

## The God Who Comes To Us

Christmas is a great time to remember the wonderful message that God comes to us. We do not have to work our way to be good enough for God's love. He sends it to us freely. In response, we are called to be free in our love for others. As we approach the business of Christmas, the car parks that are full and long lists of things to be done, may the simple thought of being loved by a gracious God inspire us to be filled with true joy, peace and love that is contagious.



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## Principal's Log

This year we set ourselves the challenge of living to the theme, Ever Changing, Never Changing. This meant being prepared to change those things that needed to be changed and holding fast to the firm foundations of what is good in our community. As I reflect back on the year, we have embraced this as staff, students and parents and together have lifted the student experience to the next level. This has included the increasing use of technology to personalise learning, intensive development of student's literacy skills through the use of DRA, increasing focus on the development of making thinking visible, higher quality of sporting programs, a strong and vibrant Friends of Pacific group that took on the challenge of staging a highly successful new look Ocean Festival and the maturation of our music program to have high quality ensemble groups including the formation of an orchestra. In the midst of considerable change, we held firm to the strong foundation of knowing that we do all things through a gracious God and the values that flow from this. It has been a very good year. Thank you to all College Council members, staff, students and parents for your outstanding contribution.

As we close the year, we will be farewelling a number of staff. After many years of service, Mrs Margaret Mengel and Mr Mark Sellin will be retiring. We appreciate the significant contribution Mrs Mengel has made to the establishment of the Hospitality Department and her generosity of spirit. Mr Sellin was instrumental in the establishment of the solar car program and implementing a strong culture of design in the Industrial

Technology area. Mr Richard Murdoch, Mrs Roxie Fraser, Mr Patrick Beggs and Mr David Simpfendorfer are moving to Brisbane and northern suburbs for family reasons. We congratulate Mr Simpfendorfer on his appointment to Head of Performing Arts at Redeemer Lutheran College and thank him for his outstanding leadership of the music program in the college, including enthusiastic support for the worship program within both the college and the local congregation. Both Mrs Fraser and Mr Murdoch have shown high levels of care and skill for the students they work with and, in particular, those that have required a more individualised approach. We appreciate the support Mr Murdoch gave to the kayaking program. Mr Beggs has made a strong start to his teaching career and we wish him well as he continues this at Prince of Peace Lutheran College. Mrs Sara Anderton will be moving to Charleville to join her husband. We appreciate the contribution of Mrs Anderton who, together with Mrs Zweck, was instrumental in moving our Prep program towards a national standard well before the Australian curriculum was introduced. Mrs Sharon Hooper will be on maternity leave and we wish her and her husband Mr Darren Hooper all the best as they prepare for this very special moment in their lives. We also wish Mrs Kirsty Ridley all the best as she takes 12 months leave and Mrs Natalie Sorbello who will be taking 12 months study leave to complete further studies. We appreciate the wonderful work that Mrs Virginia Schlotterbach, Mrs Cynthia Dodd and Mrs Tanya Graves have done in teaching Japanese

and PE classes while Mr Mark Hauser and Mrs Michiko Hauser have been on leave this term.

We will be welcoming Mrs Colleen Devitt from Glasshouse Christian College who has a very strong background in Hospitality including running her own restaurant, Mr William Vale who has a building background and has completed a degree in environmental science to the Industrial Technology team, Mrs Toni Fisher who has provided leadership in middle years Mathematics and Science at Caloundra High School, Mr Joshua Danzey who is passionate about the teaching of Mathematics and Chemistry, Mrs Holly Humphrey, Mr Sam Roach and wife Mrs Jeanette Roach as early childhood specialists and Mrs Tanya Graves and Miss Adriana Schuster as primary teachers. Interviews for the Head of Music are currently being conducted. The strength of Pacific has always been its teachers and we look forward to this group of new staff further enhancing the quality of the program at Pacific.

Construction of Stage 1 of the new Year 3 - 5 block is expected to commence over the holidays. This building will have three classrooms and change rooms, toilets and showers. The design of the building takes in 21st century classroom design with considerable flexibility of space. It is expected to be completed in the middle of next year.

After many months of extensive preparation, the New Zealand Expedition team is looking forward to challenging themselves as they enjoy the beautiful natural environment of New Zealand. We thank Dr Peter McMahon for his leadership and wish Mrs Denise McMahon and students all the best as they undertake this unique experience.

I look forward to celebrating the year's achievements with you and your family at the closing services. Once again, thank you to all staff, students and parents and a particular thank you to our Administration and Leadership team of Mrs Sue Zweck, Mr David Druery, Mrs Rae Hall, Ms Sue Arahill, Miss Kim Stone, Mr Brendan Delaney, Mr Shane Jurecky, Pastor Paul Smith and Mr Mike Healy and my Personal Assistant Mrs Chris Henschke for their leadership and support. It has been a year worthy of great celebration! Enjoy the break. May God's love and peace fill your hearts.

*Dr Bronwyn Dolling, Principal*

## Daily Bread

### Drawing a Bethlehem Star - It is Simple!

Can you draw stars? I am not that good at it. My attempts often look like a splatter on the kitchen bench.

The angels at Bethlehem gave us directions for drawing the star that the wise men followed to Jesus. The angels sang to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace amongst people that God favours". This gives four directions: Upwards to God. Downwards to Earth. Eastwards to the people there. Westwards to the people there.

Therefore, your Bethlehem star only needs to have four points. One up. One down. One left. One right. Even a learner-drawer can make this look pretty nifty. Once you get the four points, you can really get carried away with your variations.



Then look more carefully. This is the star for Jesus. The angel told the shepherds that He was born to be our "Saviour". So His star anticipates His cross where He will die to bring forgiveness of sin, life and salvation to us. When you look at the four pointer star, you can also see the sign of the cross hidden within.

So, let us pray in preparation for Christmas:

"Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me wonder at the wisdom and power of God.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responding to the Heavenly Father's joy.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me joy and love and peace that I may kneel at your Christmas manger with thanksgiving and hope. Amen."

God bless your journey to Christmas.

*Pastor Paul Smith*

## From the Director of Students

On Tuesday's Middle College assembly it was wonderful to hear the Year 6 Orchestra and Drumline playing. Our new Year 9 Middle College leaders were presented and I am looking forward to working with them next year. Congratulations to all the students who applied for these positions and to the 2014 Year 9 Middle College leaders:

### Bula

Captains Max Shadforth and Olivia McCluskey  
Vice Captains Kurtis Modlin and Alli Whitmore

## Mumba

Captains Jez Lofthouse and Gemma Whitelaw  
Vice Captains Noah Cotterell and Victoria Barth

## Wira

Captains Sam Wilson and Ally Hickey  
Vice Captains Ben Pierce and Amie Thomas

On Tuesday night for the closing ceremony at Caloundra Events Centre, students should arrive at 6.00pm. This is an important time to meet as a community and celebrate the many successes of 2013. It is an expectation of the college that all students attend. However, if your child cannot make it on Tuesday night, please send a letter before Tuesday to their class teacher for Year 6 students only or their Head of House for Year 7 to 12 students.

Finally I would like to thank the Heads of House Dr Peter McMahon, Miss Michelle McMillan, Mrs Jacqui Layfield (Semester 1), Mrs Melissa Evans (Semester 2) and Miss Kim Stone Head of Senior School Students for their hard work and wonderful pastoral care this year. I wish all students and their families a safe and peaceful Christmas.

*Mr Brendan Delaney, Director of Students*

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## From the Head of Staff and Students P-5

As the end of another school year quickly approaches and the focus for students and families turns from school life to holidays, Christmas and the New Year, we would like to thank all the parents and friends of the college for your valued support throughout the year. In classrooms, on the sporting field, in cultural endeavors and at social events, your presence and assistance is much appreciated and valued by students and staff. The educational journey at Pacific is very much a journey shared between parents, staff and students. Throughout the year, large numbers of parents have helped and supported their children, the staff and the college community. As the year reaches its conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, joyous and holy Christmas and safe and enjoyable vacation and New Year.

## End of Year Service

The Prep - Year 5 End of Year Service will be held at the Lake Kawana Community Centre on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December starting at 9.00am. The service marks an important transition for all students, particularly our Year 5s who move next year to

Middle College and our Year 2 students who move from the Foundation College into the junior section of the college. Academic Excellence and Endeavour Awards will also be presented to students in Years 3 - 5. All parents and family members are most welcome at this important event. Morning tea will be provided for parents at the conclusion of the ceremony.

## Chess

After weeks of fierce competition, the winners of the Junior School Chess Tournament have been decided. Congratulations, firstly, to all students who entered the competition. With over 40 students entering the tournament this year, both the popularity and standard of chess continues to grow.

### Fewer Than 10 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Jack Underhill  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jacob Salvesson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dempsey Hall

### 10 Years and Over

1<sup>st</sup> Taj Kelly  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Roth  
3<sup>rd</sup> Noah Beasley and Caitlin Hall

### Junior School Champion

Taj Kelly

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

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## Students of the Week

### Stars of the Week - This Week Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November

<b>Prep</b>	Jay Ricotta	Bella Lumkes
<b>Year 1</b>	Jett Forman	Jemma Hynes
<b>Year 2</b>	Hazar Pearse	Tamara Zolotar
	Ayla Sheridan	Jack Packer
<b>Year 3</b>	William Swindles	Matthias Schlotterbach
	Blaze Jamieson	Ella Hansen
	Year 3M	
<b>Year 4</b>	Holly Hurd	Harry Collishaw
	Liam Sheridan	Olivia Gartrell
	Ellie Williamson	Briarna Bell
<b>Year 5</b>	Alexandra Rembacz	Lily Croke

Reef Condon  
Year 5C

Year 5A



## Other Awards

### Multi Lit and Mathletics

Congratulations to Deyna Lumkes for her MultiLit and Hayley Pearce and Ellie Dixon for their Mathletics.



### Maths Builder Champion of the Week

Congratulations  
to  
Abbey Woods



### Guitar Awards

Congratulations  
to  
Sophie Empson and  
Jack Miller.



## Chess Winners



Term 4 commences      Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 12 finish          Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Prep - Year 11 finish    Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December

## Friends of Pacific

A final thank you for the year to the Pacific community who have been so supportive of Friends of Pacific. We appreciate everyone who has contributed to FOP (no matter how small or large a contribution) and look forward to 2014.

We wish you a very happy safe and festive season.

*Mrs Tracey Hindmarsh, Chairperson Friends of Pacific*

## Food for Thought

### Why Boredom is Good for Your Child

Boredom is good for children because it encourages them to be creative and develops their imaginations. Bored children are more likely to pick up a book or write a story.

It is also essential for children to have the experience of deciding for themselves how to use periods of unstructured time, or they will never learn to manage it. One of our biggest challenges as adults, and even as teenagers, is learning to manage our time well. The link below has some great ideas to help parents over the school holidays.

Why is unstructured time for children so important?

When children say they are bored, how should we (parents) respond?

What about when kids really do need help coming up with a boredom-busting activity? How can we help . . . while still making them responsible for staying busy / engaged?

<http://www.ahaparenting.com/parenting-tools/raise-great-kids/intelligent-creative-child/boredom-busters-good-for-kids>

*Mrs Annie Williams, School Counsellor*

## 2014 Dates

2014 commences      Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January  
Term 1 finishes        Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 2 commences    Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Term 2 finishes        Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Term 3 commences    Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Term 3 finishes        Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September

## Library News

### Champion Borrowers

This week, on assembly, we celebrated our champion readers - the Junior College students who have read over 120 books this year and the Middle College students who have read over 50 books. Congratulations and keep up the reading over the summer holidays. Remember, in the last week you can borrow as many books as you like once all of this year's books have been returned.

Year	Name	Loans
4L	Wulff, Jason	188
3M	Groves, Jasmin	184
1A	Carter, Paige	153
1H	Akporhonor, Ruona	151
Prep R	Howard, Danny	149
1H	Meade, Keeley	147
1H	Huen, Marco	146
2H	Atkinson, Lillian	145
Prep R	Friend, Angus	145
4F	Lowe, Jayda	143
1A	Hitchcock, Imogen	141
2H	Somerville, Eden	138
1H	Campbell, Kiana	137
1A	Booth, Olivia	135

1A	Meade, Aidan	135
4F	Dixon, Ellie	133
4F	Evans, Kye	133
1H	Whincop, Paige	133
2P	Punter, Kelsey	131
2P	Barry, Hobie	129
Prep R	Cockburn, Danica	129
1A	Lusk, Joshua	129
3P	Hughes, Isobel	128
Prep D	Thompson, Sameeha	128
3M	Edmondstone, Jett	127
Prep R	Hague, Liam	127
1A	Wiltshire, Summer	127
Prep D	Punter, Libby	126
Prep D	Schlotterbach, Alexandra	125
2H	Pollack, Allegra	124
3P	Biggs, Marley	122
Prep R	Holland, Luella	121
Prep R	Rowe, Chelsea	121
Prep D	Briese, Mitchell	120

Year	Name	Loans
7B	Kong, Bailey	68
8D	Layfield, Paige	56
7C	Sorrell, Charlotte	53
6D	Simpson, Joseph	51
9C	Land, Kate	50



Ms Nell Keen, Teacher Librarian

## Japanese Farewell

As the year comes to an end, so does our time with Kasumi Sensei.

Everyone at Pacific would like to thank the Jessop family, who has so kindly hosted Kasumi. Without host families, our students would not have the same opportunities.

On behalf of the Japanese Department, staff and students, we would like to wish Kasumi well in her future endeavours. We would love to see you back at the college in the future!

Kasumi's message to the college as she says "sayonara" follows:



"I had a fantastic time! I've learnt that if I'm not afraid of making mistakes and trying anything actively, I can make friends with the whole earth! I've really enjoyed studying and chatting with you. Thank you very much for everything. I'll always remember what I've experienced here. I hope we'll get together again very soon!"

*Mrs Joanne Bailey, Head of Japanese P-12*

## The Rite Journey Homecoming

### From the Student's Perspective

Rite Journey is a combination of Christian Studies and Personal Development and it has a lot to offer students. With the help of our teachers Mrs McMahon, Miss McMillan, Mr McNee and Dr McMahon, we have had the ability to change and grow, not only in the physical and mental sense but also spiritually. Last Thursday, we celebrated the conclusion of the Rite Journey with the Homecoming Ceremony.

To begin the celebrations, we re-enacted a dance from days gone by. We shared afternoon tea. In this time, we had time to socialise and practise our manners. Although it was hot and the Tim Tams were melting, we all got along well and had a fantastic time. Following this, we shared a couple of dances, *The Heel and Toe Polka* and a waltz. When we first started to dance two months ago it was extremely funny and awkward but, as we gained confidence, the awkwardness slowly disappeared. We will miss our weekly dance class.

For the formal part of the evening, the parents came along to hear our stories about Rite Journey, from how we felt at the beginning and how we have changed throughout the year, through challenges and discussions. We received our senior blazers from our parents, marking the first time we are seen as senior students (at least by the way we dressed).

It was time to show off our dancing skills. A flurry of flashes went off around the room as parents took far too many photos. Finally the moment was upon us; it was time to dance with our parents. For some of us, this was exciting but for others, other emotions arose. Feet were stepped on but it was a lovely moment to share.

Overall we really enjoyed the night. It was terrific to communicate with those who we have not really spoken to before. It was also emotional as we are realising that we are growing and transforming into young adults. We all left the hall walking tall with our blazers on and everyone's parents beaming with pride.

*Zoe Manfield and Tyler Sorbello*



## SOSE News

### Year 8 SOSE Students Shore up the Beach

On Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November Year 8 SOSE students volunteered at the Sunshine Coast Council's *Shore up the Beach Day* at Maroochydore Beach. With storms and wild weather taking their toll, the Sunshine Coast Council sought volunteers to help plant 10,000 plants to help stabilise the sand dunes. Year 8D students Victoria Barth, Darcy Campbell, Isabelle Dinu, Sophia Rule and Alyssa O'Sullivan answered the call. Over three hours, the students each planted between 80

and 100 plants which will make a significant difference and help ensure the best future for our local beaches.



Mrs Elley Johnston, Head of Humanities

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## Music News

Congratulations to the Year 6 Orchestra and Drum-line that displayed excellent group coordination and clarity of note playing in their most recent assembly performance under L Block. They have certainly come the distance this year and now have the opportunity to join the larger ensemble in the new year.

Congratulations also to the array of students who performed in the wind and brass tutors' concert last Wednesday. There were many excellent performances displaying the depth of the learning in these disciplines.

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 classes who produced some beautiful music for their final Smart Strings concert for the year. Many parents enjoyed the songs played by the students. We thank the Walkers for their work with these classes this year.

*Mr David Simpfendorfer, Head of Music and  
Mr Adrian King, Head of Instrumental Music*

As this is my final newsletter, I would like to thank the parent body for their continued support of the Music Department over the past six years. Pacific will remain as a precious memory with me as I move on in my work.

*Mr David Simpfendorfer, Head of Music*

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## Pacific Lutheran Outside School Hours Care

Next week we begin our exciting Vacation Care program. Please see the uploaded program on our college website if you have not already received a copy. Feel free to drop into the service to collect a paper copy if you wish.

As it is a community based centre, all children school aged, including Prep, may attend.

For children commencing Prep in 2014, they can commence on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 if you wish.

Numbers are filling quickly, so please advise days of attendance as soon as possible.

Some of the fun days planned are:

- Excursions to: Wet 'n' Wild, Caloundra cinemas, ice-skating, Caloundra Aquatic Centre, Bellingham Maze and Kings Beach pool with BBQ.
- Incursions: Clock making, indigenous art workshop, Christmas tree making and canvas painting.

Pacific Lutheran Outside School Hours Care is an approved service allowing families to receive Child Care Benefit and rebate if eligible.

Please advise if you have other siblings attending other services to apply higher percentage rates. Further questions in regards to accounts, CCB/CCR or the program, please contact Tanya on 5436 7328 or email oshc@paciluth.qld.edu.au.

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## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every:

Wednesday	8.00am	to	9.30am
Thursday	8.00am	to	9.30am
Friday	8.00am	to	9.30am

The uniform shop will be open to current families on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 8.00am to 12 noon and Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January from 8.00am to 3.00pm. The shop will also be open every day from the beginning of school for the first week back.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year!

*Mrs Donna Hollindale, Uniform Shop Coordinator*

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## Upcoming Dates

### NOVEMBER

29 Carol's Night (5.00pm)

### DECEMBER

- 2 P-5 End of Year Service (Lake Kawana Centre - 9.00am)  
3 Last Day for Students  
3 Closing Service (Caloundra Events Centre - 6.30pm)  
4-6 Staff Days

## Did You Know?

Honey is sometimes used in antifreeze mixtures and in the centre of golf balls.

## Christmas Services

Christmas Services in our Lutheran Parish

All Welcome

### Sunday, 15th December

9.30am Children's Programme at St Mark's Lutheran Church at Pacific.

### Christmas Eve:

- 5.00pm German Service  
St Mark's Lutheran Church,  
Bombala Terrace, Caloundra.
- 6.00pm Readings and Carols  
St Mark's Lutheran Church at Pacific.
- 6.30pm Readings and Carols  
St Mark's Lutheran Church,  
Bombala Terrace, Caloundra.

### Christmas Day:

- 8.00am Holy Communion Festival  
St Mark's Lutheran Church,  
Bombala Terrace, Caloundra.
- 9.30am Holy Communion Festival  
St Mark's Lutheran Church at Pacific.

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ST MARK'S  
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## ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Invites You To  
Sunday Services:

7.45am St Mark's Lutheran Church  
16 Bombala Terrace, Caloundra

9.30am Pacific Lutheran College  
Woodlands Boulevard, Meridan Plains  
Worship in the undercroft area - with  
a special children's program.

For more information contact the Church office on  
5492 8848.

