Are you interested in travelling to KIRIBATI during the 2009 October student vacation?

Are you …

• concerned about the issue of Climate Change and how it is impacting on the low-lying islands of the Pacific?
• ready for an adventure under the guidance of experienced cross-cultural tour leaders who are very familiar with Kiribati
• working in a systemic Catholic school in the Wollongong Diocese?
• in good health and ready to be an ambassador for our Diocese?
• willing to have an experience that could change your life and have a positive impact on your school and colleagues for years to come?

… then you should consider applying for a place on this tour.

The Wollongong Catholic Education Office is working with the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and the Edmund Rice Centre, Sydney, to send a small group of Catholic educators to Kiribati during the 2009 October student vacation. Under the leadership of Sr Geraldine Kearney sgs, the group will be engaged in three projects. The first is to get an immediate experience of life in Kiribati, one of the nations seriously impacted by climate change so that solidarity and advocacy will be developed. The second is to assist in the skills training and leadership development of Kiribati youth who have been asked to speak at the United Nations Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen later this year. The third is to make links with the Kiribati pilgrims who came to Australia in July 2008 for World Youth Day under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Wollongong.

The full cost of the tour will be met by the CEO and the participants will be away for about ten days. The full itinerary is still to be determined.

Expressions of interest should be made on the accompanying form and returned to the Catholic Education Office by 8 May 2009.

Enquiries can be directed to Mark Raue by phone on 4253 0929 or 0417 431 827 or by email to mark.raue@ceowoll.catholic.edu.au

“My experience in Kiribati in 2007 has had a deep and lasting impact on me and will forever influence the way I look at the world”

Ken Bryant
Principal
Nazareth Catholic Primary School
Shellharbour City

Stephanie Dunn, a teacher from Magdalene Catholic High School, Narellan Vale, visiting Kiribati in 2007