



Redeemer *Blue*

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Parent Power

The events in our country over the last couple of weeks has certainly demonstrated how much difference individuals can make when we pull together as a nation.

It is the same here at Redeemer. 'Parent Power' has a great influence, not only on your child's education, but also within our school. The recent bushfires in Victoria has also drawn responses from our parents: *'What can the Redeemer community do to help?'* As a result, a fundraising morning tea is being planned for Friday 27 February in the P & F Meeting Room following the Junior School Assembly at 9.00am. Small change and actions can make a difference.

Redeemer is blessed to have parent supporter groups which not only support the students involved, but also support the college to allow these activities and our students to be the best that they can be.

Parents and Friends Association

Redeemer's Parents and Friends Association also provides many opportunities for parents to get involved at Redeemer to make a difference. The next P & F meeting will provide parents with an opportunity to be involved with the association.

P & F are currently looking to fill the positions of Vice President, Secretary and Fair Convenor. Redeemer Fair is great way of actively getting involved with other parents and friends of the college.

The Parents and Friends AGM will be held on Monday 9 March at 7.30pm.

Parents Council

The Parents Council is an informal advisory body of parents assisting the Principal by providing feedback on matters which are brought to them for advice. Parents Council representative positions are open, and available for Junior School, Middle School and Senior School. These positions will be elected at the P & F AGM on 9 February.

Supporter Groups

Redeemer is thankful to have a couple of active supporter groups. These supporter groups engage the passion and energy of parents interested in areas such as Music and Rugby.

Music Supporters Group

The Music Supporters first meeting and AGM of the year was held on Tuesday evening. The group meets on a Tuesday evening once a month at 7.30pm in the Kleinschmidt Centre. Contact Bronwyn Smith on 3398 9521 for further information.

Rugby Supporters Group

The next Rugby Supporters Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm in the P & F Meeting Room. The 13th Annual Rugby Supporters Welcome Barbecue and Sign-on for parents and all players in Years 8-12 will be held on Friday 27 March, commencing at 6.30pm in the Middle School undercover area. Come along and find out what Redeemer Rugby is all about!

Other Supporter Groups

In the past Redeemer has enjoyed the support from other groups in areas such as Debating, Soccer and Hockey. If you are interested in reviving any of these groups, please contact our Head of Sport, Amy Dyer on 3340 8888.

Expressions of interest for a Swimming Supporters Group are also welcome.

Tuckshop

The Tuckshop is also desperately seeking new parent helpers. (Especially next week!) This is a great way to actively get involved with your child's school. Contact Teri in the Tuckshop on 3340 8854 if you can lend a hand!

With 'Parent Power' you can make a difference!

Victorian Bushfire Appeal Parents Morning Tea - Friday 27 February

A special morning tea is being held on Friday 27 February following the Junior School assembly. The fundraising morning tea will be held in the P & F Meeting Room which is

located in A Block. All parents and friends of the college are welcome to come along and support this worthwhile cause. All donations and money raised will be directed towards the Red Cross Appeal.

If parents wish to help with organising or baking for this morning tea, please contact Dee Norris on 0439 538 355.

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Senior School News

Study Lessons - Not Spare Lessons!

Over the last four years Redeemer Lutheran College has recognised the increasing need for flexibility in learning programs for students in the senior years of schooling. The establishment of the Queensland Certificate in Education (QCE) encourages senior students to consider options such as school based traineeships and apprenticeships, extension subjects, external certificates and university courses. We have also identified the need to cater for elite athletes and those with special needs who cannot cope with the normal senior workload. Then there are the Year 12 students who elect to drop a subject to create more time to focus on their remaining subjects.

In response to these pressures the college designed a study room that is located in A Block near the Senior School Office. The study room is an independent learning centre that provides a space where senior students can work independently when they do not have a scheduled class to attend. The room has 11 computers that are networked, with that number soon to increase to 15.

Students scheduled to use this room must be punctual, prepared to work and respect the rights of others by not interrupting them. Students need to demonstrate a commitment to their studies and use the room productively. Students failing to do this will be removed from the study room and placed in an available subject on the timetable.

The study room encourages students to become confident and motivated learners who are equipped with the skills that will enable them to be accountable for their own learning, excel in their studies and so become life-long learners.

[Mr David Johnston,](#)
[Head of Learning and Teaching](#)

Vocational Education

Stefan Hair Fashions is offering School Based Apprenticeships in Hairdressing.

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships are also available in the following areas:

- Business Administration
- Retail
- IT
- Justice Administration
- Nutrition and Dietetic Assistance
- Hospitality
- Horticulture
- Multimedia

See Mrs Wilkinson for further details.

Middle School Welcome Evening

The Middle School Parents Welcome and Information Evening is being held next Monday 23 February, starting in the Chapel at 7.00pm, then moving to Home Group classrooms. We look forward to seeing one or both parents/carers from each Middle School family.

Year 8 Camp Report

Despite the wet weather and the gridlocked highway on the way home, our Year 8 camp was very successful. The students participated well, were cheerful and cooperative, and made many new friends.

TAS Round 2

Our first home game against John Paul College was unfortunately cancelled due to the weather. However, our Volleyball players were able to continue play at Rochedale State High School. It was great to see the students playing their best and we were able to win 3 of the 5 games. As we are playing in the upper blue division this year, this is a great achievement. Most notably, our Open B team won their game 3 sets to 2 with the tie break set coming down to just a few points. Well done to all students.

Southern District Swimming Carnival

The swimming season started off on Monday with a fantastic win at the Senior District Swimming Carnival at Chandler. The Redeemer Swim Team should be very proud of the manner in which they participated and competed against 11 other schools and won the day by just 35 points. Furthermore, we were presented the Percentage Trophy which is awarded to the school who performs highest against their school population. This is a wonderful achievement. Our win is largely due to the participation and commitment of the swimmers as each race was represented by a Redeemer student. I wish to thank Mr Michael Kleidon for his hard work and preparation to make the day such a success.

Swimming Carnival Correction

Please note the following correction in regards to the Age Championship results published in last week's *Redeemer Blue* newsletter:

Open Girls Under 16 Age Champions:

Equal 1st Chanel Golinski (Ramsay)
Equal 1st Kathleen Rein (Lavarack)

Why Music?

The musical journey for our students at Redeemer is a unique one. From Year 5, students have the opportunity to take instrumental music lessons on all band instruments.

Unlike our state school counterparts, students aren't expected to take compulsory group lessons. At Redeemer, beginning students have access to expert tutors in a class of just two while continuing students receive individual tuition. Obviously, this more focussed tuition results in students with greater skills and a finer sense of instrumental technique and sensibilities.

An essential part of this learning is the band program. The young musicians in our college bands form the backbone of the Instrumental Music Program, playing firstly in Intermediate Band, graduating to Senior Band and then extending their abilities to be a part of various school ensembles.

Lessons are still available on each of the following band instruments: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba and Percussion.

Band is not only something that is proven to enhance learning, but it is a communal experience that students can share with their peers. Certainly, it is a place to pursue musical excellence and also a supportive environment where life-long friends can be made.

I urge you and your family to take a moment to consider the benefits of enrolling your students in the band program at Redeemer. Music is for life, so don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

[Mr David Law](#)
[Music Performance Coordinator](#)

Chang Music Grant

Students from Years 9-12 at Redeemer Lutheran College are invited to apply for the Chang Music Grant. The grant entitles one successful student per year to a financial grant of up to \$1000 to assist them with the cost of private music tuition or with the upgrading of an instrument.

Interested students can obtain an application form from College Reception or the Music Staff. Applications are to be submitted by 2 March 2009. The application should be accompanied by school reports, achievement certificates, music exam reports, a letter of recommendation from the student's private instrumental/vocal tutor and a demonstrated ability and willingness to contribute to the co-curricular music program of the college.

QTC Artist Visits Redeemer

On Wednesday 11 February, the Year 11 Drama class had the privilege of spending the day in a Physical Theatre workshop with actor, playwright and director Michael Futcher. Physical theatre is the first unit of study in the senior course and is a dramatic style which focuses on the body and emphasises physical movement. Futcher's visit was part of Arts Department's celebration of the Year of Creativity. Further events in 2009 include a QTC workshop with the Year 12 Drama class and week long artist in residency for Years 8-12 Art classes.

The Year 11 Drama students were involved in various activities that opened their minds to a whole new world of performance skills and ideas. By the end of the day the class knew how to create a busy restaurant scene in the Drama room with waiters, customers, chefs, dish washers and a manager. They also created a physical theatre performance based on one of Futcher's plays, with rivers, forests and a vile hunchback.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were able to take a lot from the experience that will aid them in their senior Drama studies.



■ Year 11 Drama students with actor, playwright and director Michael Futcher.

St Peter's Catholic Parish

St Peter's Catholic Parish is now taking enrolments for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist Sacramental programs to be conducted during 2009.

Please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 (Weekdays 9.00am - 1.00pm) for enrolment forms and program information. Registrations close Friday 27 February.

Redeemer Mums

We are a small group of mums from the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools, dedicated to providing a welcoming, social network at the school. We will be hosting a number of social outings over the course of the year and we would love to meet you. If you don't know anyone yet, or you would like to catch up with old friends, please come along and join with us.

Here's a quick Q & A survey for you to complete to help us serve you better. Tick which best applies to you, and then return to the Junior, Middle or Senior School offices.

- Yes, I would like an email telling me about future 'Redeemer Mums' social events
- Yes, I am able to bake the occasional item for 'Redeemer Mums' events
- Yes, I am able to come along early occasionally to help set up
- I am more likely to come along to events during the day
- I am more likely to come along to events at night

Name.....

Telephone.....

Email

Any questions, email Carmel O'Leary on melloint@bigpond.net.au.

Locking on Heaven's Door

I have a key to the Redeemer pool, which I have used many times. I therefore booked the OSSY (Our Saviour Senior Youth) Pool Party with great confidence, knowing I'd be there to open and close up.

And so it happened that on Friday night, with about 50 young people gathered around and keen to start swimming, I went to unlock the pool gate. The only problem was that someone had changed the lock and not told me. This did not make me look competent! Fortunately we had one of the cleaners come by to open the pool, but then I had to get our caretaker out to turn on the lights.

On Monday, I went to discuss this change of locks, only to be told that the locks had not been changed. But I knew from bitter experience that my key didn't fit. It took Bill Walker, our Head of Maintenance, to work out that my key had a little burr of metal on the side (probably from my darling 1.5 year old son banging it on things) that stopped it going into the lock. Bill filed it down and now it works just as well as ever.

Things are not so different in our spiritual lives. It's all too easy to rest secure in the knowledge that we have a good relationship with God and can approach him any time we need to, but not actually do it. The problem is that when for some reason we go back to seeking God in prayer, the key to our prayer life no longer seems to work.

It's easy to blame God for this - he's become so distant it seems like he's changed the locks on heaven door. But we have his promise that that is never the case. Rather what happens is that we've allowed our faith, devotion and sense of God to deteriorate. He doesn't move away from us, but sometimes we drift away from him.

God, however, is never satisfied to let things remain like that. As soon as we become aware of the problem, he is there in Jesus to file down our keys, restore us and let us once more into his presence. The Bible tells us that Jesus is always praying for us and that by his sacrifice we can have confidence to go to God. No matter how we may sometimes feel, the doors to heaven are never closed.

Pastor Matt Thomas
Chaplain

Prayer Thoughts

- Pray that students involved in TAS sport will learn the value of fair play and teamwork.
- Pray for families struggling with communication and relationships.
- Pray for students experiencing difficult personal or social problems.
- Pray for all emergency and medical services involved in the aftermath of the Victorian bushfires.

Middle School Prayers

Thomas Bradford 6LK, Isaac Makelainen 7RM,
Tyson Chambers 8KT, Bianca Hurley 6DL, Alex Cho 8JB.

Junior School Prayers

Published weekly in *Junior Blue*, or log onto
www.redeemer.com.au/Newsletter/junior_blue_v3i4.pdf

Tuckshop Helpers Needed!

Mon	23 Feb	Help Needed!
Tue	24 Feb	Help Needed!
Wed	25 Feb	Help Needed!
Thu	26 Feb	Jo Henderson, Cindy Weis, Desi Conomo, Helen Kamitsis.
Fri	27 Feb	Margaret Squires, Help Needed!

Can you give us some Parent Power?!

We are now in the fourth week of the month and are desperately short on help. Do you have one day per month free to volunteer in our Tuckshop? The Tuckshop relies on the generosity of volunteers to help keep it operating. If you would like to help out in Tuckshop, please call in and see us or call me on 3340 8854, at home on 3423 3351 or via email on tgrandin@redeemer.com.au.

Tuckshop Specials

Monday	Chicken and Gravy Roll (second break only)	\$3.00
Tuesday	Bacon and Tomato Pasta.....	\$4.00
Wednesday	Chicken Stroganoff with Rice	\$4.00
Thursday	Sushi..... \$2.00 per stick and Fried Rice	\$2.50
Friday	Taco Sub (Taco in flat bread)	\$3.00

The basic Tuckshop menu for Middle and Senior School students is available on the Redeemer Intranet by logging in to: www.rlcportal.com/intranet/informational/tuckshop

HOSTS Bush Dance

The HOSTS Bush Dance, in support of Australian Lutheran World Service health initiatives in Sudan will be held this Saturday 21 February commencing at 5.30pm at Springwood State High School.

Join in the fun for a family bush dance by the 'Rantan Bush Band'. Sausages and hamburgers will also be on sale!

Tickets are still available from Mrs Vickers in the Senior School, or Mrs Gibson in the Middle School Office. Cost: Adults \$15, Children \$10 or \$40 for a family.

Coming Events: February

Saturday	21	Year 8/2010 Testing, 8.30am - 11.00am.
Monday	23	Middle School Parents Welcome, 7.00pm - 8.30pm (Chapel).
Tuesday	24	ID Photo Catch-up Day, 8.30am - 9.00am (A Block Meeting Room).
Thursday	26	Year 8 BCC Immunisations, 8.00am - 10.30am (A Block).

Coming Events: March

Monday	2	Lavarack House Barbecue, 6.30pm - 7.30pm (Tuckshop).
Monday	2	Wilson House Barbecue, 6.30pm - 7.30pm (MS undercover area).
Tuesday	3	Primary and Senior Regional Swimming Carnival (Chandler).
Wednesday	4	Year 5 depart for camp at Currimundi, 9.00am.
Wednesday	4	Mansfield House Barbecue, 6.30pm - 7.30pm (MS undercover area).
Wednesday	4	Ramsay House Barbecue, 6.30pm - 7.30pm (Tuckshop Forecourt).
Monday	9	P & F AGM, 7.30pm (A Block).
Tuesday	10	P-5 Parent/Teacher Meetings.
Thursday	12	Tea & Tours Open Day, 9.30am.
Tuesday	24	Year 9 Parents Ballon Information Evening, 7.00pm.

2009 Date Claimers

Thu	23	April	Grandparents Day (Prep-Year 5).
Fri	24	April	Grandparents Day (Years 6-12).
Fri	1	May	College Musical: <i>Singin' in the Rain</i> , 7.30pm (Logan Ent Centre).
Sat	2	May	College Musical: <i>Singin' in the Rain</i> , 2.00pm and 7.30pm.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Inspired to be Disciples & Disciple Makers

Our Saviour Lutheran Church worships in Redeemer Chapel every Sunday at 8.30am and 6.00pm. A number of groups are available at the college for all ages throughout the week:

Our Saviour Senior Youth (OSSY)

Friday 27 February from 7.00pm - 9.15pm.
'Slippery Eggs' (Bring \$3 to cover costs).
For students in Years 9-12. Checkout the latest program at: www.myspace.com/ossy777.

Playgroup

Playgroup meets each Tuesday morning during school terms at 9.15am - 11.00am in the Prayer Chapel. Contact Kerttu Cox on 3841 4895 for more information.

Pastors: Robin Stelzer (3219 0055 or 3208 2657) and Pastor Matt Thomas (3340 8891).
Our Church Office is at 'Doorways' 525 Underwood Road, Rochedale. Open Tuesday-Friday 9.00am-12noon. **Phone:** 3219 0055

Mid Week Prayer

This prayer group meets every Wednesday morning at 9.15am in the Prayer Chapel. Contact Elmore Kotzur on 3341 3664 for more information.

Thursday Ladies

Thursday Ladies meets each Thursday morning during school terms at 9.30am in the Chapel, starting with some singing, leading into a Bible Study. Contact Gwen Dudgeon 3341 3683 for further information.

For more information, visit www.oslc.org.au