

Farewell and God Bless

This week we farewell our Year 12 students of 2015. As a cohort, they have made significant contributions to the shaping of Pacific's culture through their involvement in the academic, sporting, cultural, spiritual and service dimensions of college life. As we journey through life it is the interactions we encounter that shape who we are. Over their time at the college there have been thousands of interactions, which have shaped each of them as young men and women and us as a community.

We thank the cohort of 2015 and their families for their loyalty, generosity of spirit, good humour and warmth. As seniors of the college they have led well and we have seen increased strength in student leadership as a result. After 13 years of education, all are well prepared and ready to make the transition into purposeful adult lives. We pray that each of them journey through life with confidence, knowing that God walks through them, in them and with them. We are proud of the dignified, caring and capable young men and women they have all become and know they are well equipped to thrive as they make a difference.



Principal's Log



It has been great to watch the Year 12 students finish this week as they have completed a labyrinth walk with Pastor Rick Zweck and created a canvas tile with Mrs Denise McMahon. They have also learnt about a variety of topics from external presenters including personal safety from the Red Frogs team, wellbeing and health from Headspace and medical personnel, investments from the Commonwealth

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Bank, travel issues from the Students Travel Association and legal matters from Queensland Police. This week has been an important mix of rites of passage and information helpful for the next phase of their lives. Well done to all Year 12 students for the way they have engaged in the week and to Miss Kim Stone for her organisation of a very worthwhile program. We look forward to the Graduation Service, Chapel and Formal over the coming days.

This week, students across Years 4 to 12 also enjoyed the Sports Awards where former Australian Rugby League player, Trevor Gillmeister, spoke about the importance of work ethic in all aspects of life. Students took a lot from his presentation that included the need for persistence, the importance of serving others through involvement in charities, respecting people equally and to live with courage in the face of adversity. Mr Darren Hooper, Mr Mark Hauser and Mrs Natalie Campbell organised a very polished and enjoyable presentation ceremony and we thank them and all team coaches for their leadership of sport this year. Well done to all students for their generous support of team sport throughout the year. It has been a year of considerable growth.

The final vocal and piano concert on Tuesday afternoon saw students showcase their talent in very high quality performances. Well done to all students and to Mr Adrian King and the instrumental teachers for nurturing the growth of students' musical talent.

Our Year 6 and 7 robotics teams also performed very well at the First Lego League competition at Grace Lutheran College, Redcliffe over the weekend. There were over 40 teams involved with each being required to present a research project, complete programming challenges and answer design and programming questions from a panel. Our Year 6 team were presented with the Teamwork Award. We thank Mr Andrew Block and Mrs Toni Fisher for the leadership of these teams and congratulate our team members for representing themselves and the college well.

The Friends of Pacific Annual General Meeting provided the opportunity for us to thank the Friends of Pacific committee for the service they have given to the college for 2015. We deeply appreciate the role that the committee members have played in providing connection with our college community. This year, President Mrs Tracey Hindmarsh, Vice President Mrs Allyson Sarvari, Treasurer Mrs Sanet Strong, Secretary Mrs Kath Barry and Fund Raising Coordinator Mrs Mel Pollack capably led the committee. We were pleased to see committee members being prepared to continue in their roles and being elected to these positions for 2016.

We pray for all people of the world affected by conflict and that God would bring peace into the hearts of people so that

all are able to see and value our common humanity. We pray that God would bestow life's richest blessings on our Year 12 students and their families as they journey forward.

Dr Bronwyn Dolling, Principal

2016 School Fees

At last week's College Council meeting, 2016 school fees were approved. In approving these fees, the College Council was conscious of keeping fees as affordable as possible while continuing to enhance the quality of educational opportunities at the college. The most significant cost for the college is wages and this increase takes into account likely salary increases for next year and increase in costs for our Outdoor Education program. In terms of facility development, the college will be upgrading the senior learning space, fitting out a fourth science laboratory and a commercial kitchen and outdoor dining area by the end of 2016.

Tuition Fees will increase by the following amounts (per term):

Prep – Year 5	\$30
Year 6	\$35
Year 7	\$40
Years 8-12	\$45

Technology, Resource and Building levies all remain unchanged.

A full copy of the fee schedule for 2016 can be found on our website. Families who have questions about these increases are encouraged to address their inquiries to our Business Manager, Mr Mike Healy.

Student Free Day – Monday 25th January

In line with changes made by Education Queensland, Monday 25th January 2016 will be a student free day. New Middle College students will still be invited to meet their care group teacher on the afternoon of Friday 22nd January.

From the Director of Students

The Year 9 Rite Journey homecoming is on Thursday 26th November at 5.00pm. The Rite Journey is at the core of Year 9 Christian Studies and Personal Development. It enables students to reflect on their journey so far and prepares them for the future as young adults. The homecoming will be a celebration of this growth with their families.

The Closing Service will be held on Tuesday 1st December at the Events Centre, Caloundra from 6.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for the college community to reflect on the year, give thanks and celebrate. As part of this service, there will be a formal graduation for Year 9 students from Middle College.

Finally, I would like to formally thank the Pastoral Care team of Mrs Jacqui Layfield, Mrs Melissa Evans, Dr Peter McMahon and Miss Kim Stone for their hard work and support this term. I wish all our families a safe, happy and holy Christmas.

Mr Brendan Delaney, Director of Students

From the Head of Staff and Students P-5

On Tuesday, Year 4-6 students attended their sports presentation. Congratulations to all those students who received recognition for participation and achievements in school sports throughout the year. Rugby League legend, Trevor Gillmiester attended the ceremony to present the awards and spoke passionately to the students about sport. A special thank you to Mr Darren Hooper for his direction and organisation of Year 4-6 sport at the college. We also thank Mr Darren Hooper, Mr Mark Hauser and Mrs Natalie Campbell for organising and hosting a very professional and enjoyable sports presentation.

Prep – Year 2 Swimming

Prep – Year 2 swimming continues on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. If your child is attending swimming early in the day, can you please ensure they are at the college by 8.30am as the first bus will be departing at 8.35am. Students should arrive at the college in their swimmers and parents should apply sunscreen to children in the morning

before leaving home (sunscreen will also be available at the college). It is highly recommended that students also wear a 'rashie' or sun shirt and that girls with long hair wear a cap to keep hair out of their eyes.

Hats

A number of students are coming to school each day without their hats. During breaks, students need to wear a hat or they are required to stay out of the sun. Students should also wear their hats when travelling to and from the college. We ask all parents and guardians to please ensure that children have their hats and are wearing them to school each day.

Carols Night

On Friday 27th November, the annual Carols Night will be held at the college, commencing at 5.00pm. Food will be available after the concert. A flyer providing further details will be sent home next week.

Prep – Year 5 End of Year Service

On Monday 30th November, the Prep – Year 5 End of Year Service will be held in the college gym, commencing at 9.15am. At the service, Academic Excellence and Endeavour awards will be presented to Year 3-5 students. The service also marks an important transition for Year 5 students who move to the Middle College next year. All parents and family members are most welcome at this important event. An invitation providing further details will be sent home next week.

Mr David Druery, Head of Staff and Students P-5

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2016

To assist families with the expansion of the BYOD program next year, Pacific has entered into arrangements with the following suppliers for the provision of technology devices and software:

Datacom

<https://myschoolshop.qld.datacom.com.au/pacificlutheran>

Please use the following credentials to log onto the site:

Access Key: pacificlutheran

PIN: plcbbyod2016

The School Locker

<http://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/pacific-lutheran-college/>

Orders can be placed online or in-store at the Maroochyodre

Homemaker Centre (11/55 Maroochy Boulevard). Discounted pricing is available using a Student Advantage Card, available from the Business Office.

Microsoft

<https://pacificlutheran.qld.onthehub.com/>

Students can download a free copy of Microsoft Office and Windows software. Log in using your normal Pacific username and password.

Further details about the BYOD program are available on the college website:

http://www.pacificlutheran.qld.edu.au/index.php/my_plc/senior_school/byod_program/.

Stars of the Week

This Week Monday 16th November

Prep	Sienna Fioraso	Tahlia Kelly
	Grace Meekan	Summer Naumann
	Austin Bellette	Tyler Casement
	Schylar Brim	
Year 1	Kai McCulloch	Taj McCulloch
	Leo Michaels	Caidan Holden
	Isabelle Jeha	
Year 2	Jazlyn Miller	
Year 3	Cooper Whatham	Natalie Liggins
	Olivia Boland	Taj Turney
	Zoe Nankivell	Kai Sorbello
	Hunter Smith	
Year 4	Elizabeth Maclean	Dion Owen
	Gabrielle Maynard	Ayla Sheridan
Year 5	Abby Shanahan	Jacob Salvesson
	Finn Davis	Chaise Miles
	Ethan Keeley	

You Can Do It Awards

This Week Monday 16th November

Confidence: Elliott Burlone

Persistence: Archie Palmer, Mikayla Cross-Pitcher, Zac McCarthy

Organisation: Levi Mansfield, Joseph Woods, Matthew Stanton

Getting Along: Amy Richards

Mathletics

Gold William Atkinson, Alexander Hughes and Gabrielle Gorham.

Food for Thought

The Art of Constructive Self-Criticism

Let's face it. We all make mistakes!

Most of us know that failure is a reality of life and at some level, we understand that it actually helps us grow. But still, we hate to fail. We fear it and when it does happen, we hold onto it. We give it power over our emotions and sometimes we allow it to dictate our way forward (or backward).

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/in-love-and-war/201310/the-art-constructive-self-criticism>

Ms Annie Williams, College Counsellor

Friends of Pacific

Connecting College and Community

OCEANfest 2016

The OCEANfest Steering Committee is currently seeking expressions of interest to assist with the coordination and organisation of next year's festival. Further details can be found at the back of the newsletter.

Committee 2016

At the Friends of Pacific AGM and final general meeting this week, the 2016 committee was elected as follows:

- Tracey Hindmarsh, President
- Allyson Sarvari, Vice President
- Sanet Strong, Treasurer

- Kath Barry, Secretary

Committee:

- Deni Fowler
- Nikki Stacey
- Karen Petfield
- Sophie McKenzie
- Ian Barnes
- Joyce Smith
- Mel Pollack
- Leah Croke
- Jenny Lee
- Julie Hoffman

We thank the current Executive Committee for their commitment throughout 2015 and look forward to welcoming the Pacific community to our meetings and events next year.

Mrs Tracey Hindmarsh, FoP President

From the College Tuckshop

Food Allergy Support

This year has flown by and we are already working on the direction of the Tuckshop for 2016.

There is an ever increasing number of students at the college with food allergies and sensitivities. Our hope for next year is to be able to offer them some safe and appetising lunch options through the Tuckshop.

In consultation with the Ceeliac QLD Association and QAST (Queensland Association of School Tuckshops) we plan to put together some fresh new menu items and prepare them in accordance with the recommended guidelines.

It would be fantastic to have some input from families who have expertise in the areas of food intolerance. Please email me if you would be interested in offering some support to this new venture, we would love to hear from you.

Current Roster

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Week 8	23-Nov	24-Nov	25-Nov	26-Nov	27-Nov
All Day	Larissa Ford	Darlene Burnett		Angela Ransome	Trina Bradshaw
Morning	Kirsty Ricotta	Shea Moor	Larissa Whincop		
Afternoon				Larissa Ford	
Week 9	30-Nov	1-Dec			
All Day					
Morning	Kirsty Ricotta	Shea Moor			
Afternoon					

Finally, thank you to those who have supported the Tuckshop this year by volunteering their time, providing ingredients or offering feedback and advice! We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas holiday.

Ms Carrie Dickson, Tuckshop Convenor

Library

Overdue Items and Holiday Borrowing

This week you will receive an email with your child's current loans. Please ensure that all books, DVDs, laptops and other borrowed items are returned before the end of the year. Once all items are returned, students are able to borrow an unlimited number of books over the holidays. Items not returned by the end of the year will be billed to your account.

Ms Nell Keen, Teacher Librarian

First Lego League

Last Sunday, two teams of excited Year 6 and 7 students, the Pacific Pirates and the Pacific Professors, travelled to Grace Lutheran College to participate in the First Lego League (FLL) tournament. This year, the tournament at Grace had over 40 teams from around Australia. There are also other tournaments taking place at various venues around Australia.

The tournament involved three sections: the robot game where teams accumulate points by completing a series of challenges by programming their robots; a research project where students present their findings to a panel of judges and

a design component where students are quizzed on their designs and programming abilities.

The tournament encourages fun, cooperation, teamwork and being gracious to fellow competitors. The students involved were outstanding in the way they conducted themselves and in the way they worked together.

At the completion of the tournament, the Pacific Professors were announced as winners of the Teamwork award. This award recognises a team that is able to accomplish more together, than they could as individuals through shared goals, strong communication, effective problem solving and excellent time management.

We congratulate both teams for their hard work leading up to the tournament and their achievements and behaviour at the event.



Pacific Pirates: Thomas McLaughlin-Phillips, Ryan Price, Mackenzie Turner, Nicholas Sarvari, Thomas French, Lachlan Wardle, Lily Croke, Georgia Barton, Sophie Empson and Louella Hindmarsh.

Pacific Penguins: Cosette Winter Oliver, Sara Allen, Astrid Williams, Imogen Layfield, Georgia Moor, Ethan Watman, Dempsey Hall, Noah Beasley, Alex Papallo and Harry McLaughlin-Phillips.

Mr Andrew Block, FLL Coordinator

Music

Vocal and Piano Recital

Last Tuesday, Mr Adrian King's vocal and piano students performed their last recital for 2015 in the Senior Music Room.

All students are to be congratulated on their efforts and presentations. The standard of their performances was exceptionally high and we are very pleased with all their achievements.

Below is the program of this excellently performed concert!

- Sophie Delaney - When It All Falls Down from Chaplin / C. Curtis
- Shaylen Stone - My Favourite Things from The Sound of Music / Rodgers and Hammerstein
- Thomas French (Piano) - Here, There And Everywhere / Lennon and McCartney and Jelly Bean Rag / Martha Miet
- Stella Teys - Love Is Here To Stay from Goldwyn Follies / George and Ira Gershwin
- Ella Block - One Day I'll Fly Away from Moulin Rouge / Sample and Jennings
- Charlotte Empson - The Music Of The Night from Phantom of the Opera / A. L. Webber
- Cassidy Harvey - As If We Never Said Goodbye from Sunset Boulevard / A. L. Webber
- Murphy – May Francis - Eternal Flame / Steinberg, Kelly and Hoffs
- Emily Hacking - I Dreamed A Dream from Les Miserable / Schonberg
- Olivia McGregor - Over The Rainbow / Alen and Harbury
- Cassidy and Emily - All That Jazz from Chicago / Kander & Ebb
- Amy Fleming - The Rose / Amanda McBroom
- Courtney Smith - The Greatest Love of All / Masser and Creed
- Elsa Jonsson - No One is Alone from Into the Woods / S. Sondheim
- Grace Milligan - My Funny Valentine from Babes in Arms / Rogers and Hart
- Dave Morris - This Is The Moment from Jekyll and Hyde / Wildhorn, Bricusse and Cuden
- Jordan Hauenschield - Summertime from Porgy and Bess / George and Ira Gershwin

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our music students, particularly those in Year 12, the very best for the future. You have all been a pleasure to teach and work with throughout the year.

Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra's A Night at the Proms

Join the Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra for an evening of the best of British music including Carl Maria von Weber's Concerto Opus 73 in F Minor 1st Movement, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance, Aaron Copeland's Fanfare for the Common Man and Hoe Down and Gounod's Petite Symphonie. Sing along with a medley of old favourites like Jerusalem, Rule Britannia and Auld Lang Syne. Bring your Union Jack and Australian flags (we also welcome other country's flags), streamers and whistles, let your hair down and recall the traditions of the 'old country'. Book early so you don't miss out!

Where: Lake Kawana Community Centre

When: Saturday 21st November at 7.00pm

Cost: \$35 at the door or \$30 for pre-paid/concession. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets for \$25. Tickets are available from the Lake Kawana Community Centre (5413 1400) or from www.sunshinecoastsymphonyorchestra.com.

Mr Adrian King, Head of Instrumental Music

Careers Department

Essential Reminders for Year 12 Students

QTAC

To make sure you don't miss out on a QTAC offer:

- Use an email address on your QTAC account that you can access during the holidays.
- Consider adding an authorised person to act on your behalf, especially if you will be travelling and have unreliable internet access.
- Track the progress of your application.
- Respond to any communication from QTAC.
- Respond to your QTAC offer by the due date.

You can do all of the above by logging onto Application Services. Through this portal you can also find out your

response options and learn how to respond as well as find offer dates and due dates for your response. For queries about Tertiary Selection Ranks or Bonus Ranks, students should contact QTAC directly on 1300 467 822.

QCAA

- QCS Test grades will be available from Wednesday 18th November in your Learning Account on the Student Connect website.
- Final results and OPs will be published in Student Learning Accounts from 9.00am on Saturday 19th December.
- Senior Education Profiles will be sent by mail on Friday 18th December so expect to receive these from Monday 21st December onwards. Please make sure QCAA has your correct postal address in your Learning Account details.

For any questions about your QCE, Senior Statement, Tertiary Entrance Statement or the results in your Learning Account, you can contact the Student Connect Hotline on 1800 804 991 or studentconnect@qcaa.qld.edu.au.

Hotline staff can provide information and advice on:

- Accessing learning accounts.
- Verifying or reviewing results.
- Changing personal details on certificates and statements.
- Reissuing certificates and statements.

Women in the Defence Force – News and Events

Air Force Flight Camp

The Air Force is offering an opportunity for young women aged between 16 to 24 to experience the Air Force through a flight camp. The camp will be held at the Amberley RAAF base from 7-11 March 2016. The focus of the camp will be on the aviation roles of Pilot, Air Combat Officer, Joint Battlefield Airspace Controller, Air Traffic Control and Aerospace Engineering.

At the camp students will:

- Be able to experience life in the Air Force including living quarters, meals, training and some leaderships activities.
- Have a look through an Air Force aircraft.

- Have the opportunity to engage with and ask questions of current serving female pilots and aircrew.
- Have the chance to speak with Defence Force Recruiting regarding all opportunities for Air Force employment.

Students may also have the opportunity to fly in an Air Force aircraft and experience an aircraft simulator.

To apply you need parental permission, an interest in Maths and Science related subjects, a willingness to extend yourself and experience new things and an ability to commit to the full program. Applications can be made online at: www.defence.gov.au/workexperience (via the 'Current Work Experience Placements' tab).

Top Defence Force Jobs

Currently, the top three priority jobs in the Defence Force are:

Navy: Pilot, Electronics Technician and Marine Technician.

Army: General Service Officer, Driver and Rifleman.

Air Force: Air Surveillance Operator, Airborne Electronics Analyst and Pilot.

Sarina Russo Institute

Sarina Russo, in conjunction with training centres in Brisbane, the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast, offers accredited Certificate and Diploma courses in Business and Management as well as a range of short courses. VET FEE-HELP is available for eligible students. For further information, visit: <http://www.sri.edu.au/>.

University of Melbourne Online Course Information Day 2015

This event is an opportunity for interstate students to get personalised advice about undergraduate courses, pathways to graduate study, scholarships and special entry schemes at the University of Melbourne. It will be held from 11.00am to 9.00pm on Thursday 17th December 2015. To register, visit: <http://futurestudentns.unimelb.edu.au/info/school-students/interstate-and-nz>.

Youth Online

The Queensland Government has developed this web page for young people. It provides links to a range of information and services, covering topics such as education, life skills, work and career, health, family support, sport and recreation programs. The site includes a section on helpful apps for young people, a social media wall and links to support

services. The web page is located at: <http://www.qld.gov.au/youth/>.

Online Study / Learning Resources

All universities provide study skill assistance for their students through workshops or online resources. The following are a selection of university online study resources:

- James Cook University – Study Smarter <https://www.jcu.edu.au/students/support/study-smarter>.
- Griffith University – Study Skill Strategies <http://app.griffith.edu.au/study-smart/>.
- Queensland University of Technology – Study Smart <http://studysmart.library.qut.edu.au/>.
- University of Queensland – Online Learning <http://www.uq.edu.au/student-services/learning/online-workshops>.

Mrs Ainslie Reid, Careers Counsellor

Secondary Sport

Pacific Sports Awards



On Tuesday, the Year 7-12 students celebrated their sporting achievements throughout the year, with special guest and Origin-great, Trevor Gillmeister. A big thank you to all students who represented the college in sport throughout the year. Well done also to Year 11 students, Tyler Turner and Andrea Prinsloo, who were the MC's for the afternoon. This was a massive undertaking for next year's Sports Captains and they did a fantastic job.

It was a great afternoon and Trevor was an enthusiastic guest of honour, presenting the medallions to the award recipients and addressing the students with his words of wisdom. The main thing that I took away from Trevor's address was the fact that hard work always outdoes talent. Growing up, Trevor played as many sports as he could and only made a rep team in his final years at school. His next rep team selection was as a QLD Maroon! He was not the most talented or gifted athlete, but he worked hard and that was the key to his success. Trevor is one of the most genuine and hardworking people I've met and we are very appreciative of his attendance at our awards presentation. We thank Trevor immensely for the words he imparted on our students.

Thank you to all for another great year of sport at Pacific. Congratulations to all awardees, but especially to all students who played for the college. We look forward to bigger and greater things in 2016.

SCISSA Soccer

Well done to all who played SCISSA Soccer this season. It was great to see all the teams competing each week and playing well together. Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys, who are through to the grand finals next week! The boys went through the season undefeated and will take on St Andrew's Anglican College in the grand final at 6.15pm at Sunshine Coast Grammar School. We encourage everyone to attend and cheer on the boys!

The Intermediate Girls played their semi-final this week against Suncoast Christian College. However, the girls lost in a penalty shoot out after a 2-2 draw at the end of the match. Well done to all team members, some of which were playing their first ever season of soccer.

All playing jerseys must be handed in to Mrs Natalie Campbell by the end of the year - thank you to those students who have already returned them.

Student Success



Congratulations to Jake Hynes who competed (along with a range of other Pacific students) in the 2015 Queensland Triathlon All Schools event at Lake Kawana last weekend. Jake

competed brilliantly in his race, finishing 3rd overall in the Senior Triathlon event and was selected in the Sunshine Coast team to compete at the Schools State Championships in Hervey Bay in February next year.

We wish Jake all the best for this event, which was cancelled earlier this year due to the cyclone. We look forward to seeing how he performs at the next level.

3-on-3 Basketball (Year 3-6)

Well done to all Year 3-6 teams who competed in the 3-on-3 Basketball tournament last Friday. Fifteen teams entered and there were some fantastic uniforms and some great basketball being played throughout the night. Congratulations to the 'Dancing Grapes' and the 'Sporting All-Stars' for claiming the 3-on-3 championship title in their divisions this semester. A big thank you to all the Middle and Senior College helpers who assisted in refereeing games, scoring and recording results.

Mr Mark Hauser, Head of Sport

Uniform Shop

This year, the uniform shop will close on Thursday 26th November. Please come in over the next week to purchase your uniforms for next year and go into the draw to win a \$200 voucher (on purchases over \$50).

If you can assist in the uniform shop from the 18th – 22nd January next year, please contact Donna on 5436 7349. There are two timeslots, daily, to be filled: from 8.00am – 12.00pm or 12.00pm – 4.00pm.

Blazers for the Year 9 Rite Journey have arrived. We have plenty of new and second hand blazers, so if you want to avoid the rush, please give me a call to see if we have your size. Boys will also require trousers and a belt.

The Uniform Shop is open every:

Wednesday 8.00am to 9.30am

Thursday 8.00am to 9.30am

Friday 8.00am to 9.30am

Orders can be placed online via www.flexischools.com.au and will be delivered to your child the following day.

Mrs Donna Hollindale, Uniform Shop Coordinator

Church News

St Mark's Lutheran Church Caloundra

On Sunday 22nd November, St Mark's Lutheran Church is holding a special memorial service to remember family and friends who have passed away. The Pacific community is invited to attend the service, which will be followed by refreshments. Full details are in the flyer below:



**St Mark's Lutheran Church
Caloundra**

*"In Memoriam" Sunday
22nd November
8.00am Bombala Tce
9.30am Pacific College*

You're invited to

**a special service to remember family and friends
who have died.**

***Candles will be lit during the service.
Refreshments will be served afterwards.***

All welcome

Contact Pastor Ray 0429 856 532 for more information

A Message from Pastor John Henderson, Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Australia

Once again the world has been shaken by a hideous terror attack.

Lutherans in Australia and New Zealand, together with people of faith everywhere, unite in expressing our deep sympathy to the people of France, and in particular to those whose loved ones have been murdered or injured. We pray also for those who witnessed the Parisian atrocities and will endure those memories forever.

This attack reminds us to pray also for those many thousands of people, in the Middle East and elsewhere, whose lives have been torn apart by the brutality of war and terrorism. We pray for people everywhere who are grieving over the loss of loved ones, homes and safety, including the countless thousands of refugees fleeing from the horrors of war.

Twice within twelve months, Paris has been the victim of a targeted terrorist attack—but the shock waves reverberate all around the world. Murder on this scale, wherever it happens in the world, is a great evil. When it happens in a country or in a city 'like ours', the reality hits us harder. It is closer to home. It can make us anxious.

This time the casualty count in Paris is much higher than in the Charlie Hebdo murders in January and heightening the alarm for many, ordinary people enjoying an ordinary Friday night out were targeted. The intended message seems to be: this could happen to you, anywhere, anytime. Nobody is safe; nowhere is safe.

Many of us in the island nations of Australia and New Zealand grew up feeling relatively safe from attack. War was likely to happen in other countries, not in ours, and even if our nations were involved in someone else's wars, we private citizens would not be personally involved. We and our children were safe from death by war.

What officials are now calling 'home-grown terror' rattles us because we realise that there is no human guarantee of absolute safety. We feel our 'birthright' has been taken from us. We can feel powerless, and some of us might feel angry or afraid; these are normal human responses. Those of us who are parents face the tough challenge of explaining all this to our children, and trying to ally their justifiable fears.

In an uncertain world St Paul's encouragement to the Romans gains new meaning for us: 'For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' (8:38,39).

In responding to terrorism, as in all things, we must cling only to Christ, who does not promise that our life will be without pain, anxiety or uncertainty, but that nothing—even death—can separate us from his love. Proclaiming the gospel of the love of Jesus and our safety in God is the only message that can give comfort in a world of fear.

'Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need' (Heb 4:16). So we pray:

Dear heavenly Father,

Thank you that you hear our cries and the cries of all come to you in need of mercy, grace and hope through Jesus.

At this time, when there have been hideous atrocities committed in Paris, we pray for the mercy, grace and true peace which you alone can give in Christ. We bring to you the people who mourn and those who are injured there in Paris, and also in other parts of the world. Lord Jesus, bring you healing and your peace.

We pray for those who live in fear for those who are called to protect. Guide the world's leaders and particularly those leaders who will meet at the G20 Meeting in Turkey. Help us in our uncertainties, concerns and fears. Lord Jesus, bring your healing and peace.

We pray for those who are displaced because of war and for those who are separated from loved ones. Lord Jesus, bring your healing and peace.

We pray for our land, our communities, our neighbours. Be with our leaders and all who serve to care and protect the vulnerable. Lord Jesus, bring your healing and peace.

We pray for our church and for our families. Help us look to keep our eyes on Jesus, and to hear his voice as he assures us that nothing can separate us from him. Use us to bring his healing and peace to the world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pastor Ray Morris, St Mark's Lutheran Church Caloundra

Upcoming Dates

November

- 18-20 Year 10-11 Exams
 - Middle College Exams
- 19 Year 12 Graduation – Lake Kawana (6.30pm)
- 20 Year 12 Farewell Chapel (8.30am)
 - Year 12 Formal – Crowne Plaza (5.00pm)
- 25 Junior Music Ensemble Concert – Gym (2.00pm)
- 26 Year 9 Right Journey – Homecoming (5.00pm)
- 27 Carols Night
- 30 P-5 End of Year Service – College Gym (9.00am)

December

- 1 Student's Last Day
 - Year 6-12 Closing Service – Events Centre, Caloundra (6.30pm)

- 2-24 Senior New Zealand Expedition

January

- 25 Student Free Day
- 26 Australia Day Public Holiday
- 27 Term 1 2016 Commences

Did You Know?

A dairy cow will give about 200,000 glasses of milk in its lifetime!

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ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday Services:

8.00am St Mark's Lutheran Church
16 Bombala Terrace, Caloundra

9.30am Pacific Lutheran College
Woodlands Boulevard, Meridan Plains
Worship in the Drama Room.

"Growing in Jesus Christ and Sharing His Love"

For more information, contact Pastor Ray Morris
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Invitation to be involved with OCEANfest 2016...

The OCEANfest Steering Committee invites all members of the College community to be involved with OCEANfest *Carnivale!* Tying in with the Rio Olympics, our *Carnivale!* theme promises to be a lot of fun. For a sneak peak, visit:

http://prezi.com/sz0ujqt0u1an/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share.

If you would like to assist, please complete the form provided below and return it to the Middle / Senior College Office or [CLICK HERE](#) to email us directly. Please register your interest by **Thursday 19th November**.

Thank you for your interest in ensuring OCEANfest 2016 is a great success. Please contact Leanne Bevis on 5436 7338 or lbevis@pacuth.qld.edu.au if you have any enquiries.

We are seeking coordinators and helpers for the following categories:

- Sponsorship
- Raffles
- Logistic
- Food and Beverage
- Bar
- Setup
- Pack down
- Entertainment
- Rides
- Finance
- Live Auction
- Cent auction
- Community
- Competitions
- Side Show Alley
- Stalls
- Technical
- Communication
- Creative Direction

Coordinators will report back to the Steering Committee to ensure we have checklists completed and clear communication. The coordinators will be supported by Leanne Bevis, OCEANfest Administrator, and assisted by the helpers.

Do you have a particular skill / trade / talent that can be utilised? (Please provide a short description)

Can you help in any other way? (Please provide a short description)

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____