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RECORD SET: Kaylee McKeown won the Under-14 200m girls backstroke. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

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## 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 you 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**

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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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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.

# WHAT TO EXPECT IN PREP



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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 M

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



**MRS PHYTHIAN**  
Pacific Lutheran College, Prep P

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 P team and College community.





PARTY TIME: Pacific Lutheran College students plays dress-ups for Under Eights Week.

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

## Festivities combine learning and play

Party games celebrate 60 years of Under Eights Week

EGG-and-spoon races, musical chairs and pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey were just some of the activities enjoyed by more than 200 students at Pacific Lutheran College on Thursday.

Donning their hand-crafted party hats, students at the Meridian Plains College participated in a range of hands-on games and experiences, set up as a children's party on the grounds.

The celebration was part of Early Childhood Queensland's Under Eights Week, which has been running for 60 years.

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said it was great to see the students enjoying themselves. "Under Eights Week

really is about celebrating early childhood, so it was an important occasion for us to acknowledge as a

community," Mrs Phythian said.

"We wanted the students to experience the games we used to play as children, so we threw an old-fashioned party.

"Play-based activities, where students use their imagination and physical bodies, form an important component of their learning and development.

"Plus, they are fun."

The treasure hunt and sensory slime station proved the most popular activities among the Prep students.

"My favourite part was the blue slime," Joshua said.

Amelia said: "My favourite part was finding treasure in the sandpit."



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# 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 time, 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



**BRIGHTER FUTURES:** Students test out their solar buddy creations.

PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED



**Creating their solar buddies.**

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.**





Cuberider founders Solange Cunin and Sebastian Chaoui.



Pacific Lutheran College students programming their Sagan board mounted on a Raspberry Pi module called QubeRider.

## STEM IN SPACE

**O**N December 9, Cuberider will make history when the experiments of 1000 students from 60 schools across Australia will be launched into space on board a Japanese H-II/B rocket from Tanegashima Space Center, Japan on the first Australian space mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

Launched by young space innovators Solange Cunin and Sebastian Chaoui in 2015, Cuberider is the first Australian organisation to win government approval to fly a mission to space. It's also the first time so many Australian high school students have been given access to the ISS. Cuberider's mission is to excite

young people about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) by giving students access to incredible learning opportunities and environments.

The program uses hands-on learning to engage and challenge students to use their imagination, curiosity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, to enable them to become the next generation of leaders, innovators and problem solvers.

Cuberider CEO Solange Cunin says: "We're really excited to have had our payload approved by NASA and to have been confirmed on the JAXA launch on December 9th."

Participating schools included Queensland

representatives Pacific Lutheran College from the Sunshine Coast.

Students' experiments range from testing variations in the Earth's magnetic field and Einstein's theory of relativity to an astronaut's exposure to radiation and the creation of music and art using data patterns.

"Our goal is to have Cuberider in every school across Australia to inspire students to study STEM subjects and to ready them for jobs of the future," said Solange.

**See students from Pacific Lutheran College discuss their project: <https://youtu.be/3XvtAe8geol>**  
**Learn more: [cuberider.com](http://cuberider.com)**

# 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 Pohlner 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, 79% 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

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## 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.

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# 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 Bleijie held up a trophy with a proud smile on his face.

Following in the tradition set by now Member for Kawana Mr Bleijie, 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 impromptu 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, apart from being terrified



**JUDGES:** Julie Tolsdorf, Merv Paddison and Katherine Beasley.



**Lions president John Graham**

**It develops young leaders in Australia**

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.



**WINNER:** Kate Morcom with English teacher Jen Williams.

PHOTOS: MEGHAN KIDD



**Local students** Chelsea Ricotta, Jack Bange, Jack Gretton and Kate Morcom.





### 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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- **TICKETS:** Free entry

pays a timely tribute to the Rio Olympic Games.

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 8," 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 RAFFLEfest 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 doorknocks

MORE than 200 students, parents and staff from Pacific Lutheran College participated in the 2016 Red Shield Appeal Doorknock.

The doorknock 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 1650 items.

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

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**WORTHY CAUSE:** Students at Pacific Lutheran College donated their time for the Red Shield Appeal.

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

"The contributions will help us to help those who need it the most," he said.

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**SERVICE ETHOS:** Students at Pacific Lutheran College donated their time for the Red Shield Appeal.

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED



# Concert will help local kids

## Fundraising for Bella and Declan

**Meghan Kidd**  
Meghan.Kidd@scnews.com.au

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 Aitken, of Hoo8Hoo, will hold a KidsFORKids concert at The Shed at Aussie World on Saturday, September 10.

The open-age event will feature a local teenage talent including Hoo8Hoo, Doolie and Flooke 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 early 2015.

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 our 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 monies 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 this event being 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 great idea for kids on the Sunny Coast to get involved in a cool charity event to raise money and support



**Bella Harry.**  
PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED



**Declan Walker.** PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

other local kids who are doing it tough in some way — and we'll let adults come as well," Tim said.

They set about organising the event a few weeks ago and have been overwhelmed with the support.

"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



**VOICE FOR KIDS:** The Aitken brothers Tim (with guitar) and Sam from the band Hoo8Hoo will be performing at the KidsFORKids concert on September 10.  
PHOTO: WARREN LYNAM

wanted to have the event with kids 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.

### DETAILS

**WHAT:** KidsforKids concert  
**WHEN:** Saturday, September 10, 5:30-1pm, The Shed at Aussie World  
**TICKETS:** From \$25 (for group bookings of 10) [www.aussieworld.com.au](http://www.aussieworld.com.au) or search for KidsforKids Concert on Facebook  
**PERFORMERS:** Hoo8Hoo, Doolie, Flooke, Trey Cooper and Bella and Amy.

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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 prosthetic.

Bella's mum, Emma Harry, said the family was incredibly grateful for the support given the emotional and financial strain they have been under.

Declan Walker, who attends Pacific Lutheran College with Sam, was diagnosed with a Primary Mediastinal B-cell

Lymphoma in December last year.

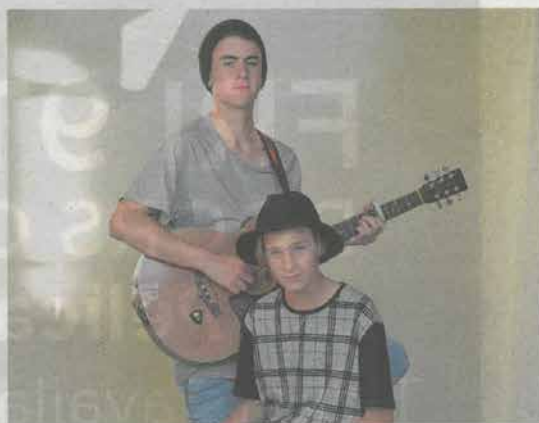
Declan's mum Michelle had to give up work to be his carer and the impact on the family has been significant.

Tim and Sam, from Caloundra, said they wanted to help in any way they could.

The concert will start at 5.30pm, with exclusive use of Aussie World until 7pm.

Live music from Trey Cooper and Bella and Amy and other roaming acts who will perform before the main concert at 7pm, with Flooke, Doolie and Hoo8Hoo.

Tickets are \$25, visit [www.aussieworld.com.au](http://www.aussieworld.com.au).



**VOICE FOR KIDS:** The Aitken brothers Tim and Sam, from the band Hoo8Hoo.  
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TIME TRAVEL: Shakespeare Week at Pacific Lutheran College.

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Narelle Keen - Pacific Lutheran College

## Celebrating Shakespeare

April 23rd was the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare. To celebrate and promote his achievements with our students, our library declared the week leading up to the 23rd to be Shakespeare Week, and we planned a week-long schedule of events.

Every morning in our daily notices I included a Shakespeare fun fact, a list of words and phrases created by Shakespeare and the Shakespearean insult of the day - a favourite amongst most students. For our high school students we had a competition between the pastoral care groups to test their knowledge of the Bard with a block of chocolate as a prize, and ran the film, *Much Ado about Nothing*, at lunchtimes with the offer of free popcorn. Food always works well with motivating our senior students.

Lunch time activities included performances of scenes from *Macbeth* and *Romeo and Juliet* by Year 7 and Year 11 Drama students in the library foyer. We also used our Maker Space to create Shakespearean swords out of newspaper and cardboard.

For the primary students we had a lunchtime where we set up some games which were played in the 16th century and which were mentioned in Shakespeare's plays. We chose three games - quills, nine men's morris, which we played on a giant board marked out in the library foyer, and barley break. Barley break was played on the lawn in front of the library 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 each lunchtime, was our Shakespearean photo booth. We hired eight Tudor costumes of varying sizes, and students, as well as some staff, got dressed up and had their photo taken. The photos were then printed out in colour and displayed on a library wall. It's been a great talking point and students have been bringing in their parents to look at their photos.

Shakespeare Week was a great success and had the whole school visiting the library and talking about Shakespeare - both worthwhile goals.

See the Shakespearean insults - with funny cats!

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Thou art as loathsome as a toad



Illustration: Library Assistant, Narelle Keen. Photo: Narelle Keen. 100 words - 100 words



# Performers take lesson in history

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**TALENTED:** Jess Abraham started Tidal magazine in 2012 as a way to showcase young talent on the Coast.

PHOTO: WARREN LYNAM

# 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

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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 Wurtulla 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 where a wave of young people were making things happen.

With its fourth issue printed this month, Jess said the magazine still embodied exactly what she started in 2012 - to highlight the talents of youth and raise funds and awareness for ocean conservation.

"I had just graduated from high school and it was meant to be a one-off," Jess said. "A friend and I used the summer break to work on it because we found that we were surrounded by so many peers that were doing incredible things in art, music, fashion, photography and surf and at the time

were only 16 to 18 years old. "None of them were doing it for money.

"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 uninspired.

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even scratched the surface of what was out there, and not just on the Sunshine Coast."

Jess said the content of the globally recognised independent publication was not exclusive, and featured surfing news, fashion, music, culture and art.

Created from her home, or

out of share offices on the Coast, the bi-annual 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, Canberra and the Gold Coast, Jess said they also had a website and hosted Tidal Presents events throughout the year.

"We 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 Wurtulla, Jess went to primary school in Currumbundi 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 Pecha Kucha Night in Maroochydore, hosted by The Sunshine Coast Creative Alliance.

Jess said the theme was "extraordinaire", and each person shared their passion topics where 20 slides were shown for 20 seconds each.

"Pecha Kucha translates to chit chat in Japanese, and it's a platform to share ideas and experiences and



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

PHOTO: WARREN LYNAM

## COAST STOCKISTS

- Coco Loco Club, 3 Roderick St, Moffat Beach
- Alterior Motif, Shop 9 Rovera Plaza, Cotton Tree
- Alterior Motif, Shop 1/12 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 little core team growing with us. You witness these young writers, photographers and artists improve with each issue – and it's so nice to give them this platform to do it."

The next Peka Kucha Night will be hosted in Caloundra at the Caloundra Art Gallery on September 16 from 6pm.

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

Visit [www.tidalmagazine.org](http://www.tidalmagazine.org).



## PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE

# Inspiring our entrepreneurs

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 Wes Warner, said it was the first year the College had run the program.

"It's been really successful and provided a real-world learning experience 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."

"Students had to show their knowledge of business,



FASHIONISTAS: Isla and Ella at the Her Wardrobe Fashion Market earlier this month.

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prepare weekly budgets and assess profitability and also demonstrate how they would attract customers."

Year 10 student Ella Moore had a successful business partnership selling soy candles.

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

"The project was a great learning experience but it was definitely challenging."

said.

"But the project really gave me 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 their \$20 seed money back to NAB with additional interest of \$1 per person. Any profits made were donated to a charity of the student's choice.

The project has inspired Ella and Isla to consider their future career pathways and also gave them the confidence to participate in the Her Wardrobe Fashion Market earlier this month.

"We had a stall set up at the market selling our second-hand clothes," Isla 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 ventures we could do together."



A WORLD AWAY: Students assembling the Qubertider hardware.

## Launching into history

THIS year, a group of four Pacific Lutheran College students will make history by sending one of their STEM projects into space.

Along with schools in New South Wales, Pacific has been accepted into the Qubertider program.

Students will create a project that incorporates science, mathematics and computing and send it to the International Space Station to conduct experiments.

This will be the first time Australia has sent anything to the International Space Station and Pacific's Head of Information Technology, Mrs Janine Stone, said it is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage in.

Earlier this month, the College received the hardware that will be used to create, code and upload the space experiments and students have been busy assembling and programming.

Year 11 student Cameron Heeny is one of the coders for the project and has been enjoying the challenge.

"It's such a rare opportunity to send something personal into space. It will be really interesting to review the results of our experiment too," Cameron said.

Pacific's experiment is designed to see if the changes outside the International Space Station (ISS) affect the inside environment or whether the inside environment is stable and controlled.

The SpaceX Falcon 9- CRS 10, which will carry the experiments, is scheduled to launch from Cape Canaveral (weather permitting) on November 11, 2016 and the astronauts at the ISS will run the tests and return the data to earth for analysis.



EXPLORING ENERGY: Year 2 students made 60 solar light units for the SolarBuddy program

## Buddies reduce energy poverty

IN celebration of National Science Week earlier this month, Year 2 students at Pacific Lutheran College engaged in a new program that aims to reduce energy poverty in developing countries.

The SolarBuddy program was established in Brisbane and only launched in schools this year.

Through the program, students assemble small solar-powered light units and write a short letter about themselves. These are then sent to a student experiencing energy poverty.

Pacific Year 2 teacher, Mrs Julie Darr, said it encouraged students to learn more about those who live without ready access to electricity.

"The program fits really well with our curriculum in Christian Studies and Geography," Mrs Darr said.

"It provided students with a global experience that also directly aligned with the College's service learning ethos."

"Our students had a real sense of giving and sharing with others and their joy was clearly evident."

In total, the Year 2

students assembled 60 solar light units and these will be sent overseas to children in Ghana.

In return, students will receive a picture of their 'buddy' with their much-needed light.

Year 2 student Cam Costa said, "I think my buddy will be really impressed with the light I made".

Going forward, the SolarBuddy program will be embedded into Pacific's Year 2 curriculum and the College is exploring other opportunities to further support this initiative.

## Learning at a new level

PACIFIC Lutheran College has taken up the challenge to provide flexible access to both virtual and physical spaces to enable students to take their learning to the next level.

At the end of last year, the College opened a new Senior Learning Space that features modern, moveable furniture and a set-up similar to university rooms.

Pacific's Principal Dr Bronwyn Dolling said the design of the space created great flexibility for learning.

"These flexible room designs are preparing our senior students for the next phase of their lives where they will need to be effective as self-directed learners, both as individuals and in collaboration with. Increasingly, the student is in the driver's seat of their learning journey," Dr Dolling said.



IN PARTNERSHIP: Students and teachers work together in new learning space.

"We are focussed on enabling young people to engage in thinking, develop deep understandings and explore connections."

Students have greatly enjoyed and benefited from the vibrancy, openness and flexibility of the new learning space.

Year 12 student Jack Bange said the room felt like a comfortable learning space.

"It's not a traditional classroom," Jack said.

"It's an innovative, free-flowing room."

"Rather than feeling forced to work, 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 dates available.

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### PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE

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ACHIEVERS: QCE Achievement Award winners Lachlan McKay and Corey Lehmann.

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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 2015 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 captured the attention of the 18-

year-old.

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

"It's the discovery of new things that we don't know



**"Hopefully I can contribute something meaningful..."**

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 Pacific Lutheran College's 2015 captain, was a star performer academically, in sport and through service to his school community during Year 12.

PLC principal Dr Bronwyn Dolling said Mr McKay had worked hard last year, performed highly on the QCS 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 Provisional Entry for School Leavers pathway.

He was also awarded a Vice Chancellor Scholarship.

