

COMMUNITY formation

Community Lunches (12.30pm)

Join us on Monday and Tuesday for our Community Lunches. This is a great time to get to know other students and staff while enjoying a delicious lunch together.

Chapel This Week

Our Pasifika and Maori Student Support Advisor Reti Ah-Voa will be speaking on "Church at its best" - when you think about that, what does that look like? Come and be inspired and challenged.



WEDNESDAY prayer

Join us in the Chapel at 12.40pm when we will come together as a community to pray. Sarah Harris will lead us as we pray for one-another, bring your prayer requests.

ESOL academic help offered

ESOL (English-as-a-second-language) students: If you find English language a bit hard in your Carey studies (especially writing essays), **free one-to-one help** is available through Laurie Guy (adjunct lecturer). Help can be given weekly (usually Wednesday morning) at Carey.

Laurie Guy

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(Priority is given to students in their first or second year of Carey study who are hard working.)

LIBRARY book sale

Come and grab yourself a bargain.

\$0.50 paperback
\$1.00 hardback

Need help using the library?
Come to our training session on Tuesday from 1:00pm-1:30pm.

Any questions, please contact siong.ng@carey.ac.nz

CAREY Scholarships extended

New date, Tuesday 6th March

Carey has a number of Scholarships still available for 2018:

- Academic Women
- Chinese
- Maori and Pasifika
- Baptist Pastors
- Master of Applied Theology
- Masters

Check out the details on carey.ac.nz. The deadline has been extended until 6th March! Contact Neroli Hollis registrar@carey.ac.nz for more details.

FORMAL Welcome

On Thursday night we formally welcomed the Ethnic Ministry Leadership students to their studies for 2018.

It was a wonderful night celebrating a variety of nationalities and ethnicities who are keen to learn more about God.



“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.” - Cicero.

I often dream that I will one day own a beautiful, self-sustainable garden. When I retire, I plan to set up a Paper and Plant business that will operate from a restored vintage caravan. To achieve this, requires experience and knowledge which I lack. Therefore, I have subscribed to a number of blogs and newsletters and have attended various relevant talks in the hopes of gathering enough knowledge to plant at the right time, nurture and grow my plants and revive dying or sick plants.

Just like me, you may have a dream. You might have sensed a firm calling in your life or you may simply want to gain knowledge as you do not yet know what your future is going to be like. The path to your dream or to acquire further learning may be challenging. It can be difficult to juggle the demands of ordinary life, like work and family commitments, with assignments, weekly readings and lectures. Using the library and learning to reference using SBL style may also be overwhelming, and the demands of academic study may not be what you have anticipated.

As the Principal mentioned last week, theological study is not an individual journey. It is best done in community with others. When times are tough, deadlines are fast approaching, or you are not getting the marks you were aiming for, it is okay to ask for help and start again.

For me, the challenge was picking my ego off the floor when my first two crops of strawberry plants dried up. Fortunately, my third attempt was better and the fruits of my labour were bountiful and magnificent. My gardening guru, Lynda Hallinan once said that, “the moral of the story is that if at first you don’t success, have another crack at it.”

If you are struggling, I therefore encourage you today to “have another crack at it”, and to do it safe in the knowledge that you are not alone. You are in a community that aims to nurture and grow you, and you have a creator who loves you and will never forsake you.

■ Siong Ng
library manager

