

What If Christmas Didn't Come From A Store

This well-known Dr Seuss line prompts us to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. We all gain enormous pleasure from giving gifts and Christmas is a special time where we come together with families and friends to give to one another. But have the gifts and the celebration obscured the greatest gift of all, the gift of a baby that came to bring peace, hope and love into the world? Where is the baby born in a stable of animals in our Christmas?

Sharing the promises of unconditional love and hope that came through the birth of Jesus can be the greatest gift we can give. We have a God who was born simply, sat with the outcasts and knew joy, love and pain. He comes to us as our special guest on Christmas and sits with us just as we are.

Principal's Log



There was a very warm feeling around the college as we farewelled our Year 12 students through their graduation service, final chapel and walk from the college and their formal on Friday night. In her article, Miss Kim Stone has highlighted the range of people who assisted with the events and we thank them and Miss Stone for the leadership of the Year 12 students and these events. We

also thank Ms Sue Arahill and the Heads of Department for their leadership in the finalisation of all the academic processes over the past fortnight.

On Tuesday afternoon, Pastor Rick Zweck joined the college staff to dedicate our new labyrinth. In the latter part of his ministry, Pastor Rick travelled to France to learn about the use of labyrinths in supporting quiet reflective stillness as a

means of spiritual growth. We appreciate the care and thought that the groundstaff of Mr Mick Vidulich, Mr Damien Nolan, Mr Craig Baker and Mr Chris Porter have put into making this a very special place at the college and look forward to it becoming a place of restoration and rejuvenation for many.



All Principals across the state have had the opportunity to meet as small groups with the leaders of the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority to discuss and learn

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about improvements to the existing Year 12 certification system and the processes likely to be associated with the new system. One of the strong messages from the day was the reinforcement of the strengths of our current internal assessment regime including improved quality assurance across the state. Some of these processes have already begun to be implemented this year and we look forward to the continued strengthening of these into the future.

The Intermediate Boys soccer team played well last night, in a very tightly contested grand final match. After a season of being undefeated they were disappointed to lose the grand final 2-1, after St Andrew's Anglican College scored a goal in the final few minutes. It was a very good game to watch and the boys should be proud of the spirited and skillful way they played. Thank you to our parents for your support, well done to the boys and thank you to Mr Brendan Delaney who coached the team.

I am pleased to announce the following staffing appointments for next year. Mr Stuart Polhner, who has had extensive experience in teaching and leading at Lutheran schools, returns to teach in the Middle College next year and Mrs Fiona Scheffe, who has been recently working with Education Queensland, also returns to teach across Prep – Year 6. Mrs Anna Maher joins us as a very capable early learning teacher, after teaching at Immanuel this year. Mrs Natasha Purcell from Education Queensland will take on the role of Careers Counsellor. Mr Wes Warner, who has had many years experience leading Business departments in Catholic and Independent schools, joins us as Head of Business from Genesis Christian College. Mr Adam Doyle, who has previously held positions of Head of Innovation and Head of Mathematics and Science, comes to us from Concordia College in Toowoomba to take on the role of Head of Mathematics. Both Mr Warner and Mr Doyle have presented at conferences about innovative ways to enhance student engagement. We look forward to the expertise and experience that all new staff will bring next year.

At the end of this year we will farewell Ms Adrianna Schuster, who has very capably taught Year 5 and grown into a leading teacher in our community. Her passion and commitment to education and supporting people in their faith journey has been greatly valued by staff, students and parents alike. After many years of great service to education, Mrs Ainslie Reid will be retiring. We have greatly appreciated her generosity of time and expertise as a Careers Counsellor. Her warm professionalism has been appreciated by staff, students and parents. It is a testament to her capacity that past students often return to seek her advice. She has been a leader of Career Counsellor networks and will be missed within that context as well. We will also farewell Ms Karen Schultz as Head of Business. Her background as an accountant has

enabled Ms Schultz to very capably establish the business department. She has had a significant impact on the culture of the college through her leadership of our Cambodian service learning project and has grown to be a recognised leader of service learning across Lutheran Education Australia.

We thank Mrs Jasmin Steven for the role she has played in leading the Mathematics department through the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and significant changes to the senior Mathematics curriculum. Her high level of organisation and gentle coaching of people has enabled the department to make great gains. We look forward to Mrs Steven continuing in her capacity as a teacher at the college.

We will also farewell contract staff who have filled various positions over the past six months. We thank Mr Mark Petch who has very capably taught Information Technology, Enterprise Education and SOSE and Mrs Helen Nitschke who has very capably supported learning in the area of Christian Studies. We farewell Ms Sonia Shin who has guided Japanese students across Prep – Year 5 very well. We look forward to the return of Ms Michelle McMillan and Mrs Jo Bailey from long service leave at the start of next year.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents, staff and students for the many and varied ways they have contributed to another year of growth here at the college. It is the strength of our community that makes a difference to many. Thank you all for the very important part that you have played. We look forward to celebrating together at the Carol's Night, the Prep – Year 5 End of Year service and the Middle and Senior Collge Closing Service.

As the final newsletter for year, we wish you all a very happy Christmas where the peace, joy and hope that comes through an everpresent loving God, restores and rejuvenates. For those who take holidays over the Christmas break, we wish you a refreshing and relaxing time as you enjoy a well-earned rest.

Dr Bronwyn Dolling, Principal

Middle and Senior College Closing Service

Date: Tuesday 1st Decemeber
Time: 6.30pm
Location: The Events Centre, Caloundra

A reminder that the Middle and Senior College Closing Service is on Tuesday 1st December at The Events Centre, Caloundra. Students are required to wear their full winter formal uniform for the service. Students are to arrive at 6.00pm and report to their PCG teachers for roll marking and further instructions.

All Year 6-11 students are expected to attend the service. If students are unable to attend, we ask that parents notify their Head of House:

- Bula House – Dr Peter McMahon
pmcmahon@pacluth.qld.edu.au or 5436 7381
- Mumba House – Mrs Melissa Evans
mevans@pacluth.qld.edu.au or 5436 7305
- Wira House – Mrs Jacqui Layfield
jlayfield@pacluth.qld.edu.au or 5436 7348

2016 School Fees

In last week's newsletter we informed the community that the College Council had approved the school fees for 2016. 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 Head of Senior College Students

Congratulations Graduating Class of 2015!

The Year 12 students were involved in a range of activities and events in their final week at Pacific Lutheran College.

Last Tuesday through to Thursday, Year 12 students took part in alternative days. A number of guest presenters spoke with students about various life topics and they completed a number of activities including:

- Year 12 Graduation Art Canvas (led by Mrs Denise McMahon, Madi Bell and Bronte McMahon).
- Commonwealth Bank Start Smart presentation (Mr Jaime Benjamin).
- RACQ – Free2go presentation.
- Life Awareness Workshop with Queensland Police (led by Senior Constable Darryl Campbell, Sunshine Coast District Traffic Branch).
- Red Frogs Chaplaincy Network (education regarding safety at post-school events and connections to Beyond Blue).
- Year 12 dance practice (led by Dayle and Sharon from Dance Obsession).
- Pastoral Care Group farewells.
- Connections with Year 2 (led by Mrs Leonie Prout and Mrs Julie Darr).
- Headspace presentation (Krista Flick, Youth and Community Officer).
- Labyrinth walk (Pastor Rick Zweck).
- 2015 School Leavers' Guide (Mal Brough MP).

- Year 12 students verse staff volleyball game.
- Cervical Cancer Awareness Program (Australian Cervical Cancer Foundation).



Thank you to all staff, parents and students for their assistance with the smooth running of events over the week.

In particular, there were many staff and some students who assisted leading up to and during the various Year 12 events and I really appreciated the contributions from all colleagues. Particularly to Mrs Leanne Bevis, Ms Angela Hill, Mr Alan Palethorpe, Mrs Colleen Beattie, Mrs Aleisha Tuaine, Ms Carolyn Sainty, Mrs Steph Scarlett, Miss Anita Morton, Mrs Denise McMahon, Dr Peter McMahon, Mrs Melissa Evans, Mrs Jacqui Layfield, Mrs Leah Croke, Mrs Michiko Hauser, Mrs Lesley Onyett, Mr Nico Prinsloo, Mr Mark Hauser, Mrs Tanya Crooks, Mr Brendan Delaney, Ms Sue Arahill, Mr Gary Graves, Mrs Tina Cox, Mrs Elley Wood and the Year 11 Hospitality students – a warm and heartfelt thank you to all.

It was very pleasing to walk the secondary schooling journey with the students and I thank parents and families for their support. Buen Camino!

The following awards were also announced on Thursday evening at the graduation:

Citizenship Awards

- Phoebe Broad
- Jessica Curreri
- Michele Donato
- Matthew Holt
- Samara Howell
- Mitchell Jones
- Sophie Jurecky
- Susan Kerr
- Sophie Larsen
- Madison Layfield

- Timothy Lofthouse
- Bailey Mackie
- Ben Marshall
- Lachlan McKay
- Joshua Sarvari
- Hayley Watt

Cultural and Performing Arts Awards

- Jessica Curreri
- Michele Donato
- Timothy Lofthouse
- Grace Milligan
- Rory Smith
- Benjamin Thomas
- Jade Wells

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

- Gold: Joshua Sarvari
- Silver: Scott McDowell

Academic Excellence Awards

- Lachlan McKay

Academic Endeavour Awards

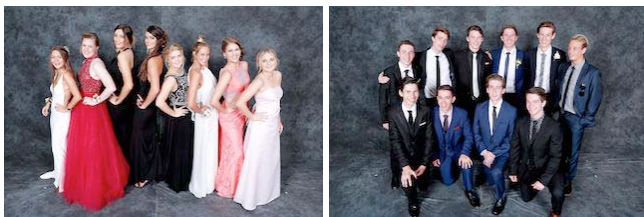
- Kirsty Bevis
- Tye Bryant
- Madelyn Cornwall
- Michele Donato
- Mitchell Jones
- Jonathon Hall
- Timothy Lofthouse
- Grace Milligan
- Brianna Quirey
- Rory Smith
- Hayley Watt
- Ebony Nielsen

Subject Awards

Presented to students who were ranked the highest in each subject area.

- Accounting: Kate Thomson
- Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics B, Mathematics C and Physics: Lachlan McKay
- Christian Studies and Japanese: Kirsty Bevis
- Drama: Isabella Williams
- English Extension, Music and Music Extension: Rory Smith
- English Communication: Nelson Anderson
- Furnishing: Jacob Hume
- Geography and Hospitality: Tegan Spurr
- Graphics and Mathematics A: Ebony Nielson
- Information Processing and Technology: Jonathan Hall
- Legal Studies: Brayden Pearce
- Modern History: Jessica Curreri
- Physical Education and Visual Art: Timothy Lofthouse
- Technology Studies: West Lenkeith

Congratulations to our Year 12 students of 2015! We wish you all the best with your future endeavours.



As we move into the holiday break, it is pleasing to reflect and celebrate the many notable student achievements and growth in an array of areas, both at the college and in the wider community. Congratulations to those who continue to strive for their best and work towards achieving their personal goals.

We wish all staff, students, parents and members of the community a safe and restful break. May God give peace and joy to you and your loved ones throughout the holiday break.

Miss Kim Stone, Head of Senior College Students

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 shifts to the holidays, we would like to thank all parents and friends for your valued support throughout the year. In classrooms, on the sporting field, in cultural endeavours and at social events, your presence and assistance has been much appreciated by students and staff. The educational journey at Pacific is one that is very much 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. We wish you all a happy, joyous and holy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Prep – Year 5 End of Year Service

The Prep – Year 5 End of Year Service will be held in the college gym on Monday 30th December, commencing at 9.15am. The service marks an important transition for all students, particularly for our Year 5 cohort who will move into the Middle College next year. Academic Excellence and Endeavour Awards will also be presented to students in Years 3-5. All parents and family members are invited to attend this important event.

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

Year 9 into Year 10 2016

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2016

Year 9 families are reminded that full details of the BYOD program can be found on the college website at http://www.pacificlutheran.qld.edu.au/index.php/my_plc/senior_school/byod_program/.

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 Maroochydore 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 email address and password.

Once again, 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 23rd November

Year 1	Families and children of Class 1C	
Year 2	Noah Daniel	Tarryn Fawke
	Toby Creamer	Danica Cockburn
Year 3	Blake Dines	Class 3G
	Sophie Bloomer	Paige Carter
Year 5	Aneisha Pearce	Eliza Bryan
	Noah Smith	Joshua Smith
	Nicholas Pollack	Jack Miller
	Class 5C	

You Can Do It Awards

This Week Monday 23rd November

Persistence: Benji Vergens-White, Luella Holland

Mathletics

Gold Max Symes and Keeley Meade.

Silver Dayne Rowlands.

Food for Thought

How to Talk to Kids and Teens About World Trauma

Being proactive and starting the conversation about world trauma can ensure that you set the emotional tone for what has occurred – not friends, not social media and not the 6.00pm news. Show your children that you have faith in their world and their ability to thrive in it.

When things happen that are out of our control, it can feel disempowering for all of us. Give children back their power by letting them know that they have a vital role in building a safe and good world. Empower them by letting them know that their voice and their thoughts matter. They need to know that it's because of them and people like them that the spirit of love, kindness and compassion will always be stronger than anything that tries to weaken it.

<http://www.heysigmund.com/how-to-talk-to-kids-and-teens-about-world-trauma/>

Ms Annie Williams, College Counsellor

Friends of Pacific

Connecting College and Community

Christmas Carols

Thank you in advance to all who are assisting at the Christmas Carols BBQ this Friday. It is understandably a very busy time of year. If you can, please offer a lending hand, even if it's only for 15 minutes or so! Those that are running the BBQ will appreciate a break so they can watch their child or have some time with their families.

On the night, we will also be selling Christmas bags for \$5 each. The thought behind this is not to fundraise but to provide an extra service that adds to the Christmas celebration. A considerable amount of time and effort has gone into making these bags, the actual bag itself has been

hand decorated and they are filled with lots of Christmas trinkets for your child to enjoy.

Merry Christmas

The Friends of Pacific wish you a safe and happy Christmas and thank you for your involvement and support this year. We look forward to 2016 where we can continue to support and provide further connections within our community.

Mrs Tracey Hindmarsh, FoP President

Library

Library Monitors

A big thank you to this year's library monitors for all their hard work. We finished the year with a celebratory lunch this week. This year's monitors were:

Year 6

- Harry McLaughlin-Phillips
- Ellie Dixon
- Imogen Layfield
- Matthew Timperley
- Samuel O'Connor
- William Allen
- Hayley Young
- Sarah Jones
- Astrid Williams

Year 7

- Kiarnah Pearce
- Caitlin Hoffman

We had 33 applications for the library monitor positions next year. The decision was very difficult and we encourage the students who missed out to apply again next year.

Congratulations to our successful applicants:

Year 5

- Amie Hague
- Sebastian Box
- Charles Box

- Isobel Hughes
- Sophie Wilkinson
- Jasmin Groves
- Nicholas Pollack
- Romola Frazer

Year 6

- Briarna Bell
- Jayda Lowe
- Luca Jones
- Hayley Pearce
- Dempsey Hall
- Noah Beasley
- Holly Ubrihien

Champion Readers

This week at assembly, we gave out prize packs to our champion readers. Champion readers are Junior College students who have borrowed more than 120 books this year and Middle and Senior College students who have borrowed more than 50 books. Our champion readers were:

Junior College

No. of Books	Name	Class
225	Groves, Jasmin	5S
214	Hughes, Isobel	5C
164	King, Holly	2P
159	O'Connor, Tiffany	3H
154	Heeney, Sarah	2P
154	King, Jared	OH
148	Biggs, Lennon	OH
146	Carter, Paige	3P
146	Edmondstone, Jaz	OH
146	Pyke, Sienna	OH
140	Bignell, Tilly	OH
140	Finney, Noella	OR
135	Fioraso, Sienna	OH
135	Karavolas, Georgia	2P
133	Atkinson, Megan	2P
133	Friend, Angus	2P
133	Grant, Zara	3P
132	Ferguson-Smale, Georgia	4C
131	Pearce, Madyson	1C
131	Petfield, Kirrily	3P
130	Tink, Kooper	OH

No. of Books	Name	Class
127	Timperley, Sarah	3H
125	Wilkinson, Sophie	5S
124	Creamer, Toby	2D
124	Puschmann, Jacob	OH
121	Lee, Isabella	1C
120	Bailey, Jacob	OR
120	Colton, Ainslie	3H
120	Targato, Holly	1H

Middle and Senior College

No. of Books	Name	Class
82	Layfield, Imogen	6E
82	Williams, Astrid	6I
73	Martin, Laslo	8B
60	Chetty-Sardar, Jeshin	8B
59	Foley, Jasmine	7C
57	Harrison, Charlie	8A
52	Dixon, Ellie	6D
52	Layfield, Paige	10A
52	Walker, Deborah	9D

MakerSpace

For our final MakerSpace activity this year, students made a Christmas elf ornament out of beads. The MakerSpace has been very popular this year and we look forward to developing lots of great crafty ideas next year.



Ms Nell Keen, Teacher Librarian

Careers Department

As this is my last contribution to the Compass newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Pacific community for their support and interest in Career matters while I have been Careers Counsellor at the college. It is essential that young people keep abreast of the ever-changing world in career pathways and employment prospects. The intention of the regular Careers Department

news items has been to make students aware of the changes and help them to become active participants in their career development and make informed decisions. I encourage you all to keep reading this vital form of communication.

I wish all students the best on their future endeavours and I wish all members of the college community a happy and safe holiday break.

Mrs Ainslie Reid, Careers Counsellor

Secondary Sport

SCISSA Soccer Finals

This week our Intermediate Boys took on St Andrew's Anglican College in the 2015 SCISSA soccer grand final. The Pacific boys were undefeated in the lead-up to the match, however St Andrew's proved a strong team on the night.

After leading the match 1-0 in the first five minutes, Pacific dominated the game with possession in their attacking half for most of the game. A sneaky St Andrew's goal in the first half levelled the game at 1-1. Deep into the second half, Pacific had many goal opportunities to break the deadlock, but failed to crack the St Andrew's defence.

As the game was looking like it would head into extra-time, St Andrew's made a break-through and chipped a goal over the top of the team to lead 2-1 and ultimately win the game.

It was a great effort by all and a great game to watch. Congratulations to all the boys on a fantastic season. I hope to see you all playing again in 2016. Well done to Mr Brendan Delaney for coaching the boys and getting them in to the grand final.



Mr Mark Hauser, Head of Sport

Pacific Soccer

2016 Sign On and Programs

We've got more for you in 2016!



The poster features the Pacific Soccer logo, the slogan 'SOAR WITH THE ROAR!', and the Brisbane Roar FC crest. It lists the following events for 2016:

- ROAR Player Development Program
- ROAR Coaching Workshops
- ROAR Holiday Clinics

Sign on all ages from U6 + @ PLC

Thursday 4 Feb 2.45pm-3.30pm
Saturday 6 Feb 9am-12noon + Just for Kicks Program
Tuesday 9 Feb 2.45pm-3.30pm
Saturday 13 Feb 9am-11am

Images show children in soccer uniforms and a group of players posing.

Mr Ian Barnes, Pacific Soccer President

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop has now closed for the year and will reopen for current families on Wednesday 20th January from 8.00am to 3.00pm. Any online orders can be collected from the shop from Wednesday 20th January onwards. For any uniform enquiries please ring Donna on 5436 7349. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs Donna Hollindale, Uniform Shop Coordinator

Church News

St Mark's Lutheran Church Caloundra



This Christmas, the Pacific community is invited to join St Mark's Lutheran Church Caloundra at the upcoming events and services:

Advent Sunday – 29th November, at Bombala Terrace

- 5.00pm BYO share meal
- 6.00pm Advent Devotion

Christmas Eve – 24th December at Bombala Terrace

- 5.00pm German Christmas Service
- 6.30pm Carols and Communion

Christmas Day – 25th December

- 8.00am at Bombala Terrace
- 9.30am at Pacific Lutheran College

New Year's Eve – 31st December at Bombala Terrace

- 5.00pm BBQ (coin donation)
- 6.00pm New Year Devotion / Service

Pastor Ray Morris, St Mark's Lutheran Church Caloundra

Upcoming Dates

November

- 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?

The sun makes up 99% of matter in our solar system!

All newsletters can be accessed via our website www.pacificlutheran.qld.edu.au, under 'News & Events' / 'Newsletters'.



2016 Sign On

commences early January 2016 online at www.myfootballclub.com.au

Visit www.sunshinecoastfootball.com.au to find a club near you

For further details to play, coach or referee call 5456 2727 or email: admin@sunshinecoastfootball.com.au



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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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