

December 2011

Dear Parents,

Christmas greetings from Redeemer! May God bless you and your family this Christmas! As we close another busy year, I take this opportunity to write to you in order to communicate a number of items I would like to bring to your attention which will help you prepare for school next year.

Staff:

The close of the year sadly involves saying farewell to the following staff members: Nikki Bouris (Junior School Teacher Assistant), Luke Lester (Maths/ITS), Robert Pattearson (Curriculum Leader Maths 10-12), Daniel Weller (Maths/PE) and David Wilkinson (Work Experience Coordinator). We also farewell the following staff who completed contracts during this last semester: Joan Chia, Ian Luxford, Natalie Parks (Senior School), and Sharon Terris (Student Counsellor). We wish all departing staff the very best for the future.

I am pleased to welcome the following new staff for next year: Matt Fasso and Kellie Hardke (Junior School teachers), Pauline Amourous and Michele Norman (Junior School Teacher Assistants).

I am also pleased to announce the following internal appointments for 2012: Brent Arnold (Head of Sport), Gavin Andrews (Head of Junior Sport), and Jodie Hauser (Acting Outdoor Education Coordinator).

A full list of staff leadership positions will be published at the commencement of Term 1, 2012.

Staff Service Awards:

At the Closing Service, the following staff received Service Awards for their work in Lutheran schools:

Lutheran Education Queensland (LEQ) 10 Year Service Awards presented to:

- Zoe Hutton (Support Staff), Jodie Dart, Aaron Hardke, Janelle Hughes, Susan Lee, Geoffrey Logan, Julie Logan, Jane Thiele, Paul Thiele, Daniel Weller, Kate Wilkinson (Academic Staff).

Lutheran Education Queensland (LEQ) 20 Year Service Award presented to:

- Judy Newby (Support Staff), Ruth Evans, Kathy Stock (Academic Staff).

Lutheran Education Queensland (LEQ) 30 Year Service Award presented to:

- Carol Appleton (Support Staff).

Lutheran Education Australia (LEA) Service Awards presented to:

- Paul Constantine who retired in June 2011 after 25½ years of service at Redeemer.
- Karen Rowlands who sadly passed away (early in 2011) while in service at Redeemer after 21 years of service to Lutheran education. The award was accepted by her husband, Michael Rowlands.

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2012 Fees:

The new fee schedule will be posted separately. As usual we have striven to keep the fees down as much as possible; however, costs in the educational sector continue to outstrip the normal cost of living. If parents have any questions or concerns regarding payment of fees they should contact Mr Brett Clarke, the Business Manager, in the first instance.

Development News:

Over the Christmas break, there will be significant capital changes. As announced earlier in the term, the Junior School will receive a new administration block to be located beside the Junior School car park and by the Multi-Purpose Centre. This will result in the existing Junior School administration modular being removed during the Christmas holidays. The College Council is still expecting construction to begin on the new Junior School JG Block during the Christmas holiday period, with this project to include six classrooms, amenities and a large playground. Due to the continued growth of Redeemer's primary years of schooling, and continuing planning for the State Government initiative of 'Year 7 into high school', Redeemer will require two Middle School moduls for several years. These modular buildings will be situated between the MI Block and the Kleinschmidt Centre (KC) and in 2012 these modular rooms will house a Year 6 and Year 7 class respectively. Senior School Science will undergo a minor upgrade, with Hospitality to receive an additional room.

Year 12 Captains:

The 2012 College Captains were announced at the Closing Service.

- Boys' CaptainTom MacElroy
- Girls' Captain.....Sydney Cock
- Boys' Vice-CaptainPeter Conomo
- Girls' Vice-CaptainKristy Anna Hampel

Staggered Start:

There will be a staggered start to Term 1 in order to make the first days of school more manageable and effective for students and the traffic flow less congested.

- Years 6-9 and Year 12 will begin on Tuesday 24 January 2012.
- Prep orientation session will be held on Tuesday 24 January 2012, 9.00am to 10.30am.
- Years Prep-5 and Years 10-11 will begin on Wednesday 25 January 2012.

Opening Services 2012:

The Middle and Senior Schools will join together for an Opening Service on Wednesday 25 January at 9.00am. All new teachers will be installed at the appropriate service. Parents are welcome to attend. The Junior School will hold their Opening Service on Friday 27 January at 8.45am.

Tea and Tissue Morning Tea for Junior School Parents:

On Wednesday 25 January 2011, at 8.30am, Junior School parents can enjoy a Tea and Tissue morning tea in the Multi-Purpose Centre after settling their children into their classrooms. This morning tea is provided by Redeemer Mums, a vibrant parent auxiliary in the Redeemer community which organises social activities for ladies associated with the college.

2012 Parent Handbook

Please access our website to read the updated Parent Handbook for 2012. This is essential reading for new and continuing parents of the college. It contains important information on policies and procedures.

www.redeemer.com.au/community/handbook.

Please note that there have been changes to the school uniform section that families will need to familiarise themselves with. The "white" grey Senior School skirt is no longer allowed to be worn. If you have this skirt at home it will need to be replaced otherwise your student may be issued with a uniform detention.

Please note that our website will always contain the most up to date version of the Parent Handbook.

College Calendar 2012

Please access our website to view the College Calendar for 2012. The calendar provides information relating to all scheduled college activities. Information includes details of student involvement, venue locations and start and finish times, if available.

www.redeemer.com.au/events/calendar

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College News

Redeemer Blue is the college's weekly newsletter. *Junior Blue* is the Junior School's weekly newsletter. I ask all parents to read the newsletter/s each week in order to stay informed about college news and events.

Please note that the first newsletter for 2012 will be distributed in the second week of Term 1. Newsletters are distributed to the youngest student in the family every Thursday. You are also invited to view them on our website in case the hard copy is not easily located. The website also has past editions of the newsletters.

www.redeemer.com.au/newsletter

Redeemer Record is produced twice a year and contains articles from the Principal, Chaplains, Foundation, Parents and Friends as well as staff profiles and details of achievements by present and past students. It also contains all the latest alumni news, including marriages and births.

The next issue of *Redeemer Record* will be distributed during the Christmas holiday period. The current issue and previous issues are also available on the college's website:

www.redeemer.com.au/newsletter/record

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Due to the huge success of the recent second hand uniform sale, another sale will run on Saturday 21 January from 8.00am to 12.00 noon on the Mezzanine level (MPC11) of the Multi-Purpose Centre. Please feel free to utilise this service. Cash and credit card facilities will be available on the day.

Student Appearance:

The college has clear regulations regarding students' appearance and expects parents to support these. Students who experiment with hair styles and colours during the holidays must be able to meet college requirements from the first day of school. Students with unacceptable hair styles or colours may be sent home until they are rectified, a most unfortunate way to start the school year. We ask parents to help us with uniform and grooming by ensuring that students arrive each day appropriately presented.

Senior School Years 9-12 Text Books, Locks and Lockers

Senior School students will be able to pick up their text books from SB1 on Wednesday 18 January and Thursday 19 January from 7.30am - 6.00pm.

Senior School students can pick up their locks from the Administration Assistants in the Senior School Office (SA1) on Wednesday 18 January 9.00am - 12.00pm and 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Locker numbers will be communicated to students on these days and lockers will be open so that students can store their labelled books on preparation for the start of Term 1.

Year 11 Leadership Camp

In 2012, all Year 11 students will participate in a compulsory leadership camp from 6-8 February 2012. Whilst on camp our students will get the opportunity to discover the characteristics and personal resources needed to be an effective leader. The students will learn not only leadership skills for their senior years but also personal skills that will equip them for life. If your child has not returned the permission form, please send this to the Administration Assistants in SA Block as soon as possible. All permission forms should be received by the College by Friday 27 January 2012.

Translink Bus Services for the Commencement of 2012:

As there may be changes to the bus times and routes for the commencement of 2012, it is the responsibility of parents to confirm the times and bus routes for their children, prior to the commencement of the 2012 school year, directly with the relevant Translink company.

The contact details for the Translink companies are:

- Mt Gravatt Bus Service Phone 3841 3722 - www.mtgcoach.com.au - click on timetables
- Logan City Bus Service (Clarks) Phone 3200 9606 - (Email) bus_stop@clarkslogancity.com.au

Absentee Arrangements:

Parents are reminded to phone the college before 9.30am if their child is absent or late for the day. If a child is absent and parents have not notified the college by this time, the school will phone the home to ensure the whereabouts and safety of the child. No follow up note is required unless an assessment item has been missed. Years 11 and 12 students are also reminded that when they are absent due to illness they must produce a medical certificate if they miss a test or assessment deadline.

The appropriate absentee phone numbers are listed below:

- Junior School: 3340 8810
- Middle School: 3340 8830
- Senior School: 3340 8828

This system ensures a tighter coverage of student absenteeism and an early warning if a child should go missing for any reason. Please make sure you follow this procedure.

Season's Greetings:

To all our families, we at Redeemer extend sincere wishes that you have a blessed Christmas and a happy new year. May our year be centred around the Christ child and the hope and promise he brings to all of our lives. I look forward to serving the families of Redeemer throughout 2012.

David Radke
Principal