

## Celebrate With Joy

Celebrations are special parts of our lives and as we come to the close of a year, we look forward to sharing a number of celebrations together. On Friday night, the Kindergarten - Year 2 children will share with us the special story of Jesus' birth as part of the Kindergarten - Year 5 carols. Our closing services on Monday morning for our P-5 children and Tuesday evening for the Year 6-12 students will also celebrate the many achievements of the community. Families too are getting ready for Christmas celebrations.

As we celebrate, we celebrate not only the extraordinary but the ordinary, everyday things that make our lives special but can easily be taken for granted. There are those people around us who through the ordinary every day things they do make our lives easier and more pleasant. The Christmas story reminds us to find the special in the ordinary. Jesus was born in a very ordinary way in a stable. He came to us as an ordinary man to make our lives richer. As we celebrate, let us say a prayer of thanks for Jesus and also for all those people who through the ordinary, often unnoticed things, enable us to live rich full lives.

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## Principal's Log

At the close of the year we will be farewelling a number of staff. We farewell Mr Shane Jurecky as Director of Staff as he takes on a new role as Principal of Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Hamilton. Mr Jurecky, through his overseeing of the day to day operations of the college and support for staff, has built strong relationships within the community and made a very significant contribution. Mr Bill Vale will be taking on a permanent teaching position in the area of Industrial Technology with Education Queensland. Mr Vale's warm supportive nature has seen him develop good relationships with staff and students and we have valued the new perspectives he has brought into the community. We also farewell Mrs Dani McLean as she moves into a new career in the health industry. Mrs McLean has given many years of service as a Prep aide and has been greatly valued by the

teachers and parents for the warm, patient, good humoured support she has provided. Sport Aide, Mr Damien Johns, will be leaving to pursue a teaching career. Mr Johns has provided great energy and support to the sport department and has also very capably fulfilled a maternity leave teaching position. We thank all of these people for the contribution they have made and wish them well as they step into new paths in their lives.

We also thank Mrs Jodie Swales and Mrs Eimear Greaney who have very capably filled the long service leave positions of Mr Brendan Delaney, Mrs Janine Delaney and Mrs Janine Stone over this term. We also express our very deep appreciation to Dr Cynthia May who has filled a variety of teaching and leadership positions over the year. Her capacity

to calmly adapt to a variety of positions and classes has been a wonderful testament to her professional and personal capacities. We wish Mrs Greaney, Mrs Swales and Dr May all the best for the next phase of their lives.

Next year, Mrs Melissa Evans will be taking six months maternity leave, Ms Melissa Pietrala 12 months maternity leave and Mrs Leigh Drogemuller one term of maternity leave. This is a very special time in their lives and we pray that God would enrich them and their families through this time.

Mrs Julie Darr will be returning to class room duties after many years of great service as the P-5 Learning Enrichment teacher. Mrs Darr has supported a number of students and their families through coordinating support and providing enrichment activities. Her warmth, genuine care and high levels of professional skills have been greatly valued by the community.

We are pleased to announce the following staffing appointments for 2015 which replace staff who are leaving and also caters for the increased enrolments for next year. We will welcome Mrs Tanya Crooks as the new Director of Staff. Mrs Crooks is currently the Head of Senior School at Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell, having previously been Dean of the Middle School. We will welcome Mr Nico Prinsloo from Rangiora New Life School where he is currently the Head of Mathematics as a Middle and Senior College Mathematics and Science teacher, Mr Ben Dutton from Cannon Hill Anglican College as an Industrial Technology and Design teacher and Mrs Anthea Brighton from Matthew Flinders Anglican College as the P-5 Learning Enrichment Coordinator. Ms Alisha Janssen from Mark Oliphant College in South Australia and Mr Joel Valentine from Parade College in Melbourne will be covering the maternity leave contracts in conjunction with Mrs Virginia Schlotterbach and Mr Darren Lawrence who have both very capably fulfilled contract positions at Pacific.

As we close the year, we reflect on a year where as a community we have achieved a great deal in partnership together. It has been a year where generative relationships have enabled us to come together as staff, students and parents and provide outstanding learning experiences for our young people. It has been a year where a theme has been lived more than spoken. Thank you to everyone for playing your parts well. May God bless each one of you and keep you safe as you experience the peace, joy and hope that comes through the birth of Jesus.

*Dr Bronwyn Dolling, Principal*

## Year 6 - 12 End of Year Service

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December

6.30pm at the Caloundra Events Centre

On Tuesday night for the closing ceremony at Caloundra Events Centre, students should arrive at 6.00pm. This is an important time to meet as a community and celebrate the many successes of 2014. It is an expectation of the college that all students attend. If your child cannot attend on Tuesday night, please send a letter before Tuesday to their class teacher for Year 6 students only or their Head of House for Year 7 to 12 students.

## Daily Bread

### The End of the "IF ONLY"s.

*If only God could know what it is like to grow up in a family!*

When God came in the Bethlehem manger, He grew up with Joseph and Mary and it seems that there were other children in His family too.

*If only God could know what it is like to have to work hard in the sun!*

When God came in the Bethlehem manger, He grew as the Son of a carpenter in Palestine. A hot and sunny place.

*If only God could know what it is like to suffer the loss of everything like refugees do!*

When God came in the Bethlehem manger, His family fled to foreign Egypt to escape from the threats of King Herod.

*If only God could know shame of social exclusion!*

When God came in the Bethlehem manger, His mother Mary had been accused of having a child outside of marriage and both Joseph and Mary had to deal with the strict social exclusion that this brought.

*If only God could know what it is like to live under the rule of foreign power!*

When God came in the Bethlehem manger, His nation Israel was under the control of the mighty Roman Empire and Jesus Himself was crucified under Roman jurisdiction.

When we pray and ask God to be with us, we are trusting that God has walked our pathways. God has certainly promised to be with us always "to the end of the age". This is the heart of

the Christmas good news. God is not far from us, but has come to dwell amongst us – full of grace and truth in the Bethlehem manger.

God walk with you and your families through the school break. May you each have the most blessed Christmas time.

*Pastor Paul Smith, College Pastor*

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

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

### Prep - Year 5 End of Year Service

The P-5 End of Year Service will be held at the Lake Kawana Community Centre on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December starting at 9.00am. The service marks an important transition for all students, particularly our Year 5s who move next year to Middle College and our Year 2 students who move from the Foundation College into the junior section of the college. Academic Excellence and Endeavour Awards will also be presented to students in Years 3 - 5. All parents and family members are most welcome at this important event.

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

## Students of the Week

Stars of the Week - This Week Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> November

<b>Year 1</b>	Lara Foxe-Hooper	Alexandra Schlotterbach
<b>Year 2</b>	Mahalia Thiele	Jett Forman
	Aidan Meade	Archie Palmer
	Marco Huen	Kai Sorbello
<b>Year 3</b>	Cate Moffitt	Jonti Fisher
	Mia Underhill	Zerah Wildman
	Haylie Powell	Gabrielle McKenzie
	Kie Lenkeith	
<b>Year 4</b>	Noah Lynch	Jack Miller
	Abby Shanahan	Sierra Lauritzen
	Carta Costa	Chloe Torrens
<b>Year 5</b>	Saleen Grixti	Dakota Thomson
	Year 5C	Ethan Watman
	Dan Michaels	

## You Can Do It Awards

This Week Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> November

*Persistence:* Jack Underhill, Hayley Pearce and Amy Aitken.

*Organisation:* Sebastian Carter

*Getting Along:* Ruby Anderson and Joshua Smith

*Resilience:* Zac McCarthy

## Awards

### Mathletics

*Gold:* Sophie Dahl, Harrison Whitelaw, Makani Campbell and Jett Edmondstone.

### Multilit

Congratulations to Sofia Aronsson and Zerah Wildman.

## Food for Thought

### Destressing During the Holidays Could Not be Simpler

Here is the bad news about constant stress. Whenever we feel stressed out, that is a signal that our brain is pumping out stress hormones. If sustained over not just days and weeks, but months and years, those hormones can ruin our health and make us a nervous wreck.

And here is the good news: you can teach your body to handle the stresses of a normal, full-but-hassled life much better. All it takes is setting aside a few minutes a day.

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*Mrs Annie Williams, School Counsellor*

## 2015 Term Dates

2015 commences	Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January
Term 1 finishes	Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Term 2 commences	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Term 2 finishes	Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3 commences	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3 finishes	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4 commences	Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 12 finish	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Prep - Year 11 finish	Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> December

## Cambodia Trip Update

The Cambodia team departs for Phnom Penh bright and early on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. We have been busy making final preparations, packing craft supplies and uniforms to take as gifts to the primary school in Krus Village. Some of the Prep - Year 6 classes have made Christmas cards for the hostel students in Phnom Penh and the children in the village.

A huge thank you must go to the 5.00pm Mass group at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, who have been taking up regular offerings and have generously donated around \$1,800 to our fundraising efforts.

Keep an eye on Pacific's Facebook page, as there will be regular updates and photos throughout the trip!



*Ms Karen Schultz, Cambodia Project Coordinator*

## Library News

Reminder – Please get all your overdue books back before the end of the year.

*Ms Nell Keen, Teacher Librarian*

## A Reminder to Notify the College About Your Child's Health

Pacific Lutheran College is committed to supporting student's health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents / carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support students at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Prior to the end of the term, all parents / carers will receive an email from the school with a link to the college website with directions on how to access and review your child/ren's medical details through parent lounge.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school.

Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, excursions (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to support your child.

Thank you for your assistance.

*Ms Sharon Dean and Mrs Maree Hooper, College Nurses*

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## Friends of Pacific

### Connecting College and Community

Friends of Pacific would like to firstly thank the Pacific community for embracing and supporting us in 2014 - "Connecting College and Community".

Thanks must go to the 2014 committee, Mrs Allyson Sarvari, Mrs Michelle Timperley, Mrs Kath Barry, Mrs Leah Croke, Mrs Sara Gowing, Mrs Di Gretton, Mrs Jenny Lee, Mrs Sophie McKenzie, Mrs Mel Pollack, Mrs Joyce Smith, Mrs Nikki Stacey and college representatives Dr Dolling and Pastor Smith.

Special mention must also go to OCEANFest14 Co-ordinator Melissa Pollack and the support given by College Council and St Marks Church.

Best wishes and thanks to Michelle Timperley, our outgoing Treasurer, who dedicated herself to the position in a very professional way and brought knowledge and many ideas to FOP, and to Di Gretton and Sara Gowing who are standing down as committee members this year. Both women have been involved with FOP for many years. We thank you for your involvement and dedication.

Welcome to the new committee for 2015:

Chairperson Tracey Hindmarsh  
Vice Chair Allyson Sarvari  
Secretary Kath Barry  
Treasurer TBC

Committee Members: Nikki Stacey, Sophie McKenzie, Joyce Smith, Jenny Lee, Julie Hoffman, Leah Croke, Mel Pollack, Ross Campbell, Sanet Strong, Ian Barnes.

We wish everyone a restful, safe and very happy festive season.

*Mrs Tracey Hindmarsh, Chairperson Friends of Pacific*

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## Pacific Lutheran Early Learning



Wow how quickly have the months come and gone. I cannot believe we are at the end of November and 2014 is coming to an end.

This year has been a fantastic year with many changes and achievements obtained.

We commenced the year with the Sessional Kindergarten and Early Learning Centre merging, creating our one service with the new name "Pacific Lutheran Early Learning", consisting of Room 1 and Room 2. With this change, we were able to offer more care, longer hours and the community showed that this was a need. We expanded and grew very quickly, securing the majority of our booking capacity. We now also have waiting lists for future years.

We also participated in the National Quality Framework this year as one service. We achieved an overall rating of Exceeding National Quality Standard. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the children, families and educators for this wonderful achievement. This process could only be achieved by everyone's input, support and participation. We are very proud of accomplishing this high standard. Please see the certificate at the end of this newsletter.

We have had many highlights throughout the year and events. We conclude with our Break Up Christmas Concert as we are too large to be in any of our rooms. We look forward to you coming along and being part of this event.

This week we have had Miss Chris Meagher finish up with us to move to Canberra. We hope her new adventure will be wonderful. She will be sadly missed by all of us at Pacific.



We also welcome our new Lead Educator, Mr Jason Washfold. Jason will work with Mrs Anne Phythian in Room 2.

Our Kindergarten program finishes on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, however, we are still open until Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. A reminder that we are closed from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January for the Christmas and New Year's break. We recommence at 6.30am on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January. Please contact me if you require extra days or still need to advise us of your child's last day of care.

To conclude, I would like to say (on behalf of the team) that it has been a wonderful privilege and opportunity to educate, laugh, play and discover with each of our children this year. The children have taken us on many journeys and adventures that we will always remember. We have made wonderful friendships.

We pray that they continue to have an amazing journey into prep or transition within our service.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Until next time,

*Mrs Annwen Lumkes, Service Leader/Director*

## From the Tuckshop

We are all winding down towards the end of the school year, and that means limited menu choices at the tuckshop.

There will be an up to date list at the counter, and online ordering should also reflect what is still available.

Thank you for your patience.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

*Carrie and Sally*

## Music News

### Speech and Drama

This year the Speech and Drama students set a new record with all students receiving a grade of Honours in their recent practical exams.

All students deserve a huge congratulations for an outstanding year. The way in which they have embraced the spirit of performance and have grown in confidence has really been inspiring.

Our visiting examiner from the Australian College of Music, Ms Chris Gordon-Brown, was impressed with how

enthusiastic the students were and how their individual personalities really shone through in their performances.

A big congratulations to Pacific graduate, Drew Russell, who received a State high score of 94% in his exam and who is going on to study for his Diploma in Performance Skills. It is wonderful to see past students continue to study in their area of passion.

*Ms Lisa McKibben*

## Careers Department News

### 1. CHANGES to the SECONDARY SCHOOLS TAX FILE NUMBER PROGRAM in 2015

The secondary school Tax File Number (TFN) program will not continue beyond 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015, students can apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

For further information about applying online visit [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au) and search for 'QC27248'.

### 2. AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE INFORMATION SESSIONS

An ADF career information session will be held at the Maroochydore ADF Recruitment office (35 - 39 Primary School Court, Maroochydore) on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. To book a seat, call 5459 8700 or email [defencejobsmaroochydore@dfr.com.au](mailto:defencejobsmaroochydore@dfr.com.au).

An ADF Army Reserves information session will be held at the ADF Maroochydore Recruitment office on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. To book a seat, contact by phone or email as previously stated above.

*Mrs Ainslie Reid, Careers Counsellor*

## Church News

Our prayers this week have included:

- Year 12 students who have completed their studies and for all staff as they conclude the year.
- All those attending 'Schoolies Week' to enjoy and to be kept safe.

'Happy New Church Year!' See invitation (attached).

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let His light shine upon you as you come in and as you go out."

*Pr Ray Morris, St Mark's Lutheran Church Caloundra*

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## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every:

Wednesday 8.00am to 9.30am

Thursday 8.00am to 9.30am

Friday 8.00am to 9.30am

Volunteers needed for Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

If you can spare four hours to help in the uniform shop from 8.00am - 12 noon or 12 noon - 4.00pm your help would be greatly appreciated. No money handling required, just helping with sizes and meeting new families. Please call Donna on 5436 7349.

THE UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN TO CURRENT FAMILIES ON FRIDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY FROM 8.00AM TO 3.00PM.

Orders can be placed on-line via [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and will be delivered to your child the following day.

*Mrs Donna Hollindale, Uniform Shop Coordinator*

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## Did You Know?

The number of births in India each year exceeds the entire population of Australia (20 million).

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## Upcoming Dates

### NOVEMBER

28 Carols Night

### DECEMBER

1 P-5 End of Year Service (Lake Kawana Centre 9.00am)

2 Last Day for Students

2 Closing Service (Caloundra Events Centre 6.30pm)

7-21 Cambodia Tour

### JANUARY 2015

27 2015 School year commences.

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### ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Invites You to  
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  
on 0429 856 532, email: [ray.morris@lca.org.au](mailto:ray.morris@lca.org.au),  
web: <http://stmarkslutheranocaloundra.com>

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## Pacific Lutheran Early Learning

has achieved the following ratings:

Quality Area 1	Educational program and practice RATING: EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD
Quality Area 2	Children's health and safety RATING: MEETING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD
Quality Area 3	Physical environment RATING: EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD
Quality Area 4	Staffing arrangements RATING: EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD
Quality Area 5	Relationships with children RATING: EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD
Quality Area 6	Collaborative partnerships with families and communities RATING: EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD
Quality Area 7	Leadership and service management RATING: MEETING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD

The overall rating for a service is determined by the combination of the Quality Area ratings achieved.

If a service is rated below the National Quality Standard in any Quality Area, the overall rating will reflect the lowest Quality Area rating. To achieve an overall rating of Exceeding National Quality Standard, a service needs to achieve Exceeding National Quality Standard in four or more Quality Areas of which two must be from Quality Area 1, Quality Area 5, Quality Area 6 or Quality Area 7.

This service is rated overall at  
**EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD**

Department of Education, Training and Employment  
 Date of issue: 18 September 2014

This service has been assessed against the National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care and these ratings have been awarded in accordance with the Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 and the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011



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# Let's Celebrate!

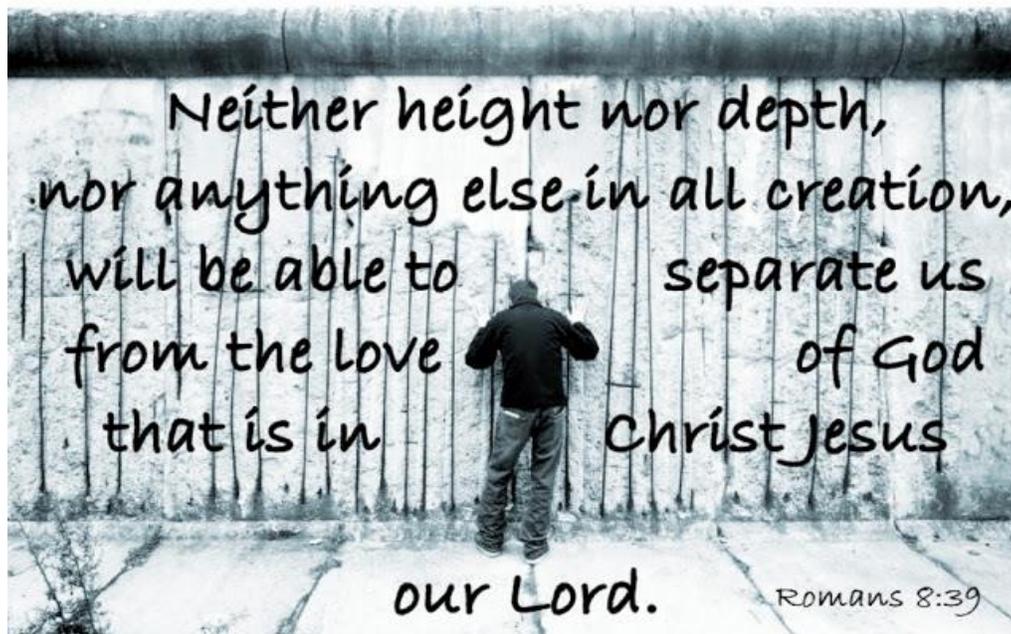
## "Happy New Church Year"

Advent Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014

St Mark's Lutheran Church  
16 Bombala Terrace, Caloundra

- Shared meal – 5.30pm
- Advent Devotion – 6.30pm

All Welcome



Phone: Pastor Ray Morris 0429 856 532 for more information.

St Mark's Lutheran Church Caloundra – "Grow in Jesus and Share His Love"