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Alex Nolan

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NATURAL: Kaylee McKeeown won the 14-year girls’ 200m girls backstroke. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED
THE YOUNGER GENERATION REFLECT...

As the years pass, memories can fade. My Weekly Preview spoke with three students from Pacific Lutheran College to find out how they feel about Anzac Day and discovered that it holds as important a meaning as ever.

**JOE HARRYS, YEAR 3**

Is Anzac Day important to commemorate and why?
Yes, because it represents all the soldiers that died in the war.

How do you recognise Anzac Day?
Me, my Dad and brothers go to the dawn service and make Anzac biscuits as well.

Does Anzac Day have a special significance to your or your family?
We wear poppies all day because my Dad’s Dad was in the war.

Are students given ample opportunity to show support for Anzac Day?
Yes, last year we went to an Anzac service at school and learnt about it in class.

**JACK CLARK, YEAR 9**

Is Anzac Day important to commemorate and why?
Anzac Day is one of Australia’s more important national commemorative occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces.

How do you recognise Anzac Day?
I attend the Anzac Day service and the march.

Does Anzac Day have a special significance to your family?
I have great grandparents who have fought in both World Wars so it is important to honour them.

**STEPHANIE KEENAN, YEAR 9**

What are your thoughts on Anzac Day?
Anzac Day is extremely important to commemorate because it is a day when everyone can come together to remember the past and present service men and women who risked their lives for our freedom and safety.

Are students given ample opportunity to show support for Anzac Day?
At school we are given many opportunities to recognise and understand Anzac Day. We wear poppies, have a service at school and lots of students also participate in the march. In Year 6 students visit the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.
TIPS TO HELP PREPARE FOR PREP

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MRS PHYTHIAN
Pacific Lutheran College

Take your child to orientation programs at the school. This is a great opportunity for children to get to know their new environment, teachers, friends and be introduced to the routine of Prep.

Encourage your child to be an investigator, ask questions, explore and be curious about the world around them.

Practice getting ready for school, packing their bag, getting dressed, opening their lunch box and containers.

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Pacific Lutheran College, Prep II

Students will experience a lot of things in their first year of school like making new friends, playing games, building constructions, learning to write, read and count and most of all have FUN!

The teachers at Pacific make sure students feel happy in Prep. We plan lots of fun things for students to do with their friends and also activities that they can share with their Mum’s and Dad’s.

MRS MAHER
Pacific Lutheran College, Prep III

The students can expect fun, excitement, friendships, hands-on learning experiences focusing on literacy and numeracy.

At Pacific we also have a buddy program for Prep students and specialist teachers for PE, Japanese and Music.

Pacific hosts play days and parent information nights to assist in the transition to school life. We also have buddy letters, teacher informative letters and informal chats and tours.

MRS PHYTHIAN
Pacific Lutheran College, Prep I

The children can expect to have lots of fun actively participating in small and whole group experiences. We learn in lots of different ways and are constantly moving and keeping active.

In class we do numerous activities getting to know one another, this helps everyone feel that they belong and are part of the Prep team and College community.
Festivities combine learning and play

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Students of Pacific Lutheran College celebrate the 60th anniversary of Under Eights Week with a variety of party games.

Photo Contributed
Students shining a light

Buddying up to help kids in need

STUDENTS at Pacific Lutheran College are shining a light on solar power in a new initiative promoting sustainability while helping developing countries.

The students have been busy making solar buddies—solar lights that can be assembled by students and sent to developing countries so children can have reading lights at night.

Funds raised from free dress days and the school’s recent OCEANFest helped the project come to fruition.

During class times, the Year 2 students assembled 60 solar buddies, which were then used as displays in the OCEANFest stall before being sent to those in need.

Mike Trust from Solar Buddy took the students through a workshop on how to make the lights and said Pacific was the first school on the Sunshine Coast to become involved in the initiative.

“The program aims to end energy poverty and eliminate kerosene lamps, which are extremely dangerous,” Mr Trust said.

As part of the initiative, students also wrote a letter that went with their light, sharing some information about themselves and where they are from.

In return, they will receive a letter and picture of their buddy with the light. Year 2 student Cam Costa said he couldn’t wait to receive his reply.

“I think my buddy will be really impressed with the light I made,” Cam said.

Students from Pacific Lutheran College in Caloundra have been working hard on their solar buddies project.
Cycling hero pays visit

Cycling: Australia’s most decorated female track cyclist of all time, Anna Meares, presented the Pacific Lutheran College Sports Awards last week. Before she announced her retirement in October, Anna’s cycling career spanned 15 years. During this time she claimed a staggering six Olympic medals (two gold, one silver and three bronze), 11 world championship gold medals, five Commonwealth gold medals and 35 national titles. Pacific’s head of sport, Mark Hauser, said it was a privilege to have such a successful, high-profile athlete attend the awards function.

“The college was honoured to have Anna at the awards ceremony,” Mr Hauser said. “Anna’s sporting successes as well as the challenges she’s faced and overcome is so inspiring. “Staff, students and parents greatly enjoyed this once in a lifetime experience.”

GREAT: Anna Meares. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

As well as presenting students with their awards, Anna spoke to them about hard work, perseverance and the importance of being lifelong learners.

Year 4 student Logan Pohler was very excited to meet Anna when he was presented with the coach’s award for Year 4 basketball and under 10 AFL.

“It was really cool to have someone so famous come to the school,” Logan said. “Anna congratulated me on my award and I got to ask her whether she was scared to compete at the Olympic games. She is a big role model and taught us to never give up, even if unexpected things happen.” The annual Pacific Sports Awards celebrate students’ achievements and success in school-based sports throughout the year.

“The sport program at Pacific has continued to grow from strength to strength,” Mr Hauser said. “This year, 76% of students were involved in a wide range of sporting opportunities and we had 15 grand final appearances. Anna’s attendance yesterday certainly topped off a strong year of sport for Pacific Lutheran College.”
Students bring story to light on the stage

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD
Venue: The Events Centre, Caloundra
Date: May 13 and 14
Tickets: 5481 4240 or 5481 4240 or www.theeventscentre.com.au

PACIFIC Lutheran College will debut its senior drama production of To Kill A Mockingbird in May in a timely tribute to Harper Lee, who passed away earlier this year.

The cast of 34 students has been eagerly rehearsing since last year, honing their craft and refining their hard-hitting play, which is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

Director Alina Delaney said the production included the whole package.

“I’ve loved the book since I was a child. Harper Lee’s writing speaks volumes.”

“To Kill A Mockingbird really is a director’s dream. “There’s warmth, humour and emotion intertwined in a story that resonates and impacts people. It is relevant today.”

Set in the Deep South of the United States in 1935, the story follows young Scout as she watches her father defend a man against a racist death sentence, which booms threateningly against him due to racial prejudice. The script is based on dialogue in the book, the Pacific production is also adding a unique touch, incorporating music throughout the scenes.

“We wanted to remain as true to the original story as possible, but through music, we hope to enhance the emotional experience of our audience, add depth and really set the scene.” Mrs Delaney said.

“We’re using music from Alabama artists to give the audience feel for the United States’ Deep South.”

“At the start of Act 1, a year 12 student will be performing Billee Holiday’s Strange Fruit, which is highly relevant to the racial themes in the play.”

HARPER LEE’S LIFE ON STAGE

To Kill a Mockingbird is considered one of the literature world’s most recognised novels.

Next month, 34 students from Pacific Lutheran College will bring Harper Lee’s story to life on stage.

Renowned for its warmth and humour, the play deals with the issues of abuse and racial inequality.

The play is at The Events Centre on May 13 and 14. For tickets phone 5481 4240 or visit www.theeventscentre.com.au.
A local Lion effort

Students stand out in Lions Youth of the Year competition

By MEGHAN KIDD

SIXTEEN years ago
Caloundra State High
School student Jarrod
Bietjie held up a trophy with
a proud smile on his face.

Following in the tradition
set by now Member for
Kawana Mr Bietjie, another
CSHS student, Kate
Morcom, 16, was crowned
the winner of the regional
competition of the Lions
Youth of the Year.

Hosted at the Caloundra
Golf Club, Kate, along with
Pacific Lutheran College
students Chelsea Ricotta,
Jack Bange and Jack
Gretton answered
improptu questions and
delivered a speech in front
of Caloundra Lions
members and judges Julie
Tolsdorf, Merv Paddison
and Katherine Beasley.

Kate spoke about the link
between happiness and
exercise and said if she
were a politician for a day
she would take a closer look
at legalising medical
marijuana.

Lions president John
Graham congratulated the
students.

“Every year when I’ve
been part of this event,
part from being terrified
just as a spectator, I am
inspired by people who can
get up and have a question
thrown at them like these
students,” he said.

“It’s a fantastic concept, it
develops young leaders in
Australia.”

Kate will now compete
against other local winners
for the regional final in
Caloundra on March 12.

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WINNER: Kate Morcom with English teacher Jen Williams.

PHOTOS: MEGHAN KIDD

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COLOURFUL CARNIVALE

The Pacific Lutheran College grounds will be transformed into a sea of colour and sequins later this month in celebration of the OCEANfest Carnivale.

Featuring street performers, live music, a food fiesta, bar and a fireworks spectacular, the event will cater for the entire family.

This year, the biennial event will provide an opportunity for the Pacific community to celebrate 15 years in education and also pay a timely tribute to the Rio Olympic Games. More than 50 business owners have thrown their support behind the event to assist with a raffle, cent auction and live auction featuring $18,000 worth of prizes including a diamond and aquamarine ring.

The OCEANfest Carnivale is on August 19 from 3-8.30pm at the Pacific Lutheran College, Meridan Plains. Entry is free.

OCEANfest Carnivale plans are going swimmingly for Pacific Lutheran College

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College principal Dr Bronwyn Dolling said it was an exciting milestone.

“When Pacific Lutheran College first opened its doors in 2001, we only had 150 students across Prep to Year 6,” she said.

“Today, we have more than 900 students across Prep to Year 12 who are engaged in a wide variety of learning opportunities. “It’s been an extremely rewarding experience to see the growth of the college and we’re excited for what the future holds.”

OCEANfest has also grown remarkably over the years, with many local businesses coming on board to support the event.

“This year, more than 50 businesses have thrown their support behind us,” Principal Dolling said.

“The big drawcards for revellers will be the RAFFLE fest competition, cent auction and live auction with $18,000 worth of prizes up for grabs on the night, including a stunning diamond and aquamarine ring from Sunstate Jewellers.”
School joins Salvos’ appeal

College community door-knocks

MORE than 200 students, parents and staff from Pacific Lutheran College participated in the 2016 Red Shield Door Knock Appeal. The door-knock was just one component of the college’s fundraising efforts for the Caloundra Salvation Army this year.

The college also held a casual clothes day and a Mexican Fiesta lunch to raise money and collected items for the Winter Food Appeal. In total, the college raised more than $8000 and donated more than 1600 items.

Caloundra Salvation Army Corps Officer Captain Stuart Glover said it was a phenomenal effort.

“Once again, the students, families and staff at Pacific have gone above and beyond in their efforts to provide hope in their local community,” Captain Glover said.

“We are extremely thankful for the college’s generous donations and the time they spent door-knocking over the weekend.”

“The contributions will help us to help those who need it the most,” he said. The college has developed a strong relationship with the Caloundra Salvation Army that dates back more than 12 years. The college’s director of students, Brendan Delaney, said service learning was an important part of the college’s ethos and education practice.

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Concert will help local kids

Fundraising for Bella and Declan

Meghan Kidd

TWO brothers have banded together to put on a charity concert for local Coast kids in the biggest battle of their lives.

Tim and Sam Atiken, of Hooshoo, will hold a Kids4Kids concert at The Shed at Aussie World on Saturday, September 10.

The open-age event will feature an impressive lineup of local teenage talent, including Hooshoo, Doolie, Flocke and a number of other performers showing their support for teenagers Bella Harry and Declan Walker who are both battling cancer.

Bella, a student at St John’s College in Nambour, was diagnosed with bone cancer in her right femur, left hip and shoulder in early 2015. Just this month, Bella will have surgery to remove the top half of her left femur and replace it with a prosthesis.

Bella’s mum, Emma Harry, said the family was incredibly grateful for the support given the emotional and financial strain they have been under. "The money raised through your amazing fundraiser will go towards Bella's physiotherapy, rehabilitation, physical aids and educational assistance — she has missed two years of school — and be an enormous help towards travel and vehicle costs to and from hospital in Brisbane," Mrs Harry said.

Declan, who attends Pacific Lutheran College with Sam, was diagnosed with a Primary Mediastinal B-cell Lymphoma in December last year. Declan’s mum Michelle had to give up work to be his carer and the impact on the family has been significant. "We are so grateful for this concert," Mrs Walker said.

"The money raised will go towards ongoing bills and expenses associated with Declan’s treatment and travelling to and from Brisbane. It will also go towards his rehabilitation, including tutoring to help him once he is able to return to school, so he doesn’t fall further behind. "We are really humbled by the support organised for Declan and incredibly grateful."

Tim and Sam, from Caloundra, said they wanted to help in any way they could. "We thought it would be a good idea for kids on the Sunny Coast to get involved in a cool charity event to raise money and support other local kids who are doing it tough in some way — and we’ll let adults come as well," Tim said.

"We’ve done other charity work in the past and we just thought, why not organise something ourselves," Tim said.

"Most of the events have been aimed at adults and we wanted to have the event for kids," Sam added. "It’s always been an idea, and we finally decided to go ahead with it... with Sam being at Declan’s school and we’ve heard about Bella’s story, we really wanted to help support both of them and thought the best way we could do it was by playing music and getting people to come out and have some fun."

Tim and Sam said the other bands had volunteered their time to perform at the concert and they couldn’t have put it together without them. The concert will start at 5.30pm with exclusive use of Aussie World until 7pm.

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Lunchtime activities included performances of poems from Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet by Year 7 and Year 8 drama students in the library foyer. We also used our Maker Space to create Shakespearean words out of paper and cardboard.

For the primary students we held a lunchtime where we set up some games which were played in the 16th century and which were mentioned in Shakespeare's plays. We took three games involving three-year-old to seven-year-old, which we played in a giant board game format. The games were played on the lawn in the foyer and involved pairs of students at either end of the field having to get across to the other side without being caught by the pair in the middle. The catch is that each pair must hold hands and not let go.

The most popular activity, which ran throughout the week, was our Shakespearean photo booth. My friends' eyes were on the library as they were to be photographed in various scenes and settings, as well as some costumes dressed up and Shakespeare play costumes. The photos were then shared out to a colour and displayed on the library wall. We have been a great joint effort and students have been bringing a photo to their friends to have their photo taken. Shakespeare Week was a great success and had the whole school visiting the library and taking part.

The Shakespearean insults -- with funny card
Performers take lesson in history

Shakespeare celebrated

STUDENTS and staff at Pacific Lutheran College stepped back in time to mark the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare’s death.

Throughout the week, the college library ran a range of activities for students including drama performances, a dress-up photo booth, a movie screening of Much Ado About Nothing and daily quiz competitions.

Teacher librarian Narelle Keen said the week was a great success.

“It was great to see students of all ages getting involved and learning about Shakespeare and his era,” Ms Keen said.

“Every day the library was full of students eager to engage in the various activities.”

“The activities opened up so many conversations between children; it was a really exciting experience.

“For us, the week was about showing students that Shakespeare is still relevant today and is a fundamental part of our culture,” she said.

Year 5 drama students prepared scenes from Macbeth to perform during lunchtimes.

The students rehearsed over many weeks, learning the language from the Elizabethan era and getting in character.

Barnes Bell said it was her first experience with a Shakespearean play.

“Macbeth is a bit of a creepy play; which made it fun,” she said.

“Lots of junior students and our friends came and watched us perform.”

The week concluded with a Shakespearean games day for the junior college.

Students played games, became baron and a giant version of the board games, Nine Men’s Morris.

Year 5 student Kamer Maloney said Nine Men’s Morris was challenging and fun.

“The games from Shakespeare’s era are so different to what we play today. It was really interesting to learn about the era and the games that weren’t on the computer.”

Students prepare a scene.
A wave of creatives

Young people sparking a cultural shift on Coast - Page 3
Work of youth creates shift in the tide

‘Summer project’ takes off

FORGING AHEAD: Jess Abraham started Tidal Magazine in 2012 and it’s still going strong.

PHOTO: WARREN LYNN

WHILE most high school graduates were relaxing after finishing their school years, Jess Abraham was starting a magazine that would soon have stockists worldwide.

The Warrallina local behind Tidal Magazine put pen to paper on the publication as a “summer project” and had no idea the magazine would contribute towards a cultural shift on the Coast.

“We started and wanted to create this platform to show how creative these young people were and to break those stereotypes around young people being lazy and uninterested,” Jess said.

Then we found we barely

out of stock offices on the Coast the biannual product is assembled by young people in physical copy, which is distributed to shops and cafes.

With stockists on the Coast, Byron Bay, Brisbane, South Australia, Eastern and the Gold Coast, Jess said they also had a website and hosted Tidal Presents events throughout the year.

“The often host backyard gigs, pop-up art shows, label launches and film screenings,” Jess said.

“It’s very collaborative and showcases how creative people are – and how far things have come for young people and opportunities.”

Growing up in Warrill, Jess went to primary school in Carinsun and high school at Pacific Lutheran.

She said most of her peers could not wait to move away from the Coast when they graduated.

She had a short stint in northern NSW and at the Gold Coast before the Coast called her home.

“It’s so beautiful in terms of landscapes, and the community here pulls you back,” she said.

“And when I came back there was this huge shift in the creative industry – people were seeing opportunities or making their own – young people were starting businesses, freelancing or collaborating,” she said.

“It’s exciting, and that’s what we worked from to create Tidal.”

Paving the way for publishing artists, illustrators, photographers and student writers, Jess spoke about her success at the recent Pechu Koora Night in Maroochydore, hosted by The Sunshine Coast Creative Alliance.

Jess said the theme was “extraordinary”, and each person shared their passion topics where 30 slides were shown for 15 seconds each.

“Pechu Koora translates to chit chat in Japanese, and it’s a platform to share ideas and experiences and

COAST STOCKISTS

- Glasshouse Club, 7 Rodenick St, Moffat Beach
- Allior Matt, Shop 9 Reeves Plaza, Cotton Tree
- Allior Matt, Shop 1/2 Hastings St, Noosa Heads
- Glass Coffee, Shop 4 80-82 Sixth Avenue, Maroochydore
- Rosetta Books, 30 Maple St, Maleny

inspiration in a very short format,” she said.

“Each presentation was 20 images shown for 20 seconds, and you have a theme, but anyone from the community could present – it’s a really nice supportive audience.”

Jess said she focused on how extraordinary young people were.

“I was particularly speaking about the extraordinary young people we have on the Coast, and how that lead to the birth of Tidal,” she said.

“Without young people we wouldn’t exist.”

Soon to start on issue five, Jess said they would continue to see how Tidal could grow – but at a slow

pace.

“It’s very organic, and we love watching it grow,” Jess said.

“Most of our writers are studying journalism and we have a nice core team growing with us. You witness those young writers, photographers and artists improve with each issue – and it’s so nice to give them this platform to do it.”

The next Pechu Koora Night will be hosted in Caloundra at the Caloundra Art Gallery on September 16 from 5pm.

The theme will be “vision” and a call for presenters will be out soon.

Visit www.tidalmagazine.org
EARLIER this year, Year 10 Business Studies students at Pacific Lutheran College embarked on an entrepreneurial project, with the assistance of NAB and the Foundation of Young Australians.

Students received $20 as seed money from NAB and were required to establish a small business using these funds. Students could pool their money and go into partnerships with other classmates, or go it alone.

The project aimed to give students an insight into the challenges of running a small business.

Pacific’s Head of Business Studies, Mr. Ver Warner, said it was the first year the College had run the program.

“It’s been really successful and provided a real-world business opportunity for our students,” Mr. Warner said.

“It’s hard to learn about business management through a text book. You have to live and breathe it.

“They had to chase their own knowledge of business, prepare weekly budgets and assess profitability and also demonstrate how they would attract customers.”

Year 12 student Ella Strother was a successful business person selling soy candles.

“We set up an Instagram account to advertise and sell our candles and by the end of the year we had made a profit,” Ella said.

“The project was a great real-world experience but it was definitely challenging.”

Another student, Isa Guo, put her money with two other classmates to sell beach signs.

“Unfortunately, our business venture wasn’t as successful as we didn’t sell our prices high enough,” Isa said.

“But the project really gave us an insight into how businesses work and all the things you need to consider.”

At the completion of the project, students were required to pay back their seed money back to NAB with additional interest of 10 per cent. Any profits made were donated to a charity of the student’s choice.

The project has inspired Ella and Isa to consider their future career pathways and also gave them confidence in participating in the NAB and the Foundation of Young Australians’ Venture to Win competition.

“We had a stall set up at the market selling our handmade bamboo chopsticks,” Isa said.

“The project really made us consider the prices we put on our items and also helped us when dealing with customers.

“We’ve already started brainstorming about other business opportunities we could do together.”

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“We are focused on enabling young people to engage in thinking, develop deep understandings and explore connections.” Students have greatly enjoyed and benefited from the flexibility, openness and fluidity of the new learning space.

“Young student Jack Hope said the room felt like a comfortable learning space.

“Not a traditional classroom,” Jack said.

“It’s an innovation, plus-flowing room.

“Rather than feeling scared to speak, the space encourages you to learn.”

The Sunshine Coast Daily is giving our local schools the opportunity to create their own newspaper page to be published in the Daily each Tuesday during the school year. For further information on how your school can be part of it in 2016, please contact robyn.courtney@apn.com.au. Be quick as there are only a few places available.

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Former Coast students head of their class

By ROXANNE MCCARTY-O'KANE

As they venture into the brave new world of university, two of the Sunshine Coast’s brightest 2016 high school graduates are already on an upward trajectory.

Corey Lehmann and Lachlan McKay were surprised when they were called to the Queensland Certificate of Education Achievement Awards on the weekend.

They were among just 37 selected from more than 50,000 graduating students of 2015 to receive awards for distinguished academic achievement.

Mr Lehmann, who graduated from Matthew Flinders Anglican College last year, moved to Brisbane on the weekend to begin a dual engineering and science degree with a major in physics at the University of Queensland.

Science and the way the world works has long caught the attention of the 18-year-old.

Mr Lehmann attended the National Youth Science Forum and was among just five students selected to represent Australians at the Coast-Wide Science Festival last year.

“It’s the discovery of new things that we don’t know about and the possibility of using that new knowledge to improve life,” he said.

“Hopefully I can contribute something meaningful throughout my career.”

Where that path will lead is anyone’s guess, with Mr Lehmann expressing interests from robotics and nanotechnology to neuroscience and astrophysics.

“Hopefully I will be dealing with hi-tech equipment and some really cool science gadgets to invent stuff,” he said.

Mr McKay, who was Presbyterian Lutheran College’s 2015 captain, was a star performer academically, in sport and through service to his school community during Year 12.

Principal Dr Bronwyn Dolling said Mr McKay had worked hard last year, performed highly on the QCE Test and achieved outstanding results.

“He not only focused on his own learning but also tutored his peers and gave strong service to our community through his role as college captain,” Dr Dolling said.

Mr McKay received his first preference in the initial round of university offers for a Doctor of Medicine at UQ through the Proventiality for School Leavers pathway.

He was also awarded a Vice Chancellor Scholarship.