

Redeemer Blue

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Final Issue

With the year drawing to a close, I thank staff, students and parents for another wonderful year. Redeemer is more than a place, it is a thriving community and it thrives because of the diverse contributions of many.

Staff News

While other staffing news will be included in the Principal's end of year letter, I take this opportunity to publicly thank Ms Melinda Kanowski (Acting Head of TAS Sport) and Ms Jess Hutton (Acting Head of JTAS Sport) for their leadership of sport this year. Both Ms Kanowski and Ms Hutton have worked passionately and extremely hard this year and the college is most grateful to them for stepping into these temporary positions. Commencing in 2012, Mr Brent Arnold will be Head of Sport and Mr Gavin Andrews will be Head of Junior Sport.

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 before the end of the calendar year, 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 modulars 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.

Christmas Greetings

In signing off for the final newsletter of the year, I wish all Redeemer families a relaxing and blessed Christmas. With this

Sunday being the first Sunday in Advent, Christ's birthday is indeed very close and worth getting excited about. In looking beyond Christmas, I look forward to 2012 and serving the Redeemer community for another year.

Mr David Radke
Principal



■ 2011 College Captains, Cameron Walker and Jessica Collins at the 2011 Valedictory Service last Thursday night.

Christmas Closure

The staff of Redeemer would like to wish you and your family a safe, happy and meaningful Christmas.

Our office will be closed from Thursday 22 December 2011, and will reopen again on Tuesday 3 January 2012.

The 2012 school year resumes on Tuesday 24 January for Years 6-9 and 12, and on Wednesday 25 January for Prep-Years 5, 10 and 11.

2011 Closing Services

You are warmly invited to the Redeemer Lutheran College 2011 Closing Services to be held next Tuesday 29 November in Redeemer Chapel:

Junior School Closing Service: 1.45pm - 2.30pm.

The service will feature items from our Junior School students, including a performance by the Junior Choir. A number of awards will also be presented.

Closing Service & Presentation of Awards: 7.30pm.

This is a service for all students and their families to attend. It will begin with an inspiring worship segment, followed by a time of special contributions and awards.



Release of OP and Consultations

OPs will be available via the Student Connect website on Saturday 17 December 2011. Students will need their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI number) and a password. The password instructions for those students who have not already created a new password, are available on the home page of Student Connect. Students will receive their OP in the mail by Monday 19 December 2011.

Ms Mackie and Mr Rasi will be available on Tuesday 20 December should any students need to discuss QTAC applications or alternative options. They will be located at the Senior School Office (SA Block) between 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Book Hire Returns

A reminder to all students to return any books that they have through the hire system. These books will need to be returned by next Tuesday 29 November (after exams have been completed).

It is important that the barcode on the book returned matches the barcode on the letter that students received so that you are not charged for the cost of the book.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Carol Appleton in the Book Shop on telephone 3340 8851.

Book Lists 2012

All book list orders can once again be undertaken online at www.sequelbooks.com or paper based (if preferred). It is important to note that cash payments are not available via the College this year. The book lists are also available to download at: www.redeemer.com.au/about/bookshop (you do not need to log in to view these).

A reminder that all completed book lists must be handed into the Business Office by 4.00pm tomorrow, **Friday 25 November**.

If you have any queries please contact the Business Office on 3340 8805.

Lost Property

As usual at this time of year, there is a significant amount of clothing in the Senior School lost property that is either un-named or where the name is illegible. Included in the inventory are school shoes, name brand running shoes, woollen pullovers, tracksuit tops, sports shirts and an assortment of swimwear, towels and sports hats. If your child has lost any items they should come and check our supply. Parents are also welcome to come and search.

All unclaimed property will be removed at the start of the Christmas break on Friday 2 December at 10.00am.

Year 11 / 2012 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.

Last week the **Year 10 students** received a letter outlining all necessary details of the leadership camp including a permission form and a "What to Pack" list. I encourage all Year 10 students to return their permission form to the Administration Assistants in SA Block before the end of the 2011 school year so that it is not misplaced or forgotten. All permission forms should be received by the College by **Friday 27 January 2012**.

- **Depart:** Monday 6 February 2012, 8.30am
- **Return:** Wednesday 8 February 2012, 3.30pm
- **Location:** Luther Heights Youth Camp, 1592 David Low Way, Coolum
- **Transport:** Bus (seat belted)
- **Cost:** No additional cost to parents (included in school fees).

Please email Mrs Janelle Hughes (Year 11 coordinator) jhughes@redeemer.com.au if you have any questions.

Year 9 Students

Monday 28 November: Lessons 1-3

On Monday 28 November, all Year 9 students will be involved in an alternative program for Lessons 1-3. The purpose of the morning is to reflect on the Tuckekoi experience and to build on the unity and community which was developed whilst at Tuckekoi.

Students will need to arrive at school at the normal time and go straight to their Home Group. Students will be involved in normal lessons from Lesson 4 through to the end of the day. Formal school uniform is to be worn and lesson equipment for Lessons 4 & 5 will be needed.

This will be the final day for the 9.2 and 9.5 core groups. The final day for students in 9.1, 9.3 and 9.4 is Tuesday 29 November.

Tuckekoi Open Day

The final Tuckekoi Open Day will be held this Saturday, 26 November from 9.30am until 3.00pm.

The Tuckekoi Open Day is open to all family members and friends of Years 9.2 and 9.5, however please note that it is necessary for all guests present to be within the care of the family that has invited them.

For further information, visit the Tuckekoi Blog: redeemerlutherancollege.wordpress.com



2011 Yearbook

All students will receive their copy of the 2011 Reflections yearbook tomorrow, Friday 25 November.

Year 12 students who have siblings in other year levels of the college will have their yearbook sent home with their brother or sister.

Every effort has been made to include all activities from across the college throughout the year. Any errors or omissions are unintentional and all information was correct at the time of compiling the publication.

Special thanks to all student and staff contributors to this year's magazine, especially: Mrs Nikki McKenzie (Junior School), Mrs Vicki Francis (Middle School), Mr Philip Sharwood Biedermann (Senior School), Mrs Kate Wilkinson (photography) and Miss Rosilyn Frieberg (proof reading).

We trust that you will enjoy *Reflections 2011!*

Mr Julian Schubert, Editor

Future Enrolments

If you have a younger child that you intend to send to Redeemer but have not yet put in your Enrolment Application, please do so as soon as possible. Interviews are conducted for Middle School two years in advance and places are offered immediately after interviews are finished. Siblings have priority; however, if an Enrolment Application has not been submitted, a place can not be allocated to them. This may result in your child being placed on a waitlist until a place becomes available.

At this stage, all other year levels and mid-term enrolments are processed one year before enrolment.

For further information, please contact the Enrolments Officer, Cathy Mostert,

Parenting Research

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

2012 College Calendar

Available to download now at: redeemer.com.au/events/calendar

Bus Services for 2011 - 2012

Last Day of 2011 School Year - Tuesday 29 November

No school buses will operate at 1.00pm on Tuesday 29 November. Students should arrange alternative transport home. All other Year 6 to 9 students are reminded that school finishes at 1.00pm and should have suitable transport arrangements organised.

Changes to 2012 Bus Services

Students travelling on the following school services operated by Mount Gravatt Bus Service please be aware of changes to your route in 2012.

#8001 - Victoria Point/Sheldon/Burbank/Rochedale

- MORNING: Departs all stops 5 minutes earlier
- AFTERNOON: Departs RLC at 3.25pm - Arrives at all stops 5 minutes later
- Diversion to travel via Grieve Road.

#8002 - Capalaba/Mackenzie

- Service discontinued
- Alternative services in place. Please contact Mount Gravatt Bus Service admin to discuss options.

#8003 - Avalon Rd/Burbank/Mackenzie

- LINK SERVICE (Redeemer students transfer)
- MORNING: Departs all stops 5 minutes earlier
- AFTERNOON: Arrives at all stops 5 minutes later.

#8004 - Alexandra Hills/Capalaba/Burbank/Mackenzie

- LINK SERVICE (Redeemer students transfer)
- MORNING: Departs all stops 5 minutes earlier
- AFTERNOON: Arrives at all stops 5 minutes later.

As there may be changes to other bus times and routes for the commencement of 2012, it is the responsibility of parents of students who travel to or from Redeemer by bus, to confirm the times and bus routes 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:** Telephone: **3841 3722**
www.mtgcoach.com.au
- **Logan City Bus Service (Clarks):** Telephone: **3200 6754**
Email: bus_stop@clarkslogancity.com.au

Outside School Hours Care

Summer Vacation Care

Wednesday, 30 November 2011 to Tuesday 24 January 2012)

Outside School Hours Care is accepting bookings for the summer vacation period. Students will need to provide their own morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Booking forms and programs available from the OSHC Office. Phone 3340 8899 or email oshc@redeemer.com.au for details.

Change of Advertised Vacation Care Program

Tuesday 13 December 2011

Our scheduled show by Drama Dragons at ROSHCA has been postponed and will now be held next year – date to be advised.

We will be joining together with the students from Rochedale State School OSHC for a fun day of activities and a sausage sizzle for lunch. We will watch a midday movie with them and then return to our Centre by 3.00pm. The revised cost of this excursion will be \$5.00 each to cover the cost of lunch.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

OSHC Centre Closures:

- Monday 19 December – Friday 30 December 2011 (Christmas Break)
- Monday 2 January 2012 (New Years Day Public Holiday)

Senior School Prayers

R06: Tyson Chambers 10, Aaron Cho 11, Myles Creamer 9, Rebecca Jeffries 12, Tom Jeffries 9, Jacob Jennings 10, Jarom Jennings 9, Kaitlin Loch 11, Matilda Loch 9, Jake Lucey 12, Joel Meyers 12, Jarrod Vlaanderen 9, Amy von Gneisenau 11, Lauren von Gneisenau 11, Anthony Wah 10, Darren Yeo 11.

Senior School Prayer Group: www.rlcprayer.net23.net

Peace be with you

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender
and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

It seems so peaceful, quiet and tranquil doesn't it? No wonder we can't relate to it. We are moving from the busyness of the school year into the busyness of the school holiday season, and the last thing on our minds is any sort of silence and calmness. The volume switch is being turned up as Christmas shopping explodes on the scene, party after breakup party calls for attention, and child care becomes an issue now that they are not at school.

Perhaps as we sing this famous carol we may feel a sense of wistfulness. We wish that sometimes it could be like that – silent, calm, tender and mild – but it feels like an unachievable desire. We doubt that we could ever find that space to enjoy such peace.

"Not with an attitude like that you can't." That's one of the favourite sayings of one of my youth leaders. And in this case he'd be right. The truth is that our attitude prevents it as much as anything else. To achieve that sort of calm, the space to remember what Christmas is all about and the babe who is the reminder that God is with us, would take effort. It takes the effort of saying 'no'. It means 'no' to one more party, 'no' to over-preparation of Christmas feasts, 'no' to just one more gift. The truth is to enjoy the peace that Christmas promises we need to make sacrifices and determine priorities. We need to make time to enjoy it.

But then I am also reminded that that babe is still with us. The promise of Christmas is not something to be remembered as long ago, but something to be received in the present. Christmas is after all, a reminder of the one whose title was Immanuel, 'God with us'. It reminds us of the Prince of Peace who came to travel with us, and who still travels with us.

I doubt, in fact, that the night of Jesus' birth was in fact a 'silent night' or even especially calm. Remember that the town was so full of descendants of David that Joseph could find no place to stay in his extended family, and the hotels were full to capacity. Because of the census, this was, perhaps, the busiest time Bethlehem had ever known. Life in all its hustle and bustle was going on full-pelt all around. But in the midst of that busyness God was unfolding his salvation. Missed by many, but celebrated by a few, God was indeed bringing peace to earth that night.

Jesus having grown to adulthood and died then rose so that he could effectively promise his followers, "I will be with you always." The peace of Christ can still rule in our hearts even in the busyness of everyday life. Even, remarkably, in the Christmas season. That is the gift of Christmas.

I guess that's why we need Christmas. We need to find a 'silent night' and some holy moments so that we can recall the peace that is always with us. Reflection on the peace that the presence of Jesus brings can change the whole experience of life. As we turn to Jesus, we can be like Bethlehem that night; busy to the eyeballs, but deep down the peace of God is being birthed in us.

Pastor Matt Thomas, Chaplain

Prayer Thoughts

- Pray for the planning and preparation for Closing Services.
- Pray for safe and refreshing holidays for students and staff.
- Pray that we experience the peace of Christ this Christmas.
- Pray that those leaving Redeemer this year will be blessed.

Middle School Prayers

Nick Cheng 8TR, Abbey Hollier 6VF, Katie Hewitt 7RM,
Catherine Hung 6LK, Brittany Everett 8FF,
Thomas Wilkes 7RM, Connor Hinchcliffe 8KS,
Cassiano Amaral 8KT, Quentin Hung 8JH, Tom Ryan 8KT.

Tuckshop Roster

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all who have volunteered in the Tuckshop this year. The Tuckshop relies on your continued support to keep it up and running. I would also like to wish all a happy and safe Christmas break, and look forward to seeing you all (and some new faces!) in the new year.

Mrs Teri Grandin, Tuckshop Coordinator

P & F Second Hand Uniform Sale

Saturday 26 to Sunday 27 November, 10.00am - 4.00pm

The P & F will operate a second hand uniform shop on the Mezzanine level of the Multi-Purpose Centre on Saturday 26 November and Sunday 27 November from 10.00am until 4.00pm for all year levels. Cash and credit card facilities will be available on the day.

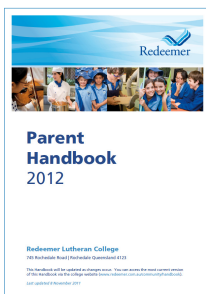
If you have uniforms that you wish to sell, please bring them to the Mezzanine level of the MPC on Friday 25 November for pricing and details.

Please refer to the enclosed form within this newsletter if you have any uniform items which you would like to sell at this Uniform Sale.

Uniform Shop Extended Hours

Please note that the Redeemer Uniform Shop will have extended trading hours available from Wednesday 30 November, until Saturday 28 January. The full list of our Uniform Shop extended trading hours are available on our website at: www.redeemer.com.au/about/uniformshop

For further information, contact Mrs Theresa Gray in the Uniform Shop on 3340 8855.



2012 Parent Handbook

The 2012 version of the Parent Handbook is now available on our website. 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.

Download at: www.redeemer.com.au/community/handbook

Coming Events: November

Friday	25 Year 10 and 11 Finish.
Saturday	26 Year 9.2 & 9.5 Tuckekoi Open Day and student pick-up, 9.30am-4.30pm.
Saturday	26 P & F Second Hand Uniform Sale, 10.00am-4.00pm (MPC - Mezzanine).
Sunday	27 P & F Second Hand Uniform Sale, 10.00am-4.00pm (MPC - Mezzanine).

Tuesday 29 Term 4 Concludes.

Coming Events: December

Friday	2 Principal's Tour: MS/SS, 9.00am.
Sunday	4 Year 4 Christian Dance at Our Saviour Children's Christmas Service, 8.30am (Redeemer Chapel).

Coming Events: January

Monday	23 Student Free Day.
Tuesday	24 School commences for Years 6-9,12.
Tuesday	24 Prep Orientation Day, 9.00am-10.30am (Prep classrooms).
Wednesday	25 School commences for Prep-Year 5, 10 and 11.
Wednesday	26 Middle/Senior School Opening Service, 9.00am (Redeemer Chapel).
Thursday	26 Australia Day Public Holiday.
Friday	27 Junior School Opening Service, 8.45am (Redeemer Chapel).
Tuesday	31 Junior School Parent information Evening, 7.00pm (Redeemer Chapel).

2012 Redeemer Term Dates

- **Term 1:** Tuesday 24 January (Years 6-9 and 12), Wednesday 25 January (Prep-Years 5, 10 and 11) to Friday 30 March, 2012.
- **Term 2:** Monday 16 April to Friday 22 June, 2012.
- **Term 3:** Tuesday 17 July to Friday 21 September, 2012.
- **Term 4:** Monday 8 October to Tuesday 4 December, 2012.

The full College Calendar for 2012 is now available to view and download from our website at: www.redeemer.com.au/events/calendar

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Inspired by Jesus



Worshipping in Redeemer Chapel

Sunday 4 December, 8.30am

Kids Christmas: 'A Donkey's Tail'

Advent Sunday: Get ready for Christmas service. Invite family & friends now for a morning of Christmas through children's eyes with our Christmas Pantomime.

Sunday 18 December, 6.00pm –

'Sunday Night Live'

Contemporary style Carols Night at Redeemer Chapel.

Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/OurSaviour

Pastors: Robin Stelzer (07 3208 2657) and Pastor Matt Thomas (07 3340 8891)

Our Church Office is at: 'Doorways' 525 Underwood Rd, Rochedale QLD 4123 | Open Tues - Fri 9am - 12 noon | Tel 07 3219 0055 | www.oslc.org.au

Invitation *Christmas at Redeemer*

Saturday 24 December, 7.30pm

Christmas Eve

With nativity – All Children and adults welcome!

**Sunday 25 December,
8.30am – Christmas Day**

With nativity. (Note: No 6.00pm Service). All welcome!

