as possible.** If you would like to subscribe email ccecyouth@gmail.com, check out our website www.ccecyouth.com or phone David on 0428-532-665.

leaders – Finally let me encourage you to get to know your child's youth group leader(s). We have a marvellous team of volunteer leaders that work tirelessly with your teenagers. Here are four things you might like to think about doing: 1) Meet them; 2) Encourage them; 3) Pray for them; and 4) Maybe even invite them over for dinner.

Regards,

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