

Living, Laughing and Learning Conference with Diana Waring September 11th and 12th, 2009

Venue: Hornby Presbyterian Community Church, 27 Amyes Road, Hornby Christchurch

Friday night Registration, Curriculum sales & family tables for second hand resources will be open from 5.30pm
6pm Family fun – music, drama and laughs
6.45pm Keynote session with Diana for the whole family; **Unlocking the Mysteries of the Middle Ages**
8.30pm The Ultimate Family supper (Sales tables will remain open until 9.30pm)

Saturday 8.30am Registration

9am - **The Well-Kept Secret of a Biblical Education** (this session has a Christian focus)

10.15 Am tea

10.30 - **Beyond Survival**

12-1pm Lunch

1 pm Workshop options (choose 1 out of 4)

1. Diana and Bill – **Making the most of teen years at home**. Encouraging session for teens
2. Barbara Smith - **Avoiding Burnout**. Strategies to identify and overcome burnout.
3. Lennie Harrison - **Early Reading and Writing Skills**. A practical session aimed at 4-8yrs.
4. Linda Gage - **Character Training**. Focussing on the heart and mind while they learn and grow.

2.15pm Workshop options (choose 1 out of 4)

1. Bill Waring - **The Homeschool Principal**; an encouraging discussion time for Dads
2. Helen Pearson - **Developing Good Thinking Skills in the Course of Life**. Look beyond the “right” answer
3. Lennie Harrison - **Meat for Teenagers** (directed at parents only, and Christian content)
4. Linda Gage & Cynthia Hancox – **Time Management**. Practical tips for balancing the house, family and life

3.30pm afternoon tea

3.45pm Final keynote session with Diana **Actively ENGAGE Learning & Actually ENJOY Learning!**

5.15 pm End of conference. Book stalls remain open until 6pm

*Please bring a contribution for morning/afternoon tea if you are attending on Saturday.

*Creche will be provided for children 3 and under only. A parent’s room with sound from the auditorium is available for mum’s with babies.

* No children’s programme will be available but quiet children over 12 are welcome to attend sessions.

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Registration Details:

Names of those attending: Mum/Dad _____

Children’s names and ages requiring a place in crèche on Saturday _____

Number of Adults and Children attending on Friday Evening: _____ Adults _____ Teens/Children

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Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Workshop Preferences: (to help us allocate rooms – you may change your mind on the day) Please rank your choices.

Session 1: **Making the most of your teen years at home**. Number of teens attending _____
_____ **Avoiding Burnout** _____ **Early Reading and Writing Skills**. _____ **Character Training**.

Session 2: **The Homeschool Principal** (Dad attending? Yes/No)
_____. **Developing Good Thinking Skills** _____ **Meat for Teenagers** _____ **Time Management**.

We would like a table to sell used resources: Yes/No (Table cost will be \$5)

Cost: Early bird registration until August 21st. Late Registration fees are in brackets. All fees cover the whole family.

Friday Evening \$15 (\$20) Saturday only \$30 (\$35) Friday and Saturday \$35 (\$40)

Post registration forms with payment (cheques made out to CHE) to 12 Egmont Place, Harewood, Christchurch
Internet banking: please deposit with your surname & “Conference” as a reference: A/C 03 0802 0162706 00

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Friday evening 6-9pm: An evening for the whole family with music, drama, singing and comedy courtesy of your homeschooling friends; a race through the Middle Ages with Diana and the Ultimate Family supper.

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Middle Ages *Join Diana for a whirlwind tour through one thousand years of colorful characters and world changing events. Beginning with the fall of Rome and continuing all the way up to Gutenberg's printing press. Seat belt use suggested--you're going to move fast!*

Saturday 9am – 5.30pm Keynote sessions with Diana and Workshops

9am The Well-Kept Secret of a Biblical Education (Specifically for Christian families)

How much have the prevailing culture and our own school experiences influenced our views on education, even in homeschooling? This powerful message will provide you with a foundational and scriptural framework for understanding education -- the content and the means -- from a Biblical perspective.

10.30am Beyond Survival (General Audience)

A transparent description of the beginning days in her homeschooling, including the struggles and failures she experienced as she unsuccessfully tried to create school at home. Learn how she went from "barely surviving" to finding great joy on the journey with her children. Diana brings experience with her own children for over twenty years, as well as insights gleaned from homeschooling families around the world.

4pm Actively ENGAGE Learning & Actually ENJOY Learning! (General Audience)

"How do I get my kids to finish their school work?" The deeper question is actually, "How do I get my kids to be self-motivated?" We will look at specific ways to encourage and assist our children in developing ownership of their education. We must learn the critical difference between controlling and directing; pushing and releasing; coercing and facilitating. It is the master teacher who says, "I can not teach you how to do it, but I can help you learn to do it."

Workshops will include:

Diana and Bill

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Reading, Writing and Maths in the Early Years Practical tips, activities and games that help with learning to read, write and do maths, and a logical sequence for introducing them. They will be useful no matter what curriculum (or non-curriculum) you're using, because they're often quick and easy and don't require a lot of preparation, and they can lighten up the day. Feel free to bring some ideas of your own to share with the group. Lennie Harrison

"Meat for Teenagers" Questions tend to pop up during the teen years. Teens themselves have questions like: "What is God's will for me?" or "Why should I bother with what God wants?" Parents may ask: "What resources have others found helpful for their teens?", "What kind of parental involvement are we looking at and why?" or "What can we expect from our teens?" Lennie will share her perspective, followed by discussion. Christian content. Lennie Harrison

Character Training. The Home Education environment is a wonderful opportunity to focus on our children's character. Linda will explore what character is, what affects its development and practical suggestions to support your character training through everyday life. The goal is to have an abnormal teenager! Start now! Linda Gage

Time Management. Are you juggling too many balls while wearing hats of all shapes and sizes? Life is very busy as a mum at home. This workshop will look at the practical, emotional and spiritual sides of running your home, raising and educating your children, organizing all the stuff, training the Clean Team and keeping it all in balance. Linda Gage

"Avoiding Burnout – Keeping Going When the Going Gets Tough" This workshop will include a discussion of the symptoms of burnout and specifically causes of home school burnout. Strategies for avoiding burnout will also be discussed in detail. Barbara Smith

Developing Good Thinking Skills in the Course of Life. This seminar gives ideas to help us to extend our children's thinking past the recall of the "right" answers through to research, reasoning, reflecting, responding and reviewing. It will be practical, and immediately useful in whatever unit study or subject you are learning about. Helen will also briefly introduce the Interact Curriculum, a flexible, integrated, Christian curriculum based on these principles. Helen Pearson

Go to www.dianadownunder.com for more on Diana's teaching, resources and registration details for all conferences.