

## COMMUNITY FORMATION TUESDAY:

**CHAPEL:** We look forward to hearing from Sandy Kerr this week as she continues our BUMP theme and a big thanks to Mitchell and Brendon for leading our chapel time together.

## TUESDAY LUNCH: IAN MCINNES

Ian is the CEO of tearfund in New Zealand. Ian's introduction to aid and development came when he happened to be in Sri Lanka during the Boxing Day Tsunami in 2004 and helped with the aid response with his wife Himali.

Now, Ian is one of New Zealand's leading disaster response managers, having worked at the forefront of international humanitarian response in countries such as Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Haiti, Pakistan and Samoa.

Ian is also Chair of the Council for International Development (CID), and was previously Chair of the NGO Disaster Relief Forum, both of which represent NZ aid and development organisations.

## WEDNESDAY PRAYER

At 12:40pm each Wednesday we come together in the Chapel for a time of prayer. Please feel free to come along to join staff and students.

For the next 2 weeks we are taking some time to pray for different things/issues in our world, this week is 'The Persecuted Church'

Facilitator this Week: Csilla Saysell

## OCTOBER OPEN DAY

Just a heads up that our next Open Day is 11th October. If you have anyone in your life that you think should be studying at Carey then please do encourage them to come along to the Open Day! Also... here is a video they might like to watch.



## LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open for normal hours during the 3 week mid semester break.

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-6:30pm  
Friday 9am-5pm  
Saturday 10am-12:30pm

## MID SEMESTER STUDY BREAK

Don't forget that at the end of Week 6 (next week) we have a 3 week Study Break. During this time there are a number of block courses being held on site.

The study break is from Monday 5th - Friday 23rd September.

Week 7 resumes on Monday 26th September.



## Cultural Self-Discovery for Effectiveness in Cultural Diversity

### A 2-DAY WORKSHOP

that will grow your cultural self-awareness so that you can understand, relate to, and work effectively with others in multicultural contexts.

Thursday 29th - Friday 30th September  
9.30am - 4.00pm each day

Cost: \$90.00

Earlybird: \$70.00  
(finishes 19th August)

Student: \$40.00

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## TICK TOCK

Time is illusive. It isn't something we can buy, yet we can spend it. We can have it, manage it even but we can't hold onto it, and we certainly can't stop it.

Time becomes a big thing when you're studying. Certain times for certain classes. Finding time for readings. Time between assignments. The amount of hours you should contribute to an assignment. And that's just Carey. Then there is trying to fit in the time that the other things in our life demand. Family time, time with friends, ministry time.

We all have different roles in our lives that take up our time. For me, I am a wife. I am a daughter. I'm a sister, a friend, a student, a ministry leader, a student association leader. And I'm also a child of God. All of these relationships and roles take time to build, maintain and enjoy.

Like some of you, I attended the Preaching conference at the end of July that was held at Carey. Dr Lynne Baab, the Senior Lecturer in Pastoral Theology at Otago University, was one of the key note speakers at this conference and discussed the inner life of the preacher. She described her personal experience of keeping a Sabbath, which she has done for about 40 years. She described an aspect of the sabbath as being defined by the things you aren't. On a sabbath you take off all your "roles" but one. You are no longer a theology student or a parent, a ministry leader or a friend. You are simply a child of God.

It made me wonder how often I stop and take off my roles, to sit simply before God as His child?

Do I regularly practice silencing the world of responsibilities to spend time with God?

Often in the midst of assignments, classes and ministry, we can forget that we ourselves need to be ministered to. That to be able to live in all of our other roles, we need to be

formed and rested in our most important role first.

To do this takes practice and doesn't come easy. I find it almost impossible to have a whole day without thinking about or being confronted with the various roles I have. For now I am starting with my 20 minute train ride from Pukekohe to Papakura. It is my time where I turn off my phone, and leave my responsibilities at the station. During that short train ride, it is my time to be simply Chris, God's child. It is truly freeing and wonderful to sit simply with my creator. And it often leaves me craving more. With some practice and commitment, I'm sure this will become more than a 20min time slot, but for now it works.

As leaders, students, friends, our most important time is with our creator. How do you create time to strip off your roles and simply sit as a child of God?

Chris

Chris is the Student Association President