



Peace Lutheran College

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Principals Report to the Parents and Friends Meeting 8-3-17

1. The College is participating in 'Say No to Bullying' Day March 17 and Harmony Day March 21. These events will include worship, wrist bands, promotion of the day, with particular reference to existing positive Peace values, and a whole College student photo on the College Green spelling out Care + Respect.
2. With the continued work on our sports fields we are making adjustments to our Sport and HPE programs, sourcing off campus facilities and activities. Progress of the sports field development has been slow due to the weather, but we are pushing this as fast as we can. I would like to thank the parents who showed their support and confidence in the College after the recent media article regarding alleged dust from the project.
3. The Arts Centre is progressing well towards the scheduled September finish. A major concrete pour will occur on Monday or Tuesday next week which will cause disruption to the morning drop off zones by Peace Centre. We will provide extra staff on duty to assist with this traffic issue. An email will be sent to our community when definite arrangements and times are confirmed, however, as always with construction, these scheduled events are subject to weather conditions.
4. With the introduction on new Senior Syllabuses (Years 11 and 12) in 2019 PLC teaching staff are undertaking professional learning in this area as it becomes available and are also trialling some of the new external examinations.
5. Staffing News
 - Jodee Kingsley (JS Japanese) will take LSL in term 2 and also move to Sydney. Her replacement as JS Japanese Teacher is Mr Hans Von Dietz.
 - Petra Soresen (Principals' PA) and Marty Webb Head of IT have accepted positions away from Peace and Ms Elise Axam (Principal's PA) and Mr Rob Armstrong (Head of IT) have been appointed to fill these roles.
 - Ms Tracey Hickenbotham is expanding her role in the College to include Data Administration around the TASS Student Management Data System and Timetabler our timetable generation software.
 - After many years at Peace, Ms Sherry Frew in the Learning Centre has decided its time to move on to new adventures beyond Peace. We wish her all the best for the change of scenery.
 - Jill Rashleigh will take a well earned break with LSL in Term 3.

We wish all these staff every blessing in their new endeavours.

6. Luther 500 2017 is the 500th anniversary of a pivotal event in the Protestant Reformation, the nailing of the 95 Theses (sentences or disputations) on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Peace will celebrate this in various ways throughout the year including worship, inclusion of some of these events and topics in Christian Studies classes and also through some target projects or fund raising to get the Word of God into more homes around the world. Pastor Adam is coordinating many of these activities.
7. Interim Reports are being prepared to be sent home at the end of Term 1. These will give information to parents and caregivers about how the children are progressing in their effort and application, while giving a progress indication on their achievement levels. A full suite of assessment will not have been completed for all students, especially for students in the Junior Years, but these reports do give an indication on how the students are progressing in general terms.
8. A new website and app are in development. We are planning to have these go live in the next few months. The app in particular will be another handy way for parents to maintain those important communication links with our College community.
9. As a follow up to last meeting, we have been in contact with a member of the Queensland Police who has been assigned to the College to especially assist with traffic issues. We recently have had discussions with him regarding the afternoon traffic on Harley Street, which continues to be an issue as parents block the road while picking up their children.
10. Term 1 has been a very busy term, as are most terms, and I have enjoyed getting to know the students and grow in my appreciation for their life stories and learning journeys. Our plans for the remainder of the year involve plenty of enriching activities and a robust program of learning and care for our students and I look forward to sharing this time with the Peace community.

Anthony Mueller 8-3-17

