

Redeemer Blue

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All Systems Go!

A warm welcome to all Redeemer families for 2012. I hope and pray that the year is the best that it can be for each student and family. I trust that the Christmas break allowed for some quality family time as well as rest and relaxation for students and parents alike.

From the perspective of the Principal's desk, the year has started very smoothly and credit is due to our hardworking academic and non-academic staff.

As a growing community, this year will particularly see changes in facilities throughout the year and all three sub-schools will be affected in some way. The Junior School administration block (JA Block), while almost ready for occupancy, is awaiting sign-off from the Building Certifier. We expect Junior School staff will move into this new facility in the coming weeks. The new Junior School, six classroom building, amenities and playground (JG Block) will commence actual construction this week, with occupancy expected in Semester 2 of this year. In the Middle School, increased numbers in both the Junior and Middle schools means that one Year 6 and one Year 7 class have been catered for in two new-build modular classrooms located adjacent to the Kleinschmidt Centre.

After a two year wait, work on the Senior School Courts roof will mean that they will provide an alternative undercover teaching area to the MPC later in this term and finally, still in the Senior School, a modular 'Front of House' facility will further enhance Hospitality learning when it comes on-line in the second half of this term.

As the year unfolds, I look forward to meeting with and serving the families of Redeemer.

Mr David Radke, Principal

2012 Term Dates

- **Term 1:** Concludes 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.



■ New Junior School Office administration block being placed in to position during the holidays. More pictures of all development projects can be viewed online at www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranCollege

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. It acts as a channel of communication to the Principal for parents who have concerns or questions which they prefer to have handled in this forum and which are of relevance to the wider college community. It maintains no formal minutes, and its discussions are confidential.

Parents are invited to direct any discussion items for the next meeting on Monday 6 February, to the following P & F Parents Council members:

- Mrs Caroline Ryan** (President)..... 0438 743 445
- Mr Peter Grant** (Vice President) peter@orthodontist.net.au
- Mrs Natalie O'Brien** (Secretary) natsandoo@gmail.com
- Mrs Skye Naismith** (Treasurer)..... skye@mtgcoach.com.au
- Mrs Georgina Lynch** (Parent Liaison) maglyn1@optusnet.com.au
- Mrs Natalie Pashen** (Fair Convenor).....0418 875 395

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Uniform & Grooming

Redeemer has a school uniform which we believe can contribute to the morale of students, the good order and reputation of the college.

In order for this to happen, students need to have the correct uniform and to wear it appropriately. We therefore ask all parents to assist the college staff in ensuring the uniform and grooming regulations in the 2012 Parent Handbook (pages 15-25) are keenly observed.

Senior School House Barbecues

All parents in the Senior School should have received a letter in the past week inviting them to a house family

barbecue to welcome them to the new school year. The details are listed below and parents are asked to fill in the slip attached to the letter and return it to the college by Friday 10 February for catering purposes. Copies of the letter are available from the Senior School Office and both parents and their children are invited to come and meet Home Group teachers, House Leaders and other families from the House. In recent years we have had over 600 turn up over the two nights!



Lavarack and Mansfield

Tuesday 21 February, 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

- Lavarack – Chapel Hub covered area.
- Mansfield – Tuckshop covered area.

Ramsay and Wilson

Thursday 23 February, 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

- Ramsay – Tuckshop covered area.
- Wilson – Chapel Hub covered area.

Format: Light barbecue dinner provided by the college. Hope to see you there!

Year 11 Leadership Camp

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.

For further information contact Mrs Janelle Hughes (Year 11 co-ordinator) Phone 3340 8816 or jhughes@redeemer.com.au

Careers Information

All careers news can be found on the Redeemer website. The direct address is: www.redeemer.com.au/senior/careers

Middle School Swimming Carnival

The 13th Annual Middle School Swimming Carnival is scheduled to be held at Redeemer Pool from 9.00am to 3.00pm on Monday 6 February 2012.

Students must wear their House shirt and PE shorts. Students should bring their swimming costume, sunscreen, a hat, lunch and a water bottle.

Any parents interested in helping out on either of these days are welcome to contact Mr Brent Arnold (Head of Sport) on 3340 8888 or 0418 197 789.

Middle School Parents' Welcome Evening

Invitation to all parents of students in Years 6, 7 and 8 - Middle School Parents' Welcome Evening will be held on Monday 20 February, starting in the chapel at 7.00pm and moving to the Middle School class rooms. This is an opportunity to meet your child's Home Group teacher and to ask questions about Middle School 2012. It is anticipated that the evening will conclude before 9.00pm. Please note that students are not expected to attend this evening.

Year 8 Camp & Immunisations

Parents of Year 8 students: This week your child should have brought home paperwork for the Year 8 camp, which will be held 8-10 February and also paperwork for Brisbane City Council immunisations. Thank you for ensuring that these completed forms were returned by the due date.

Year 8 Scholarships 2013

Scholarships for entry to Year 8 in 2013 for new and existing students have now opened.

Parents interested in their child obtaining a scholarship will need to register for their child to sit an EduTest Scholarship Testing day online at www.redeemer.com.au/

Debating (Years 8-12)

Debating sign on is ready to go! Your child will gain confidence in public speaking, improve research skills, develop leadership and team work skills. A sign on sheet is available in the Middle School Office for Year 8 students, or at the SC Block staffroom notice board for students in Years 9-12. Meetings for each team are held once a week and debating nights are once monthly on Wednesday nights in first semester.

Welcome New Staff!

This year we welcome the following staff to Redeemer:

Junior School

- Mrs Leesa Chalmers (Learning Enhancement)
- Mr Matthew Fasso (Year 4 Teacher)
- Mrs Kellie Hardke (Year 1 Teacher)

Junior School Support Staff

- Mrs Kim McInnes (Teacher Assistant)
- Mrs Michelle Norman (Teacher Assistant)
- Mrs Linda Shields (Teacher Assistant)

Senior School

- Ms Michelle Constantine (ICT & Maths)
- Miss Anne-Marie Stallard (Maths & Science)

Internal Staff Change Contact Details

- Mr Gavin Andrews (Head of Junior Sport), Mobile: 0427 258 851
- Mr Brent Arnold (Head of Sport), Mobile: 0418 197 789
- Ms Jodie Hauser (Acting Outdoor Education Coordinator), Mobile: 0408 835 423

Parent Handbook 2012

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.

Please note that there have been changes to the school uniform section that families will need to familiarise themselves with. The pale-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.

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

Music Ensembles

Reminder that all Music Ensembles will begin rehearsals next week. Please ensure that your child has signed up for the group that they would like to play in. There is a performance music ensemble for all students from Years 3 - 12. Everyone is welcome!

Rehearsal times will be distributed to students at the end of this week.

Are your details up to date?

Have any of the contact details or medical details changed for your child and need updating? To update your details, please email the college Enrolments Office, at enrolments@redeemer.com.au.

P & F Second Hand Uniform Sale:

A big thank you to all parents for supporting the P & F Second Hand Uniform Sale which was held at the end of last year, and again in January. The sale was a great success and payments and paperwork are currently being finalised as soon as possible.

Could those families wishing to collect uniforms please do so from the MPC mezzanine level (MPC11). We need this space urgently and would like all uniforms collected by Friday 10 February. If you have any questions please contact Natalie Pashen 0418 875 395.

P & F Annual General Meeting

The Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 5 March, commencing at 7.00pm in the P & F Meeting Room (SA31) located in SA Block near the pond. We would like to invite everyone to come and get involved. All positions, President, Vice, Treasurer and Secretary, plus Fair Convenor and Parent Council representative will be up for nomination.

Parent Supporters Groups

Parent Supporters Groups allow parents of students in the co-curricular sports program to raise money for the sport/sports their children are involved in and, at the same time, foster a strong sense of community at home games held at the College. In Trimester 1 of the sporting calendar we are particularly looking to start up a Senior TAS Girls Basketball and Senior TAS Boys Volleyball Supporters Group. It is envisioned that these groups would work together to provide a barbecue and coffee at the MPC/Middle School Courts for the four home rounds this Trimester (see dates below). If your son/daughter is involved in these sports and you are able to assist with the barbecue or with making coffees at one of the four home games this season you are invited to e-mail the coordinators of these sports so they can register your interest and contact you with more details.

- **Basketball:** Ms Melinda Kanowski, mkanowski@redeemer.com.au
- **Volleyball:** Mr Adrian Ford, aford@redeemer.com.au

2012 Home Rounds:

- Saturday 11 February
- Saturday 25 February
- March: Saturday 3 March
- Saturday 17 March



TransLink Bus Services

TransLink is urging parents to make themselves aware of new and changed school services and to ensure their child's go card is topped. Registering a go card is easy by calling 13 12 30, 24 hours a day seven days a week. Many parents are also using automatic top-up for their child's go card so they will always have enough credit to get home.

Visit the TransLink website www.translink.com.au or call 13 12 30 to check if your local school bus route has changed.

School Bus Zones

Our bus services are currently experiencing issues with access to the school bus zone located on the school side, south of the pedestrian crossing. Due to congestion in the drop off zone, parents are waiting for access to the college entrance causing issues for buses trying to pull into the bus bays.

Please keep bus bays free at all times to ensure the safety of our students.

What Do You Value?

I was so looking forward to a great Test series between India and Australia. India brought a team with outstanding talent and great promise. What a disappointing series it turned out to be. Although I support Australia, I was hoping to see some exciting and hotly-contested cricket. But not only was it a 4-0 victory to Australia, all four Test Matches were an absolute whitewash!! India was thumped in every single match!!

During the final Test in Adelaide I heard a radio discussion about the possibility of Test Cricket not surviving in India, because public interest in it is waning severely in favour of shorter forms of the game, especially 20-20. This is bad news for cricket fans worldwide, because India controls 70% of the world's total cricket revenue (a lot of that in 20-20), so if Test Cricket dies there, it probably won't survive anywhere! The purest and most subtle form of the game may not survive in the face of the fast-paced, loud, crash 'em derby type glitz and glamour of 20-20 cricket!! The players wear very colourful pyjamas in 20-20, and batsmen are welcomed to the crease by their favourite rock song, which plays every time they hit a boundary.

To me this serves as a kind of analogy for our society as a whole. We are easily distracted by the fast, the loud, the colourful, the glitz and glamour at the expense of deeper things. It never ceases to amaze how much money the shallow and the trite can pull in! People can become overnight millionaires by creating 'smart-phone' apps about cutting up fruit, which people get really excited about for a week or two.

Jesus once said: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." I'm not really having a go at 20-20 cricket, or Fruit Ninja, or the like, but I am objecting at the way these things can become distractions from things that matter more.

Do we really want trite and insignificant things to become the substance of our lives? I fear for many people the answer may be 'yes', but perhaps the question has never occurred to them. May the Lord give us eyes to see the depth and value of the life of the spirit, which is best understood as the Life of the Spirit. Because what we value most is where our heart will be.

What do you value most?

[Pastor Paul Thiele, Chaplain](#)

Prayer Thoughts

- Pray for all new staff and students.
- Pray for the upcoming Interhouse Swimming Carnivals.
- Pray for Redeemer to remain true to its core values.
- Give thanks for a smooth start to the year.

Middle School Prayers

Aimee Harper 8JH, Nicholas Harper 8TR, Connor Hickman 8KT, David Stephenson 7TM, John Stephenson 8KS, Jamie Cosijn 7TB, Alex Dawson 7GS, Rhys Dawson 8FF.

Senior School Prayers

W06: Dana Bearkley 12, Shaylee Brown 9, Tahlia Clarke 12, Tealisha Clarke 10, James Cooper 10, Jack Elliott 10, Danielle Greer 12, Crystal Johnston 9, Kelly Ko 12, James Li 10, Tiana Miles 11, Isabella Raven 9, Bradley Roe 11, Samara Shyu 11, Alessandro Spinelli 9, Suyash Vasist 9.

Tuckshop Roster

Volunteer at the Tuckshop in 2012!

If you would like to help out in Tuckshop in 2012, please call in and see us or phone us on 3340 8854 or via email on tgrandin@redeemer.com.au.

Mrs Teri Grandin, Tuckshop Coordinator

Mon 6 Feb Help Needed!

Tue 7 Feb Kath Ramsay, Janelle Rech.

Wed 8 Feb Help Needed! Heather Phillips.

Thu 9 Feb Help Needed! Stephanie Ellis.

Fri 10 Feb Margaret Squires, Carol Scothern, Daniela Hawley.

Tuckshop Specials & Menu 6 - 10 February

Monday:	Sushi(per stick) \$2.20
	Chicken and Gravy Roll (second break only)..... \$3.50
Tuesday:	Spaghetti Bolognaise - Large: \$4.50..... Small: \$3.00
Wednesday:	Sushi..... \$2.20 per stick, and Fried Rice \$3.00
Thursday:	Honey Soy Chicken and Rice - Large: \$4.50 ... Small: \$3.50
Friday:	Taco Sub OR Baked Chicken and Cheese Roll \$3.50
	Hokkien Beef Noodles \$3.50

Hot Chocolate is now available for \$2.50 to students before school and during meal breaks when we have staff available.

Coffee (cappuccino, caffe latte, mochaccino, flat white, espresso) is also available to parents before school \$2.50

The Tuckshop is open until **3.45pm** on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons.

Keep Informed...

Redeemer's weekly newsletters, *Redeemer Blue* and *Junior Blue*, can both also be accessed online every Thursday morning direct from:
www.redeemer.com.au/newsletter



Redeemer's official Facebook page is a great place for past students to reunite, as well as current parents to stay up to date on news and events: www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranCollege



Twitter users can also access the same information online at:
www.twitter.com/RedeemerCollege

Coming Events: February

Thursday	2 Senior School Interhouse Swimming Carnival (Aqualogan, Springwood).
Friday	3 Principal's Tour Open Day: Middle/Senior School, 9.00am-10.30am.
Monday	6 Year 11 Leadership Camp departs for Coolum, 8.00am.
Monday	6 Middle School Interhouse Swimming Carnival (Redeemer Pool).
Monday	6 Parents Council Meeting.
Wednesday	8 Year 8 Camp departs for Coolum, 9.00am.
Wednesday	8 Year 11 Leadership Camp returns, 3.45pm.
Friday	10 Year 8 Camp returns, 2.30pm.
Friday	17 Year 6 testing for new Year 8 students in 2014, 9.00am-11.00am.
Monday	20 Middle School Parents Welcome, 7.00pm (Chapel).
Tuesday	21 Lavarack House Barbecue, 6.30pm-7.30pm (Chapel Hub).
Tuesday	21 Mansfield House Barbecue, 6.30pm-7.30pm (Tuckshop area).
Thursday	23 Ramsay House Barbecue, 6.30pm-7.30pm (Tuckshop area).
Thursday	23 Wilson House Barbecue, 6.30pm-7.30pm (Chapel Hub).

Coming Events: March

Monday	5 P & F Annual General Meeting, 7.00pm (SA31).
Friday	30 Term 1 Concludes.

The complete College Calendar for 2012 Term dates can be downloaded from our website:

www.redeemer.com.au/events/calendar

2012 College Calendar

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

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

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Inspired by Jesus



Worshipping in Redeemer Chapel

Lazer Launch!

OSLC will launch 'Lazer' (a junior youth program for Years 6-8) for 2012, this Friday 3 February at 3.45pm-5.30pm at the Chapel.

Fun, games, sport, small groups and food will be provided for all to enjoy and partake of. Any enquiries please email Kerry Groch at kerry.groch@oslc.org.au or phone 0428 320 866.

Playgroup kicks off again in 2012!

Our Saviour playgroup kicked off again last Tuesday for another year and is held each Tuesday of the school term from 8.30am-10.40am in the Multi-Purpose Centre. Children from 0-5 and their parents are very welcome to come along! For more information, contact Rachael Stelzer on 3848 6605 or rachael.stelzer@oslc.org.au.

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

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

Worship at Our Saviour

You are invited to worship at Redeemer with Our Saviour congregation every Sunday at 8.30am or 6.00pm in Redeemer Chapel:

This Sunday: 30 January

8.30am : 'His Authority' - Power for us.
(Mark 1:29-39; 1 Corinthians 1:17-25)

6.00pm : Sunday Night Live - 'Authority as Key'
Stay for dinner at our Coffee Shop after the service!

Our Saviour Senior Youth

Friday Night, Friday 3 February at 7.00pm in the Multi-Purpose Centre. All Senior School students welcome!