



Stay Safe

We wish you all a very joyous and blessed Christmas and hope that you enjoy the time with family and friends as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

School resumes for Junior School students on Wednesday 25 January at 8.30am. Students are to arrive in their normal dress uniform with all books and equipment required in the classroom (please clearly name all items).

During the first day of school information will be given to students regarding when they have their PE lessons, Library lessons etc.



Farewell

At the end of this year we say farewell and thank you to Mrs Nikki Bouris, one of our Year 2 teacher assistants, for her hard work and service to the College.

We also farewell Mr Gavin Andrews who is taking up the position as Head of Junior Sport, overseeing the JTAS program across Years 4, 5, 6 and 7. Whilst he will no longer be a classroom teacher in the Junior School, students will still see him regularly. We wish both of these staff members all the best in their new ventures.

Staff and Classes for 2012

The following staffing allocations have been made for 2012.

PrepCB..... Mrs Christina Bianchi
PrepBH Miss Becci Hollands
PrepJL..... Mrs Julie Lavin
Teacher Assistants: *Mrs Zoe Hutton (PrepCB), Mrs Kim McInnes (PrepBH) and Mrs Bev Atkinson (PrepJL)*

1JL..... Mr Jeff Li
1RB..... Mrs Renee Brattan
1KH Mrs Kellie Hardke (*new staff member in 2012*)
Teacher Assistants: *Mrs Susan Robberts (1JL), Mrs Kym Head (1RB) and Miss Karlie Duckett (1KH)*

2SC..... Mrs Sarah Cossens
2AL..... Miss Amanda Losurdo
Teacher Assistants: *Mrs Janet Wiech (2SC Mon-Wed), New staff member to be advised (2SC Thurs-Fri) and Mrs Michele Norman (2AL)*

3AH Mrs Amy Homann
3HW Mrs Hannah Walker
Teacher Assistant: *Mrs Leonie Brown*

4NW Mr Nathan Weil
4MF..... Mr Matthew Fasso (*new staff member in 2012*)

5AM Mrs Angie Morris
5ST Mrs Stephanie Taylor

Junior School Learning Enhancement: Mrs Leesa Chalmers
Teacher Assistant: *Mrs Julie Gore*

Junior School Closing Service

The final day for Junior School is Tuesday, 29 November. The Junior School Closing Service will commence at 1.45pm in the Chapel. Parents, friends and family are all welcome to attend.

Students who travel home via bus, please note that no buses will be operating on this day and alternative arrangements should be made.

All students must wear their formal dress uniform to school on this day.

2012 Class Lists

Class placements for 2012 will be displayed at the Junior School Office from 16 January.

School Shoes

Parents, as you are buying new school shoes for your child next year, please ensure that they meet the uniform regulations. Sport shoes are to be white. Designs, if any, should range from royal blue to pale blue, not black.

Incorrect shoes next year will be asked to be replaced.

Thank You

A very BIG thank you to all parents for your work in the classrooms this year.

Your assistance and support of the classroom teacher is appreciated and valued.

Tips For Your Family

Each week in the newsletter, you will find some practical parenting tips. These tips may or may not be appropriate for you and your family. We will endeavour to seek the advice of leading professionals and place them in our regular column to use as you choose.

Top tips for maintaining a healthy young brain during the Christmas break:

- 1. Read** – encourage children to keep reading throughout the holidays in order to maintain literacy skills and keep young brains engaged.
- 2. Exercise** – Physical activity promotes brain development and the growth of new brain cells.
- 3. Diet** – After the Christmas splurge, go back to eating healthy brain foods (such as salmon and broccoli) and drink plenty of water.
- 4. Sleep** – Allow time for busy brains to rest and stay healthy. Young brains need 10-11 hours each night.



Swimming Carnival

Tomorrow, Friday 25 November, students in Years 3 to 5 will be participating in the Junior School Swimming Carnival, held here at Redeemer Pool from 9.00am until approximately 1.30pm. There will be 25m and 50m races in all strokes and novelty relays depending on the time available. The aim of the carnival is for participation from all students in Years 3-5 and to have fun.

There will be no food stall at the carnival this year.

Students from Prep to Year 2 have been invited to attend for a period of time during the carnival and cheer on their House team. Please ensure they come to school wearing sunscreen and bring a towel to sit on.

All students in the Junior School are to wear their **coloured House shirt and shorts** on this day. Students in Years 3-5 are to bring:

- Two towels (one to sit on and one for drying themselves)
- Togs
- Swimming cap
- Goggles (optional)
- Sunscreen
- Sun-shirt (recommended)
- Sports hat

For those parents attending, should you decide to take your child home after the carnival, you are reminded that you will need to sign them out. The Junior School sign out book will be available at the pool with Mrs Nikki McKenzie.

As a guide, an approximate time of each event is listed below: *(Please note each event will commence with Year 5)*

Freestyle 9.30am
Breaststroke 10.15am
Backstroke 10.50am
Butterfly 11.30am
Relays 11.50am
Novelty Events 12.30pm
Presentation..... 1.10pm



Wet Weather

In the event of inclement weather, students should still arrive at school prepared for the Carnival to go ahead. A decision of whether the Carnival will be cancelled will be made on the day. Unfortunately, there will be no further time to reschedule this event if cancelled.

The Candy Cane

*Look at the Candy Cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me
White is for my Saviour
Who's sinless and pure!
"J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure!
Turn it around
And a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd
Was born for Me!*

Coming Events: November

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| Friday | 25 | Years 3-5 Swimming Carnival, 9.00am-1.20pm |
| Tuesday | 29 | Junior School Closing Service, 1.45pm-2.30pm, Redeemer Chapel |
| Tuesday | 29 | Term 4 Finishes |

2012 Redeemer Term Dates

The term dates, student free days and public holiday dates for 2012 are available from our website at: www.redeemer.com.au/events/calendar

2012 College Calendar

The complete College Calendar for 2012 Term dates can be downloaded from our website: www.redeemer.com.au/events/calendar

2012 Parent Handbook

The 2012 version of the Parent Handbook is available for downloading or viewing online at: www.redeemer.com.au/community/handbook

Did You Know? This newsletter can also be accessed online from our website every Thursday at: www.redeemer.com.au/newsletter



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Junior School Prayers

Each morning the Junior School staff meet for a short devotion. During this time we pray for the different Junior School children and their families.



This week we have prayed for:

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| Jasmine Wu (P) | Billy Wearne (P) |
| Thomas White (P) | Nicolas Pulcinella (1) |
| Madison Vainionpaa (1) | Sean White (1) |
| Sariah Suter (3) | Madison Shepherd (3) |
| Addison Schmidt (5) | James Teale (5) |

Parenting Research Survey

We wanted to alert the school community of the opportunity to participate in some research on parenting. Judith Locke, a clinical psychologist, is undertaking her PhD on modern parenting and is creating new measures that reflect the beliefs and actions of today's parents. She is asking parents of children aged 5 - 18 to complete a survey at the following web address:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/modernparenting.

The survey is completely anonymous. It takes from 20-40 minutes to complete.

Judith is donating money to Kids Helpline for every response and hopes to raise over \$1,000.00.