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## From the Principal



Mr David Radke  
Principal

### Celebrating 35 Years of Excellence

2015 marks the 35<sup>th</sup> year of the establishment of Redeemer Lutheran College. Last year's graduating Year 12 students included the cohort of the first Redeemer Junior School students. While celebrating this, it struck me how long these students had spent at Redeemer. As this year unfolded, I also became mindful of the lengthy service of many of Redeemer's staff; such longevity is a true blessing.

Students blessed with being able to spend many years in a single school experience community and all the surety and security that is part of that sense of belonging. With the advent of the Redeemer Junior School in 2006, Redeemer families had the choice of having a single school community experience for the first time.

Across the 35 years of Redeemer's history, the College has always been blessed with high numbers of excellent, long-serving staff, both within and outside of the class rooms.

To have a vocation is more than just being employed in a job. Rather, a vocation is synonymous with adjectives such as dedication, loyalty, commitment and the Christian notion of 'Calling.'

From the Principal's desk, I have the privilege to see behind many events and actions taking place in the school, and one that I'm acutely aware of is the quiet contributions of specific staff and the impact of their efforts on the lives of students and colleagues in the Redeemer community. Because of the quiet giving that more often than not involves going well beyond a staff member's specific duties, students and families of the college experience a caring community. In addition to experiencing quality and genuine care, members of the Redeemer community more often than not also experience consistency year in year out, especially when it comes to personal interactions. For this reason, people who serve an institution for long periods of time are very special, longevity of any kind is one critical ingredient in creating and maintaining a sense of community.

I am very thankful to serve the Redeemer community and I am truly humbled by both students and staff who have 'belonged' to Redeemer beyond a decade and longer. Within this publication, we farewell three staff who collectively have served the College for almost 59 years. Whether as a student or staff member, longevity serves the community and individual best when accompanied by positive passion.

Redeemer's production of "My Fair Lady" on the weekend of 1-2 May was more than just outstanding entertainment. The musical was a celebration of Redeemer community members (students, staff and parent volunteers) doing everything properly, beginning with attitude, then working with dedication and rounding off with the very best possible execution of task.

Such a summary is also a synopsis of Eliza Doolittle's task to learn to speak English correctly, with attitude, dedication and commitment to the best possible outcome, despite all manner of challenges. Is this not also a summary of quality education and ultimately life-long-learning? I encourage all of us in the Redeemer community to reflect on the values and commitment so strongly displayed through Eliza Doolittle's character.

Aside from the inherent messages in "My Fair Lady", I can only say that the performance was truly magnificent on so many levels. I congratulate all students, staff, parents and volunteers who achieved three outstanding performances which will live long in the memories of all who were lucky enough to either attend as audience members or be part of delivering the musical.

On behalf of the College, I sincerely thank everybody who played a role in the production of "My Fair Lady" and I also thank the audiences who supported Redeemer's musical this year.

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# The Best Yet!!

Redeemer Lutheran College performed its 20<sup>th</sup> musical production with three breathtaking performances of "My Fair Lady". For the first time in Redeemer history, all three performances at the Logan Entertainment Centre were sold out on 1-2 May!

Over 110 students were involved in this year's production: nine as principal leads, 45 students as chorus members, 30 students in the symphony performing the original 1956 Broadway orchestration, plus 16 students involved with the set construction and 12 students in the technical crew!

A big thank you to everyone who came along to support our students at each of the performances!



## Review by Robbie Parkin

**96five Family Show and Co-Founder of Harvest Rain Theatre Company**

"Gone are the days when a school musical meant dodgy singing, forgotten lines, squeaking instruments, kids mucking up in the back row of the chorus and fridge carton sets. As I watched Redeemer Lutheran College's production of the classic

"My Fair Lady" I had to keep reminding myself that I was actually watching a school musical. The whole team know their stuff. From the sets that created a world where pillars became lamp posts and book shelves and race tracks appeared before your eyes to the amazing orchestra that never missed a beat as it handled an extremely difficult score with ease. Great costumes and lighting and from a technical point of view the performance I attended was faultless ensuring we never missed a line from the cast.

All the leads were outstanding. Tom Ryan & Peter Kleinschmidt as Henry Higgins and Colonel Pickering managed to capture a wonderful rapid-fire style of conversation, creating a rhythm of the banter required for this style of theatre. Both showed excellent comedy timing and Tom in particular handled what was a massive

role like a performer well beyond his years of experience.

Speaking of massive roles, Sophia Cavte created an Eliza Doolittle that was warm yet showed the strength needed to give a depth to the character that obviously connected with the audience. She skilfully navigated the transition that Eliza goes through during the play. It was a great performance with her really nailing the many times that it was her job to hold the audience on her own. Carly Furlonger also gave a strong focused performance as Mrs Pearce and all four of them attacked the many scenes they did together with excellent pace and energy. These scenes can often pull back the overall pace of this show, particularly to a modern audience, but their performances, along with what was obviously insightful direction, meant they didn't drag and instead became highlights of the show for me.

Alessandro Spinelli as Alfred Doolittle did a great job giving us the two big comedy numbers of the show "With a Little Bit of Luck" and "I'm Getting Married in The Morning". The choreography for these songs were a real highlight. Nicholas Sayers as Freddy showed us a lovely vocal range in "Street Where You Live". It was great to see these young men performing these classic musical theatre tunes with such energy and commitment. Neve Ferreira's portrayal of Henry Higgin's mother was clever and concise giving us an insight into the upper class world that she and Henry come from.

I am a strong believer that the saying "a chain is as strong as its weakest link" was written with live theatre in mind. The biggest attraction to this production was the powerful evidence of ensemble. The level of commitment and professionalism that was evident in the show from the supporting actors, the chorus and the crew was the glue that held it all together. Every last person involved with the show needs to be congratulated for their hard work and commitment.

I am sure that no one will really know the actual amount of "man-hours" that went into making My Fair Lady come to stage. I wouldn't dare to say. But one thing I know I can say after such an enjoyable night at the theatre is... By George, I think they got it!!"




A group of performers in formal attire, including tuxedos and gowns, are on stage. Some are standing and talking, while others are seated. The background is a stage set with red curtains.

*So proud to be  
in a school full of  
talented students.*

RAKEEM

*I had to keep reminding  
myself that the cast,  
crew & orchestra are  
High School students.*

TAMASHA


Three performers in white dresses are on stage. One is standing and looking down at a small object, while the other two are seated and looking up. The background is a stage set with bookshelves and a painting.

*The performers continued in the  
tradition of excellence we saw  
2 years ago with *The Pajama Game*.  
Cast and crew put on a most polished  
performance of this always enjoyable  
musical. Well done Redeemer!*

HON IAN WALKER MP, MEMBER FOR MANSFIELD








*What a fabulous  
performance, really  
enjoyed every minute  
of the show.*

CARMEL



*What a thoroughly delightful  
time for patrons!! It was a matter  
of reminding myself that this  
was an amateur cast of teens!  
Sublime – bravo!*

DAVID BLISS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
LUTHERAN EDUCATION QUEENSLAND





## Chaplain's Column



### "Change"

God's grace and peace to you all.

Change is inevitable. We all face this every day to varying degrees. Some changes are minor and slow, barely causing a ripple in our life. Some are larger but expected, others may be dramatic and unexpected causing an upheaval.

Redeemer continues to experience change. Whether it is grounds and buildings, staff, curriculum or Learning Management Systems and Virtual Learning Environments, change is around us all the time.

Change and time seem to be wed in an alliance that we struggle to comprehend, especially when we get comfortable in our space.

Chaplaincy at Redeemer has seen changes. Pastor Paul, Pastor Matt have left the College and chaplains Jessica and Rachael have ably taken their place. This too will change as we seek another Pastor for Redeemer. We celebrate with Rachael and Tyson as they experience parenthood more deeply with another child on the way. Rachael will have maternity leave in Term 3 and Term 4.

Whatever the change, I like to think that change presents us with challenges that may be worked through. St Paul encourages us in Romans 8:28 that "all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose."

I admit though, many times where change has been monumental in my life, I don't always see the "good" that St Paul talks of. Not until the cessation of time and support from family and friends comes into play do I see the silver lining.

We worship a God of changes who is consistent. This sounds paradoxical but actually makes sense when you think about it. Our God is a God of transformation. He transforms us into the people He wants us to be.

Change is a natural part of life. Creation was not just a one-off event long ago. God has continued His creative process through and in each human that He has brought into existence. We are His co-creators as we have been made in His image.

There are numerous miracles throughout scripture, where God made changes to normal physical laws. He did not violate physical laws, but transformed them in accordance with His will. Revelation 21:1-4 reminds us that God will bring a final transformation to us and His creation. We have been given a glimpse of this in the many miracles in both the Old and New Testaments.

Wherever and whenever God transformed the physical; be it the parting of a sea, the acceptance of a Samaritan woman, to the raising of Lazarus, we have evidence of what God will do at the end of time! We and our world will be changed forever.

So what about God's consistency? Well, His love for us never changes and it endures forever.

Every blessing to you all.

**Mr Col Stiller**  
Lay Chaplain

## Australia Day Honours

### Founding Principal Recognised in the Australia Day Honours List



The remarkable efforts of hundreds of Queenslanders were recognised in the Australia Day 2015 Honours List. Congratulations to Mr Robin Kleinschmidt (foundation Principal of Redeemer), who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division (OAM), for service to education, and to the Lutheran Church of Australia. Robin received his award and honours from His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland at an investiture ceremony. Mr Kleinschmidt was the foundation Principal at Redeemer Lutheran College from 1980 until 2001.

## 5 Star Tuckshop



Redeemer's Tuckshop has been awarded a 5 Star Rating for 'Excellent Food Safety, demonstrating full compliance with the Food Act 2006 and overall excellent food safety management practices'. Congratulations to the Redeemer Tuckshop staff who do a fantastic job in providing this outstanding service to our College community!



# ANZAC Reflections

The first week of Term 2 was punctuated with numerous ANZAC reflections across the College in light of the centenary of Gallipoli.



## Beyond Graduation

### OP1 Recipients

It was great to welcome back to Redeemer, three of our OP1 recipients from the Graduating Class of 2014 on 27 February. Tim, Maryse and Ben were recognised at a Senior School Assembly where they also shared with our Senior students some valuable study tips for the year ahead, as well as what they will be up to post-life at RLC.

- Tim Kiemann (Bachelor Medical Science)
- Ben Kleinschmidt (Bachelor of Engineering, Honours)
- Maryse Warbrooke (Bachelor of Engineering, Honours)

Congratulations on a great achievement, from everyone within the Redeemer community!

### Graduates Make Exciting Tertiary Course Choices

As a school, we were excited to hear about the tertiary courses that our previous year's graduates gained positions in via the QTAC process. The courses in which our graduates gained entry demonstrate just how diverse, skilled and talented they are.

**99% of students were offered university places in 2014.**





# A Grand Celebration

## Celebration of Grandparents and Special Friends

Grandparents Day 2015 was celebrated on Monday 27 April, with a record of attendance of close to 800 grandparents and special friends!

The morning commenced with an ANZAC Day themed Senior School music concert with stunning performances from our Senior music students, while in the afternoon, Redeemer Chapel was packed to the rafters for our Junior School Concert, where our special guests were treated to a number of performances concluding with classroom visits.

Certainly a grand day with many great memories shared between our students and their special older friends!





# Life With Dignity

## Cambodia Team 2014

In December 2014, a group of 18 students and teachers from Redeemer Lutheran College and Cornerstone Lutheran College were invited by LWD (Life with dignity) to see the service and work the organisation does for the poor in rural Cambodia. I was fortunate enough to be a member of this team and witness first-hand the remarkable work of LWD. The Non-government Organisation (NGO) has the hopeful vision of "people living in peace, dignity and harmony in a democratic and just society, united in diversity and empowered to achieve their universal rights." Their approach through rights-based empowerment upholds and empowers the poor and oppressed. Through their core values of justice, equity, people's participation and transparency and accountability, LWD is working towards empowering vulnerable communities to claim their rights and improve their living standards. The outworking of this empowerment program is truly inspiring and certainly life changing for the two and a half million people included in LWD's Country Strategy.

Our team visited the districts of the Kampong Chhnang province where we were warmly welcomed by villagers who were very eager and excited to show off their successful businesses supported by funds from LWD. The pride and joy on their faces was wonderful to see as they shared their stories of how LWD helped them alleviate poverty from their lives. I was truly inspired by one young woman who told us about her incredible journey to empowerment. Through funds from LWD, she learnt, as well

as taught her mother, to sew and together, and they were able to open up their own successful business. She said to us, "I can now feed my family for the whole year and send my children to school." To her, this meant that she and her family had escaped the poverty cycle and were able to provide for themselves.

She was so very grateful to the LWD staff for helping her break out of that cycle, as were all the other people we visited. Through LWD's aid, some bought their own land to produce rice crops; others started their own pig, cow and chicken farms. No longer living in extreme poverty thanks to LWD, they now have income generation and improved food security, access to education, knowledge on preventive health, water and sanitation. LWD helped them find a sense of purpose, identity and fulfilment which has transformed these people, their families and their lives.

LWD is changing lives, mine included. I was so moved by the work of the organisation and by experiencing rural village life in Cambodia. I was so inspired by everyone's story of empowerment and hope. The work of Life With Dignity is absolutely incredible and I am so grateful I had the opportunity to meet the staff of the organisation because their compassion and kindness is improving the lives of so many in need.

**Jess Bertschy**  
Year 12, Cambodia Team Member 2014





# College Refurbishment Program



The Christmas school holiday period was a very busy time at the College, as a number of major refurbishment projects were taking place, particularly within the Senior School campus.

## Senior School Courtyard Upgrade

A major landscaping project was completed, to transform the Senior School Courtyard area between SL Block and SM Block into a modern and highly usable hub for Senior School students. A number of special features have been incorporated, including an outdoor stage, seating nooks use of timber and multi textured surfaces, lighting, and new water bubblers. This redevelopment provides for both recreation and flexible, outdoor learning.



## Middle Years Recreation Space

An additional Middle Years Recreation space has been developed at the rear of the Kleinschmidt Centre, and adjacent to SD Block (Years 7 and 8 precinct), which includes basketball and netball hoops, together with seating areas.

## Senior School Air Conditioning

Air-conditioning was installed into SE Block with SH Block also to be completed soon. The installation of air-conditioning within these two buildings will see the majority of classrooms within the Senior School air-conditioned.



## SM Block Flexible Learning Space

An additional large new creative flexible learning space has been created upstairs in SM Block, where once the House Leaders were previously located. This creative learning space has been furnished with a variety of furniture options, including bean bags, stools, lecture chairs, ottomans and flip tables.

## Pool Toilet Upgrade

The toilet block at Redeemer Pool has now also been fully refurbished. This was the final amenities block to be refurbished within the College, meaning that all of the Redeemer's student amenities are each of the same high standard.

# Experience Redeemer 2015 College Tours

## Take a closer look at Redeemer

**Term 3** Friday 7 August 2015, 9.30am-11.00am

**Term 4** Wednesday 21 October 2015, 5.00pm-6.30pm

### RSVP

Online: [www.redeemer.com.au/enrolments/open-days](http://www.redeemer.com.au/enrolments/open-days)

Email: [enrolments@redeemer.com.au](mailto:enrolments@redeemer.com.au)

Phone: Enrolments Registrar on 3340 8807

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## A Night Under the Stars



While the stars may have been hidden by the clouds, it was a perfect evening on the Chapel Green for our third annual "Movies under the Stars" on Saturday 7 February. Families started arriving from 5.30pm to enjoy a picnic style dinner on the Chapel Green, followed by the free screening of *"Jock the Hero Dog"*. This popular event which is organised and fully funded by the Redeemer Parents and Friends Association provides a wonderful opportunity for families to relax, and to mingle with others from within our community.

Thank you to the P & F for organising this wonderful community event to launch 2015 at Redeemer!

## Music Road Trip



On Friday 15 May, Junior Choir, Choristers, Voiceworks and Flute Choir set off for our annual road trip to Tall Trees and The Plains, Retirement Villages.

This year, over 120 students had the privilege of performing for these older folk living so close to our school community. At the end of the first concert at Tall Trees, one of the residents said that it was the best concert she had ever heard. Some of the students noticed that some of the residents were crying when they listened to versions of songs that they remembered as children. It was particularly special to hear the residents sing along with the flute choir in a rendition of "Daisy, Daisy".

The students were great ambassadors for the school and participated in a wonderful morning of music-sharing.

## Media Snippets



### "Shave and Wax for Good Cause"

Redeemer's Community Service Committee has broken a record, raising \$9,000 for this year's "World's Greatest Shave" (Southern Star: Wednesday 18 March 2015)

### "Close Shave to Help Find Cure"

Redeemer's "World's Greatest Shave" (Albert & Logan News: Thursday 26 March 2015)

### "Testing time for students"

Redeemer Lutheran College students Izzy Black, Isaac Georgiou, Mia Torluccio and Alex Campbell are getting ready for NAPLAN exams" (Southern Star: Wednesday 13 May 2015)

### "Students get ready for testing time"

Year 3 Redeemer student, Mia Torluccio prepares for NAPLAN" (Albert & Logan News: Thursday 14 May 2015)

### "Fair' Staging of Classic Musical"

Redeemer Lutheran College's production of My Fair Lady (Southern Star: Wednesday 3 June 2015)

### "Brave teen inspires Redeemer"

Visit by Coen Ashton (Southern Star: Wednesday 10 June 2015)

Read the full stories online at:

[redeemer.com.au/news/media](http://redeemer.com.au/news/media)



# Redeemer Flashbacks

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

In 2015, Redeemer Lutheran College celebrates its 35th year since opening in 1980 surrounded by rural Rochedale farm land. Throughout 2015, we're taking a look back over the past 35 years, at the people and events that have helped to shape Redeemer into the great school we all enjoy so much today.



★ Weekly flashbacks are posted each Friday on our facebook page  
#flashbackfriday



# Senior School News



Mrs Anastasia Strong  
Head of Senior School

## Some things change... Some stay the same

In the 35 year history of Redeemer Lutheran College, much has changed.

The students starting their Senior school journey back in 1980 would have been full of excitement to be a part of a new school and to start the first chapter of Redeemer's history. The school looked very different back then, with only a few buildings but there was a great vision for the future.

The first generation of Redeemer students were probably influenced by the musicians of the time – Irene Cara, Adam and the Ants, Pink Floyd, Michael Jackson and Split Enz. They entertained themselves by making mix tapes to play on their ghetto blasters, watching VHS or Betacam movies, trying to solve the Rubik's Cube, started playing Pac-Man and were caught up in the media hype of "Dallas" and "Who shot JR?"

The students would have been proud to wear their new uniforms featuring the beautiful hues of blue now referred to as "Redeemer Blue". Study included reading set texts and referring to the source of all knowledge, the 'Encyclopedia Britannica'. Students sported a blue woollen blazer in the winter months and teachers were probably busy trying to tame the big hair sported by the girls.

35 years on, things look quite different. The physical landscape of the school has morphed, sporting a P-12 school with a Junior School and Senior campus with many new facilities and spaces. Simpfordorfer Drive, Scurr Oval, Stolz Sportsfields, Fred Davey Oval, Glover Fields and the Kleinschmidt Centre, all remind us of the influences of the past.

These days, the students are listening to One Direction, Taylor Swift and the two most followed artists on Twitter are Justin Bieber and Lady Gaga. Mix tapes are referred to as 'old school' and have been replaced by iTunes downloads and personal devices. They watch movies 'on demand', talk to each other via inbox chats and can research anything, anytime at the touch of a button; #how did we manage without Google? Students can now bring their own device to school and are able to access work from class on the Learning Management System, at home. Almost every student has a personal mobile phone.

The current Redeemer students are sporting new blazers, introduced at the beginning of 2015 and they are wearing them with pride. Whilst girls are now into straighteners rather than perms and big hair, new rules include no spray tans, acrylic nails and fake eyelashes!

Whilst there has been much physical, technological and social change that has impacted the Redeemer community over the years, some things have stayed the same. Redeemer remains committed to developing the whole person, striving for academic excellence and maintaining our strong Lutheran ethos and values. Our hope is in Christ, His grace and His mercy and it always will be.





# Record Broken with \$9,000 Raised!

## Redeemer's World's Greatest Shave 2015

The Leukaemia Foundation is Australia's peak body for blood cancer, funding research and providing free services to support people with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood disorders, and their families. They receive no ongoing government funding so rely on the generous support of the community. Most of us know somebody who has been directly or indirectly affected by cancer, so the opportunity to support such a worthwhile cause is always one of the top priorities for the Community Service Committee here at Redeemer when they plan what charities and fundraisers to support each year.

On Wednesday 11 March, some very brave Year 12 boys volunteered to have their legs waxed and/or heads shaved in support of the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave. 'Redeemer Seniors 2015' went into full fundraising mode collecting donations from family, friends and members of the Redeemer community. Senior School students also purchased drinks on the day and many Years 7 and 8 students lined up to

have their hair sprayed a rainbow of colours. A record was set this year with \$9,000 being raised from this one event!

A very special thank you must go to the therapists from Brazilian Beauty Salon who kindly volunteered to wax the boys' legs. Go to [www.brazilianbeauty.com.au](http://www.brazilianbeauty.com.au) for locations of their Brisbane salons. Thank you also to students from Matters In Gray, training provider for the hairdressing industry, for willingly giving up their time to once again support Redeemer's World's Greatest Shave.

Well done to the Community Service Committee for such a great event and to the boys who participated. You should be extremely proud of your efforts and enthusiasm.

\$9,000 ... the challenge is now on for the Seniors of 2016!

For more information, visit:

[redeemer.com.au/news/blog/worlds-greatest-shave-2015](http://redeemer.com.au/news/blog/worlds-greatest-shave-2015)





## Versace Hospitality

On 21-22 May 2015, the Year 12 Hospitality Practices students spent two days at Palazzo Versace, 'the world's first fashion branded hotel'. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to don the Versace uniforms and work in departments such as concierge, food and beverage service, kitchen, housekeeping and in-room dining. After a hard days work, it was time to check in as hotel guests and enjoy the amazing features of this 5 star hotel including the seafood buffet dinner followed up by a buffet breakfast! Time was also spent visiting Seaworld. Even though this was lots of fun, there was an assessment task to complete in between riding the 'Storm' and visiting Shark Bay! The students were a credit to themselves and the college and believe it was the best 'school camp' they've been on!

For more information, visit:

[redeemer.com.au/news/blog/year-12-hospitality-visit-versace](http://redeemer.com.au/news/blog/year-12-hospitality-visit-versace)

## Art Excursions



On 3 and 10 February, Years 9-12 Visual and Creative Art students visited Queensland Art Gallery and GOMA, and were given the experience of interacting with the work of professional artists.





## SS Interhouse Swimming Carnival

The Senior School School Interhouse Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday, 5 February at Aqua Logan Springwood.

**Congratulations to Wilson House for taking out First Place!** (Second Place: Lavarack, Third Place: Ramsay, Fourth Place: Mansfield)

For more information, visit:

[redeemer.com.au/news/blog/ss-swimming-carnival-2015](http://redeemer.com.au/news/blog/ss-swimming-carnival-2015)

## SS Interhouse Cross Country Carnival

The Senior School School Interhouse Cross Country Carnival was held on Monday, 30 March. **Congratulations to**

**Mansfield House for taking out First Place with 1053 points!** Second Place: Ramsay (965), Third Place: Wilson (962), Fourth Place: Lavarack (862).

For more information, visit:

[redeemer.com.au/news/blog/ss-cross-country-carnival-2015](http://redeemer.com.au/news/blog/ss-cross-country-carnival-2015)





# Interhouse Pavement Art Competition



The theme for the 2015 Senior School Interhouse Pavement Art competition was, *A Century of War and Peace*. The design brief was inspired by the recent centenary of ANZAC Day and required students to ensure that their composition involved some aspect of war and/or peace over the past 100 years.

Each of the four Houses entered three teams of four Senior Years and one Middle Years team with a senior mentor. The event reflected the vertical house ethos, as well as the Middle Years and Senior Years. The mentors completed an important role in organising their younger peers who are not in House home groups.

## Middle Years

- **1st Place: Wilson Team: Danica Coetzee, Bayleigh Head, Sariah Suter, Lauren Curtin.**
- Judge's comment: *"A cohesive design, excellent blending and the dove, beautifully executed."*
- Second: Ramsay, Third: Lavarack, Fourth: Mansfield

## Senior Years

- **1st Place: LAVARACK team: Maddison Ramsay, Julie Moon, Quentin Huang, Aiden Hardy.**
- Judge's comment: *"Great concept, colour combinations very effective and excellent symbolism with the idea of the zipper opening to war emerging."*
- Second: Ramsay, Third: Mansfield, Fourth: Wilson

For more photos, check out the photo gallery located on the Redeemer App or on our website at:

[redeemer.com.au/news/blog/pavement-art-2015](http://redeemer.com.au/news/blog/pavement-art-2015)





## Year 8 Camp

An excited group of Year 8 students set out on Monday, 9 February, for their three day camp at Luther Heights at Coolum Beach. Their excitement was warranted as after a filling lunch they launched into their first rotation of activities consisting of raft building, low ropes and some games designed to enhance their teamwork and communication. This was a great time for our students to get to know each other better and a chance for our students new to Redeemer this year to become an integral part of this Year 8 cohort.

### Day 1 Reflections

- "Today was really cool because there was a lot of teamwork, but the dam water was questionable." **Ella**
- "Today was really fun. We did low ropes and we did the whale tail. We also went across this bridge and it was good." **Lucy**
- "On our first day of camp we did team challenges and raft building. In team challenges we played alphabet soup, whale tail where we tried to strategise and balance on a massive see saw, we went across the wobbly bridge which was a lot of wooden planks joined by wire. For raft building we had to make a raft out of bamboo, pool noodles and ropes. We had to pick up someone and take them across the river/lake." **Jade and Emily**
- "As it is my first year at Redeemer, I really wanted to get to know heaps of people, and today I met some more people and got to know others better. I hope that tomorrow by doing more teamwork activities, that I will have an enjoyable time and learn more about the others in my grade." **Mikaela**

## Year 7 Camp

On Monday, 16 February, our Year 7 students visited Luther Heights Youth Camp at Coolum for their Year 7 Camp, where the students engaged in a range of activities to develop interdependence, friendships and self-esteem. The range of activities experienced supported team work, negotiation, self-expression, leadership, participation and encourage students to take on new challenges. Here are a few reflections from our students

### Day 1 Highlights

- "It has been fun! My group did the Big Group Game then did team building games - my favourite was 'Whale's Tail' where we had to balance our whole team on a seesaw." **Izaak**
- "We went to the beach - we did lots of activities on the beach. We loved building the sand castle - we tied for the biggest one. Then we made a track for the tennis ball to run down. Eventually we got to play in the ocean. The food has been amazing - we got choc chip muffins that were SOOO good!! We're looking forward to raft building and flying fox!!" **Elliana, Morgan, Taylah, Tamsyn**

### Day 2 Highlights

- "I think that camp has been an opportunity to show your bravery. If you complete the tasks, you go back to school knowing that you have achieved something. If you don't want to do the activity, but you give it a go, you show that you can face the challenge!" **Sariah**
- "We learnt how to listen to each other while having fun and to include everyone's ideas, which could be different from our own." **Anastasia B**
- "On the medium ropes I loved helping and talking others through their fears. I also loved how everyone supported each other." **Sophee**





## Days of Excellence



On 27 May, Redeemer hosted an ISQ Days of Excellence Art workshop, accommodating visiting students and select Redeemer Art students. This was an ideal opportunity for students to extend themselves and work alongside students from different schools. Students started with some observation drawing. They discussed traditional and kitchen lithography and the chemistry behind it. Students tried the simple kitchen lithography method that does not require complex studio materials and set up. They drew with lithography pencils onto a plate made of Alfoil, etched designs with Coca Cola, inked the plates and printed the image onto damp paper. A simple but effective printmaking technique!

For more information, visit:

[redeemer.com.au/news/blog/days-of-excellence](https://redeemer.com.au/news/blog/days-of-excellence)

## Easter Delivery

On Thursday, 2 April, students from the Community Service Committee visited Bethany Christian Care to deliver Easter eggs and some company to the elderly residents.



## Lunch on the Green

Only in its second year, Lunch on the Green has become an event on the calendar that is welcomed by the Redeemer community. A combined effort from both the Community Service and Cultural Committees, in conjunction with fantastic weather, saw a strong turn-out from both students and staff. This year, the charity chosen was Beyond Blue. Beyond Blue is an independent, not-for-profit organisation working to increase awareness and understanding of anxiety and depression in Australia and to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. The event raised just over \$700 for Beyond Blue, which will be valuable to supporting their cause.

Redeemer is blessed to have such talented students and staff. Acts included a solo from Caleb Caswell and group acts from Connor Hickman, Will Kilah, Carly Furlonger, Tom Ryan, Jeremy Lie, Lewis Masters and Sam Pennisi. Staff acts by Mr Pukullus, Ms Krenske and Mr Kelly were a fantastic addition. A big thank you to all the students and staff who helped out and supported the Community Service and Cultural Committees hosting this event.

For more information, visit:

[redeemer.com.au/news/blog/lunch-on-the-green-2015](https://redeemer.com.au/news/blog/lunch-on-the-green-2015)





## Senior School House Welcome Barbecues

The House Barbecues have been an annual tradition at Redeemer for many years. The aim of these evenings is to encourage the nurturing of strong, positive relationships between students, their parents and the school. It was a great opportunity to catch up with other families and for parents to meet some teachers and peers.

For more information, visit:

[redeemer.com.au/news/blog/house-barbecues](http://redeemer.com.au/news/blog/house-barbecues)



## Year 10 Forensic Science Workshop



Year 10 students had the privilege to participate in a Forensic Science workshop on Friday 22 May 2015.

"A Case of Conspiracy?" is a program operated by Education Interaction, which has its foundation within the University of Technology in Sydney and Forensic Science NSW. The roadshow recently began travelling throughout Australia, with the aim of generating interest amongst high school students in Chemistry, Biology and Physics. These subject choices can then lead to opportunities within the Forensic Science field.

Course presenter Phoebe, enjoys bringing science into the real world. Her desire is for students to see how their subjects within school can relate to their career choices.

The hands-on, highly interactive program invited students to solve a crime. A body has been discovered, a list of suspects provided, and the students were required to utilise an array of methods to determine who committed the murder. Finger-printing, electronic technologies, DNA, blood sampling, ultra-violet lighting to find human blood, microscope work and even ballistics were some of the methods participants were able to engage in.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and there is little doubt that new career choices may be explored after this event.

For more information, visit:

[redeemer.com.au/news/blog/year-10-forensic-science-workshop](http://redeemer.com.au/news/blog/year-10-forensic-science-workshop)



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# Junior School News



**Mrs Kelli McKeiver**  
Head of Junior School

This year saw the introduction of voluntary Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) across the College from Years 3-12. There were large numbers of students in Years 3-6 arriving on the first day of Term 1 with their signed permission slip and tablet or laptop, ready to actively use their device in the classroom.

There were even more students, as the term and semester progressed who brought in their devices, eager to engage in this approach to learning.

For some staff, parents and students, the learning curve has been steep, but one full of excitement. Our teachers have enjoyed exploring our Learning Management System, to extend students, provide homework and other learning opportunities. Many of the parents that regularly access My Big Campus have commented that they appreciate having immediate knowledge of what has been covered in class and tips on how to revise concepts with their children at home. Students not participating in the BYOD program have also had access to the Learning Management System on school devices and at home.

Whilst our staff and students are still exploring how they use BYOD in the classrooms, here are some of the ways that the various Years 3-6 teachers are allowing and encouraging students to use their device on a daily basis:

- Research of relevant class topics
- Access to online educational games and web based activities
- Teachers voice recording spelling tests for students to access at the end of the week
- Setting research challenges for history and science units.
- Students with BYOD share websites or clips they find during research time by plugging their device into the Interactive White Board to share what they have found.
- Class rotations in Literacy or Mathematics. Having a device that is accessible immediately allows students to transition from one rotation to another with ease, regardless of where they are placed in the classroom. The students can move freely around the room with their device.
- Students document their own group learning experiences. Those with BYOD are able to document their learning by taking photographs of group projects. Student print out these images and write reflections on their learning.

As technology continues to change, and students and staff continue to grow in their use of devices, students will be exposed to new ways to collaborate, and new ways to creatively demonstrate their understanding. There will be many more avenues and opportunities for our students to engage in technology and become proficient twenty-first century learners.





## Early Years



*"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble." Ecclesiastes 4:9*

Home and school—everyone shares the goal of helping children learn and feel successful. When parents and teachers work together, everyone benefits: students tend to earn higher grades,

perform better, have better behaviour, and show more positive attitudes toward themselves and toward school.

Parent involvement in children's education goes beyond contributing ice blocks to class parties. To be effective, parent involvement has to be a partnership between the family and the school to assure that children are learning to the best of their ability, that they feel safe and supported, and that their parents feel well informed and involved in making decisions that affect their child's school experience.

This year our Prep to Year 2 classes have made connections between home and school by:

- Giving an open invitation to Chapel and Assembly devotions
- Holding information nights
- Inviting classroom helpers for Literacy and Numeracy rotations
- Holding a Prep Mum's pampering afternoon
- Inviting parent's to assist with Under Eight's Day
- Celebrating together the Prep Bible Presentation

Thank you to the many parents who offer their time to build positive partnerships between home and school.

**Mrs Christina Bianchi**

Pastoral Care Leader: Prep-Year 2 (Early Years)

## Upper Primary Years



Congratulations! I would like to congratulate all the students in our Years 3 to 6 community for; their effort, enthusiasm and willingness to learn, their care for others and achievements. I have the privilege of working with so many talented students, Teachers and Support Staff who all work together to ensure that every student is given the encouragement and opportunity to

strive for excellence in all areas of school. I applaud the way all students and staff in the Junior School work together to enhance, improve, support and challenge each other to succeed.

With the introduction of the BYOD program this year in Years 3-6, students have successfully, responsibly and keenly managed their device. They have further developed their ICT skills and enhanced the way they learn, gather and present information through flexible learning choices. The pleasing interest and interactive learning that has taken place so far is to be commended.

I congratulate the leaders of the upper primary years. Although every student is considered a leader for younger students in our school, I congratulate the house captains and student counsellors for the active role they play in demonstrating positive leadership skills in our Junior School. Their willingness to assist and represent students has been pleasing.

As Pastoral Care Leader for the upper primary years, I would like to thank all students, staff and parents of the Junior School for contributing to the positive and caring learning environment. Through working together we have all ensured that Redeemer continues to demonstrate our school values of integrity, excellence, service, care and self-discipline.

**Mrs Sarah Cossens**

Pastoral Care Leader: Years 3-6 (Upper Primary Years)





## Nott's Cottage Year 1 Incursion



In History classes throughout Term 2, Year 1 students are learning about the past. We visited Nott's Cottage, located at the back of our Redeemer campus. The students explored items from the past such as iceboxes, oil lamps, chamber pots, stove top irons and butter churners. They enjoyed investigating these items from the past and comparing them to items we use today.

- "I liked seeing the hanging container where you could store food and the animals couldn't get to it." **Jolene**
- "I liked it when we saw the ice box and the oven." **James**
- "I liked seeing the washing equipment and the whisk." **Corbin**
- "I liked seeing the bed and the old candles." **Katie**
- "We saw old-fashioned lamps and a chest. My favourite thing was the lamp." **Matthew**
- "I liked the lamp that didn't use electricity. The kitchen was very interesting. In the olden days they needed ice to keep food cold." **Jade**
- "I noticed that the bed was very small. I liked the old-fashioned iron and the light." **Mary**

Notts Cottage was the home of Mr George Nott, the original owner of the land upon which Redeemer is situated. As a young bachelor in the early 1930's George built a tin shed which became his home. The old tin hut was located on the portion of land purchased for the college (where Redeemer Chapel is now situated), and featured in several ways in the early years of its history. Relocated in 1986 and substantially restored in 1988 as a bicentennial project, it still stands on the campus today and serves as a museum of local history, a valuable educational resource, and one which will be appreciated more by some people, and perhaps understood less by students, as the local area loses the rural character which was still so strong at the time of the college's establishment.

For more information, visit:



[redeemer.com.au/news/blog/notts-cottage-year-1-incursion](https://redeemer.com.au/news/blog/notts-cottage-year-1-incursion)



## Prep Bible Presentations



Members from Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Rochedale joined us on Wednesday 18 February at Junior School Chapel to present each of our Prep students with their very own Bible! Special thanks to Our Saviour members who donated these Bibles to each of our students!

For more information, visit:

[redeemer.com.au/news/blog/prep-bible-presentations](http://redeemer.com.au/news/blog/prep-bible-presentations)

## Under Eights Day



On Friday 22 May our Prep to Year 2 Students celebrated Under Eights Day! The theme for 2015 was "Voices of Children: Look, Listen, Hear and Respond".

It was also 'Crazy Hair Day', with all funds going directly to Lutheran World Federation to raise money for the ALWS Nepal Earthquake Emergency Action Appeal.

- "I liked doing dress ups" **Makenzy (Year 1)**
- "The fun games were good but I liked face painting the best" **Madeleine (Year 2)**
- "I loved the disco, the music was great. It made me happy." **Tessa (Year 2)**

For more information, visit:

[redeemer.com.au/news/blog/under-eights-day-2015](http://redeemer.com.au/news/blog/under-eights-day-2015)

## Mothers Day



During the first week of May, students had the opportunity to visiting our Mothers Day Stall. This is an annual event that the students look forward to each year. Students move to the Senior School and enjoy walking around the stall picking the perfect gift for their mother.

## Year 3ST Mathematics Students Tour Hawaii!



In May, the students of 3ST Mathematics class planned a holiday to Hawaii. They worked out the costs of flights from Brisbane to Honolulu (first class!), accommodation on Big Island and Maui, and the price of food in a variety of restaurants. The students also chose some activities for Mrs Taylor to do, such as helicopter volcano tours, swimming with dolphins, biking around Maui and even a submarine tour!



## Junior School Disco

On Saturday 30 May, many Junior School students enjoyed dancing, swaying and bopping to the music at the Junior School Disco!



## Year 5 Camp

- "Body boarding was my favourite activity. It was exciting to go over the big waves!" **Dana, 5LR**
- "I really enjoyed catching crabs and swimming at the lake today" **Daniel, 5MR**
- "We were exfoliating and soothing our skin at the Currimundi Lake Day Spa!" **Jordana, 5NG**
- "I caught a crab that was blue with white and purple legs" **Nicholas, 5LR**
- "It was fun in Currimundi Lake today. I found crabs and put them in our sand castle" **Joel, 5LR**
- "I think Currimundi has been awesome. It has been nice to be one with nature" **Vanessa, 5MR**





## Staff Profiles



### Ms Brooke Anderson

**Pastoral Care Leader: Lavarack (10-12)**

#### *What is your position at Redeemer?*

House Leader: The pastoral care of Lavarack students in Years 10-12. So, making sure the students in my care are coping at school, holding assemblies, organising fun activities within the House or between Lavarack and other Houses.

Japanese teacher: I teach Japanese to students in Years 7-12. I work with Darryl MacDonald to organise activities and events related to Japan, such as the Japanese restaurant visit, Shibakashi Day, the homestay program and the Year 8 Japanese culture excursion.

#### *What do you like most about Redeemer?*

I like the fact that there are so many positive relationships between staff and students. The staff are friendly and great to work with. The students here are well-mannered and conscientious which makes my job easier.

#### *When you were a school student, what did you want to be when you grew up?*

Firstly, a ballerina, then as I got older I wanted to be a movie director.

#### *What is your favourite place that you have ever visited?*

Levi in Finland was pretty amazing – but freezing cold. I loved the beautiful pink colour of the trees when the sunset would reflect off the snow that covered them. It felt like I was in Narnia.

#### *What is your favourite superhero and why?*

My favourite superhero is Mystique because she isn't afraid to be herself and stand up for what she believes in.

#### *What is your favourite cuisine?*

Japanese and Asian food in general.

#### *What is one fun fact about yourself?*

I love science fiction movies and TV shows.

#### *What are some words of wisdom you would like to pass on to current students?*

Choose a career that you enjoy and that challenges you. And make time for friends – they're important!



### Mr Grant Symons

**Pastoral Care Leader: Mansfield (10-12)**

#### *What is your position at Redeemer?*

Mansfield House Leader, one year. I facilitate the pastoral care needs of students in Mansfield House (10-12). This includes devotions during House assemblies and Home Group time. I also attend to behaviour management concerns, organise sporting carnivals and liaise between students, counsellors and parents when students are experiencing personal difficulties.

#### *What would you say most motivates you to do what you do?*

The reward of a young person saying "thanks for everything that you've done for me" when they graduate or leave the College. I know I've genuinely made a positive difference.

#### *What are you most excited or passionate about?*

Helping young people to discover what they're passionate about. If I can help a young person make a career out of something that they're talented at and passionate about, I know that I've made a small contribution in helping that person live a happy life.

#### *What are the goals you most want to accomplish in your work?*

If I can influence students in Mansfield House to do their best in every situation they are faced with and be kind to one another then I'll be greatly satisfied. I'm not sure what God has planned for my future but the journey I've taken so far has been extremely rewarding.

#### *What led you to teaching/pastoral care?*

My Design Technology teacher played a large role in me becoming a teacher. He had such a positive influence on me growing up that I wanted to empower young people the way that he empowered me. Once I started teaching I discovered that pastoral care was my passion and a natural progression for my career.

#### *Key mentors who deeply influenced who you are, what you believe in and what you're committed to in life?*

My parents. They are good Christian role models who instilled in me a love for Christ, kindness, good manners and a strong work ethic.

#### *Favourite quote:*

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever" – Mahatma Gandhi.



## Staff Farewells

During Semester 1, we have seen three very long serving staff members retire who have served Redeemer Lutheran College in excess of 10 years: Dr Kerwyn Kleinschmidt, Mrs Vicki Francis, and Mr Bill Walker, who collectively have served the College for almost 59 years.

Dr Kerwyn Kleinschmidt, Mrs Vicki Francis, and Mr Bill Walker collectively shared one attribute which made them truly great servants of Redeemer and that was their personal passion for Redeemer. This passion rubbed off on many of us and reflected a personal belief that challenged all who were served by them to take pride in the College and its community.



**Dr Kerwyn Kleinschmidt**  
**Senior School Teacher**

Dr Kerwyn Kleinschmidt's service to Redeemer stretched for 26 and a half years. Dr Kleinschmidt, fondly referred to as 'Dr K', will be remembered as a very passionate Physics teacher whose Science knowledge was widely respected amongst students, staff and parents. Dr Kleinschmidt also

passionately served the sporting life of the College, he remains a parent of the College, and was a staff mentor who greatly assisted the professional development of many teaching staff.



**Mrs Vicki Francis**  
**Year 6 Teacher**

Mrs Francis was a foundation member of the Redeemer Middle School, serving for just over 16 years. Mrs Francis' professional classroom practice not only served her students well, her experience and authoritative knowledge made her a real staff leader. Mrs Francis also gave

tremendous time to the co-curricular life of the College and is also a past parent of Redeemer.



**Mr Bill Walker**  
**Head of Grounds and Maintenance**

The Redeemer Lutheran College community has said a sad farewell to our Head of Maintenance and Grounds, Mr Bill Walker. Bill has served the Redeemer community with distinction over the past 16 years, leading our grounds team who do an outstanding

job in presenting such a beautiful environment for our students and staff. Thank you Bill for your contribution to Redeemer, and we wish you every blessing in your retirement!

## Welcome New Staff

We are happy to introduce to you the following new staff who commenced with us at Redeemer for the start of 2015. We warmly welcome them into the Redeemer community, and invite you to get to know them over the course of this year.



## Staff Service Awards

Throughout its 3½ decades Redeemer has been blessed with a very stable staff, both teaching and non-teaching staff. Redeemer's long serving staff members have provided the College with stability and helped maintain a culture of caring and service to students, parents and each other. In 2013, Redeemer's College Council introduced a Redeemer Staff Service Award to ensure that staff service and loyalty is appropriately acknowledged. The awards acknowledge full time employment as well as staff who continued to serve the college whether their employment status was part-time or 'on leave.'

Presentations were made at the staff opening service in January prior to students commencing the school year to 15 Redeemer staff this year, for their service and loyalty to the College.

## Congratulations and thank you to each of the 2015 award recipients

### 10 Years

Stephen Cairns  
Anne Etchells  
Ross Groch  
Marie Hughes  
Delia Loch  
Steph Mackie  
Bruce Nicholls  
Geoff Sockhill  
Jane Thiele

### 15 Years

Tim Kelly  
Sue Moloney  
Robyn Stiller  
Bill Walker

### 20 Years

Denise Buck

### 25 Years

Mandy Bugg



### In Praise of Partnership

At Redeemer our Christian life does not stand alone. Our vital partners include every school and staff family, many support churches, and more. Our Saviour Lutheran Church began over 30 years ago to grow those partnerships, worshipping on campus and starting youth and children's ministries on day one. Since then a surprising variety of Christian encouragement activities have operated, during and way beyond the school years. Here is a snapshot of what has been happening so far this year...

- Sunday Night Community Dinners and Board Games
- Helping Hands Van
- Friday Night Youth Group
- Rock 'n' Roll Fundraiser Event
- Hosts Trivia Night Fundraiser
- Chapel Hub Celebration
- Welcome Hub Wine Night
- Playgroup
- Christian Dance
- New Evangelism Training
- Prep Bibles and Bible Reading
- and, of course... Easter Celebrations!



### A New Face

Yes, there's a new face at Our Saviour congregation, and if you see Carl Eckermann wondering the corridors you might want to reach out to him because it's likely that he's lost! Carl and his wife Kylie were on staff at Ballon Outdoor Education Centre from 1993-1996, and Carl worked with LYQ (Lutheran Youth of Qld) from 1996-2003, so it may be a familiar, if not older, face for some. Carl joins the team at Our Saviour as the congregation enters a new era, inspired by Jesus!

The new face of Our Saviour is the face of a transformed community, the face of new people, redeemed and forgiven by a loving and gracious Saviour, and you're welcome too!

**Pastor Robin Stelzer**

*"Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come. All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also". 2 Corinthians 5:17*

### First Impressions

I learned a long time ago that you only get one chance at a first impression. Whether it's the first glimpse of a new country or city as you disembark from an aeroplane, the first visit to a new restaurant, or maybe even the first taste of a new wine. That first impression has a long lasting effect and may have significant influence on your future visits and feelings about that time and place.

My first impression of Redeemer goes back to 1996, and it has stayed with me since that time. It was an impression of friendly faces and the caring community in the midst of a highly professional and well respected school. In 2015, I have found that same friendliness and community concern and it flows through the partnership with Our Saviour congregation and through the engagement with the wider community.



First impressions are important, but not nearly as significant as those things that stand the test of time. *"The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God endures forever" Isaiah 40:8*

Our partnership is built on that which endures, and may we continue to be a shining light in our community, working together in God's service.

**Carl Eckermann**  
Ministry Development Coordinator



## Our Saviour Senior Youth



What a year so far for the youth group at Our Saviour! Each Friday night from 7.00pm-9.00pm, OSSY meets at Redeemer Chapel for fun and fellowship. One of their favourite activities so far this year has been human fussball, which involves everyone sitting on chairs lined up to face each other, where only arms can be used to hit a giant, glow-stick-filled beach ball to the opposite end of the room to score a goal. Another game that is always a lot of fun is the giant game of Rob the Nest, where the youth have to work in teams to collect not only balls, but also obscure objects, such as chairs and bins.

The Easter youth night was a giant Easter egg hunt game involving being chased by chocolate-stealing bunnies. This was followed-up by a Youth-focussed Sunday evening Easter service which included a jumping castle, wonderful words from Chris Richards, and more chocolate (of course)! OSSY has also had two excursions so far this year: bowling and indoor rock-climbing.

On 22 May, OSSY held a community event to raise funds for Christian Life Week camp. The Rock 'n' Roll dance party was held in the MPC with a funky live band, a dancefloor, a game of Twister, a photobooth and sweet stall and a barbecue. The night was a lot of fun for everyone who attended and successfully raised \$1,100!

*"I love going to youth because it's fun, I get to make new friends and I get to learn more about Jesus. Some things I like doing there are playing hand/wall ball and playing hacky sack, meeting with my friends on a Friday night and going to small groups to talk about how God is relevant in our lives today. There is always something fun happening. Whether it's the jokes being told or the leaders dressing up for some of our fun nights. You're always in for a laugh."* **Joshua Ludcke, Year 7**

*"My favourite thing about OSSY is the people - everyone is really easy to be around. My favourite activity was OSSY camp last year, but I also really like small group nights."* **Piper Gates, Year 8**

*"I always look forward to coming to OSSY every Friday because I love seeing my friends and the fabulous leaders! My favourite night at OSSY this year has been the 50s/60s 'Rock 'n' Roll' night, as I met so many great new people and had heaps of fun! The first*

*night I came to OSSY, everyone was really welcoming and friendly. By the end of the night, I felt like I was already a part of the youth group."* **Jamie Cosijn, Year 10**

*"I love coming to OSSY because of all the great people and the friends I have made. I especially love the small group nights where we tell stories from our week, like the week that Ashleigh's funny rat stories."* **Madeline McInnes, Year 11**

## Youth Services

Our Saviour runs Sunday evening services that cater to the youth and young adults of the congregation and community. The first and third Sundays of each month are Sunday Night Live services which involve a fantastic band and end with a community dinner. The second Sunday of each month is a Funday Night Live service, which is followed by fellowship over board games and pizza. The fourth Sunday of each month is a Café Church service, which is an intimate service with hot chocolates and baked goods! These services are a great opportunity for young people of the community to learn more about Christ and find connections with other like-minded young people.



### Inspired by Jesus

For further information please contact the church office located at Doorways, 525 Underwood Road, Rochedale South on 3219 0055 or visit [www.redeemer.com.au/community/oslc](http://www.redeemer.com.au/community/oslc)





## Past Parents & Friends



**Past Parents and Friends**

# Annual Reunion Dinner

All past parents, staff and friends of Redeemer Lutheran College are invited to an Annual Reunion Dinner

**When:** Saturday 5 September 2015  
**Time:** Commencing at 6.00pm  
**Where:** The Elaine Room, The Glen Hotel, Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains  
**RSVP:** Monday 31 August 2015

<b>\$46</b> PER PERSON	Cash bar available
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**For further information:**  
[www.redeemer.com.au/community/past-parents](http://www.redeemer.com.au/community/past-parents)  
Email [alumni@redeemer.com.au](mailto:alumni@redeemer.com.au)  
Phone 07 3340 8822

# Enrolments Registrar

## Full time permanent position

Redeemer Lutheran College is seeking a dynamic and highly motivated administrative professional to assist the college with the recruitment and enrolment of students in the role of Enrolments Registrar.

Email applications addressing the selection criteria, together with a short cover letter to:  
[jobs@redeemer.com.au](mailto:jobs@redeemer.com.au),  
Attention: Mr Julian Schubert,  
Director of Community Relations.

For the selection criteria and position description, please visit the college's website:  
[www.redeemer.com.au/about/jobs](http://www.redeemer.com.au/about/jobs)

**Applications close: Monday 27 July 2015**







# Alumni Profile

## Mick DeBrenni (94)

*In what years did you attend Redeemer Lutheran College?*

I graduated in 1994 after completing Year 12. I commenced in 1990.

*What was your favourite subject (or teacher) at school?*

My favourite subject was Economics and my favourite teacher was without a doubt Paster Peter Bowmer. Economics taught me that there is a clear role of service to our community for those with progressive ideas. Pastor Bowmer helped me explore how I could make a positive contribution to society and encouraged me to leverage my strong interest in social justice into a career.

*What was the most valuable thing that you learnt at Redeemer?*

In Economics I learnt that a society that observed a more equitable distribution of income would lead to greater prosperity overall. This was a lesson learned in Year 12 economics that lead me to pursue a degree in Commerce, a career as social justice advocate in the labour movement and ultimately becoming a Member of Parliament in 2015.

*When you were at school, what were your career aspirations?*

Originally at school I had planned to be an employment lawyer. An experience at the end of school where I observed an abuse of workers' rights lead me to change direction slightly. I spoke about this in my first speech to Parliament which you can read in here: [www.mickdebrenni.com.au/first\\_speech](http://www.mickdebrenni.com.au/first_speech)

*What did you go on to pursue after graduating from Redeemer?*

I've been pursuing a more just society since leaving school. My first step was to get to work straight away and so I completed university through Griffith part time. My first success was introducing a Home Workers Code of Practice which ended exploitation of refugee workers in the clothing trade and later I pursued pay equity for workers in female dominated industries with vigour and multiple successes.



*What steps did you take to end up in the position you are now?*

To end up as an MP I did what I have always done. I have set out each day to set a high standard for the good of our community. I have acted with integrity in all things and have sought to influence others to do the same. I have consistently kept an eye for opportunities for me to reach a higher standard in what I can deliver. For me the most important position I hold now though is one of parent. It has given me extra purpose and extra context in which I do my work.

*Describe your typical working day?*

Very long days, with non-stop challenges, which is what makes it so rewarding! The days are often long, but when your job is representing our community, it really doesn't feel like "work".

*What experiences have you had since graduating from Redeemer?*

Becoming a father is the most profoundly moving experience I have ever had. Marrying my beautiful wife and seeing our children grow are important to me, as was being sworn in as a Member of Parliament. Standing up to speak or vote in Parliament on behalf of my community, every time I do it is significant and moving.

*How do you spend your leisure time?*

We are lucky here in this community to have Daisy Hill right in our "backyard". I make the most of it by sharing picnics with our family in the parks, teaching my children to ride a bike or throw a frisbee, and hitting the mountain bike trails. When I can I also like to surf – riding short boards in waves from northern NSW to South Stradbroke Island.

*Where do you hope to be in ten years from now?*

It's less for me about where, but how. I hope to be able to look back and say that I've done my community proud, that I made decisions through a lens of care for others before self, that I made the most of the opportunities I have been given, that I always acted with integrity and that I really made a difference.

*If there is one piece of advice that you could pass on to current students, what would it be?*

Listen to others, often they've already made the painful mistakes.





## Alumni Profile

### Amanda Kelly (98)



*In what years did you attend Redeemer Lutheran College?*

I commenced in Year 8 at Redeemer in 1994 and graduated in 1998.

*What was your favourite subject at school?*

Film and TV

*Who was your most influential teacher and why?*

Anastasia Strong, as she was my English teacher and also my film and television teacher. Both subjects I use within my profession every day. I write proposals and presentations daily within my current role in television.

*What was the most valuable thing that you learnt at Redeemer?*

School friends are for life, and also that I should have taken the subjects Geography and History. When I was travelling I really had to study up!

*When you were at school, what were your career aspirations?*

I always wanted to be in media – originally I thought I would get into television production however, not advertising and marketing.

*What did you go on to pursue after graduating from Redeemer?*

I was a flight attendant for 5 years; with Virgin Blue and then Virgin Atlantic in the UK. After travelling I went into Media in Sydney. I worked for 10 years in Sydney

in magazines and online and I have now come back to Brisbane and started in Television. In my career I have worked for most of the major media owners; News Corporation, Seven West Media and ACP Magazines. Some of the magazine titles I have worked on have been *Vogue*, *FAMOUS* magazine, *Instyle*, *Marie Claire*; and websites taste.com.au, kidspot.com.au and vogue.com.au.

*What is your current working role?*

Agency Sales Executive at the Seven Network Brisbane.

*What steps did you take to end up in that position?*

Working within the media industry and as far as study goes, I went to university at QUT after school and did a BA Media Studies. I did learn some invaluable customer service skills at Myer and also Virgin Airlines that I took into my media career.

*Describe your typical working day in this job?*

My role is fast paced, working with clients externally and departments internally to come up with advertising solutions for a client's marketing brief. This involves servicing and presenting to advertising agencies and their clients.

*What is your favourite part of your current role?*

I love the customer service and people element of my role; I meet different people every day. Every day is different and exciting in media.

*What experiences have you had since graduating from Redeemer?*

My favourite experience was my travel experience overseas with Virgin Atlantic working in upper class, based in London. We were the first group to go over to Virgin Atlantic on an exchange program from Virgin Blue here in Australia. It was a two year exchange where I travelled to Asia, Africa, America and the Caribbean. I was lucky enough to meet Richard Branson and visit his house in Oxfordshire (UK), and also met the English Cricket Team for a 'Day on the Green' with my exchange group.

*How do you spend your leisure time?*

By the beach when I can or having a coffee with friends.

*Where do you hope to be in ten years from now?*

I would like to live overseas again, potentially in LA in media there, but now I am living back home in Brisbane I will most likely stay living here.

*If there is one piece of advice that you could pass on, what would it be?*

Your friends from school can and may very well be your friends for life! ...and listen to your teachers!! You never know what good advice/ learnings you will remember years down the track.

## Alumni News

### Rebecca Pennisi (10)



**Bec Pennisi (10)** has just commenced work with Redeemer Lutheran College as the Community Relations Assistant, following the completion of her Dual Bachelor Degree of Business and

Creative Industries (majoring in Advertising and Creative Industries) at QUT.

### Jordan Arthurs (13)



In January of 2014, **Jordan Arthurs (13)** joined the Australian Army as a Rifleman. Jordan is currently a part of the Brisbane-based 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Royal Australian Regiment) and on high notice to be deployed.





## Engagements

### Garth Calder (07)

**Garth Calder (07)** and Sarah Mayer.

### Clinton Dennis (08) and Kristina Foster (08)



It is with great happiness that the Dennis and Foster families announce the engagement of **Clinton Dennis (08)** to **Kristina Foster (08)** on 24 December 2014 in Whistler, Canada. Kristina was totally surprised by the proposal. **Nick Calligeros (08)** was on hand to help them celebrate and the moment was caught on camera by a photographer who happened to be close by. Our families were overcome with emotion and joy at this union as we celebrated the news on Christmas Day in Brisbane. The engagement party was held in April with a wonderful celebration for our lovely families and friends.

### Christie Conomo (10)



**Christie Conomo (10)** celebrated her engagement to fiancé, Timothy Mastoros, on 30 May 2015. Christie and Timothy will be getting married in June 2016.

### Ezra Makelainen (10)



On Easter Saturday this year, **Ezra Makelainen (10)** proposed to Annesha Buto with a beautiful moonrise backdrop. They have since celebrated their engagement with family and friends and look forward to a life of growing together in their friendship and faith.

### Jessica Robinson (10)



On Valentine's Day, Andrew Thomson proposed to **Jessica Robinson (10)** at Fingal Head Lighthouse.

### Nick Hoopmann (11) and Kelsey Britton (11)



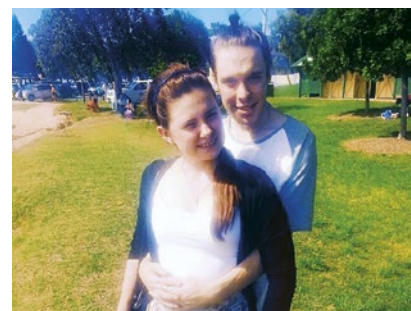
**Nick Hoopmann (11)** and **Kelsey Britton (11)** are excited to announce their engagement on 5 May, 2015.

### James Kaye (11)



In 2014 **James Kaye (11)** met Roné Muller at Creek Road Presbyterian Church. In December they took a trip to South Africa for James to see Roné's home country and meet more of her family. When visiting Cape Town, James proposed on Table Mountain at sunset on the 29 December 2014. The two look forward to their wedding on 19 September 2015.

### Matthew Pell (13) and Rebekah Pollock (13)



**Matthew Pell (13)** and **Rebekah Pollock (13)** got engaged on 21 March 2015.



## Weddings

### Michelle Allan (93)



**Michelle Allan (93)** and Michael Williamson were married on Saturday 4 October 2014 at Birdcage Restaurant, Woolloongabba. In attendance at the wedding were other past students **Anthony Allan (95)**, **Kelli Taiatini (Maas 93)**, **Melissa Voss (Verity 93)** and **Angela Crosby (93)**. Michelle works as a Personal Assistant and Michael is a Barrister."

### April Kwok (04) and Joshua Meggs (04)



**April Kwok (04)** and **Joshua Meggs (04)** got married on 28 March 2015 at Brisbane Chinese Alliance Church. **Peter Kyffin (04)**, **Joanne Kwok (08)** and **Grace Chang (04)** were all a part of the bridal party.

### Prue Morrison (05)



**Prue Morrison (05)** married Nathan Lucas on 15 May at Amore Gardens, Currumbin Valley. Their cocker spaniel, Lionel, was also a part of their special day. Past student and current Year 3 teacher at Redeemer, **Hannah Walker (05)**, also attended the wedding as a close friend of Prue's.

### Rhys Doble (10)



On 18 April, **Rhys Doble (10)** married his beautiful bride, Keely Johnson in a secluded church in Kalbar, Queensland. The wedding party included **Luke Borgert (13)**, and the reception guested a number of past Redeemer students and members of the Our Saviour community.

## Births

### Oliver Kuo (01)



**Oliver Kuo (01)** and Sandy Jheng welcomed a baby girl, Olivia Yun-Hua Kuo on 30 May 2015.

### Megan (McGuire 01)



Mikayla Jade Bailey was born on 10 December 2014 to **Megan (McGuire 01)** and Scott Bailey. Her big brother, Lucas William, is very excited to have a little sister to love and protect. Mikayla is a smiley little girl who loves to sleep!

## In Memoriam

### Emmanuel Bellas (08)

We remember: **Emmanuel "Manny" Bellas (08)** who passed away unexpectedly on 3 January 2015.





## Births

### Elle (Maleevsky 02)



**Elle (Maleevsky 02)** and Jim Cooper welcomed Madeline Grace Cooper into the world on 13 February 2015.

### Bonnie Black (Sikkema 03)



On October 18 2014, Lachlan and **Bonnie Black (Sikkema 03)** gave birth to their first son, Oliver Jude Black.


## Stay in Touch

Remember to update your phone, email and mailing address with us:

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 All of the details regarding reunions for Redeemer Lutheran College can be found online at our new website: **[www.redeemer.com.au/community/alumni](http://www.redeemer.com.au/community/alumni)**

 Find reunion news keep up to date at Redeemer's official Facebook page: **[www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranCollege](http://www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranCollege)**

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# Reunions

Past students and teachers are invited to attend the reunion of their graduating class from Redeemer Lutheran College.



## Class of 2005

### 10 Year Reunion

**When:** Saturday 1 August 2015

**Time:** 7.00pm – 11.00pm

**Where:** The Elaine Room,  
The Glen Hotel,  
Logan Road,  
Eight Mile Plains.

**Cost:** \$30pp  
(partners/family welcome)

**RSVP:** with online payment by  
Monday 27 July 2015

## Class of 1995

### 20 Year Reunion

**When:** Saturday 5 Sep 2015

**Time:** 7.00pm – 11.00pm

**Where:** The Elaine Room,  
The Glen Hotel,  
Logan Road,  
Eight Mile Plains

**Cost:** \$30pp  
(partners/family welcome)

**RSVP:** with online payment by  
Monday 31 Aug 2015

## Class of 1985

### 30 Year Reunion

**When:** Saturday 3 Oct 2015

**Time:** 7.00pm – 11.00pm

**Where:** The Glen Hotel,  
Logan Road,  
Eight Mile Plains

**Cost:** \$30pp  
(partners/family welcome)

**RSVP:** with online payment by  
Monday 28 Sep 2015



Scan this QR code  
for more information  
about your reunion or  
to purchase tickets.

For further information or if you would like  
to assist with your reunion please contact:  
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Phone 07 3340 8822



# Redeemer Events Calendar

The full college calendar can be found online at: [redeemer.com.au/events](http://redeemer.com.au/events)



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| <b>14 Tuesday</b> | <b>Term 3 Commences</b>                          |
| 27 Monday         | Parents and Friends Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm (RC2) |
| 29 Wednesday      | ReCycle Fundraiser Event                         |



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| 01 Saturday         | Alumni Class of 2005 – 10 Year Reunion, 7.00pm (The Glen Hotel) |
| 07 Friday           | 'Experience Redeemer' college tour, 9.30am-11.00am              |
| <b>12 Wednesday</b> | <b>Exhibition Public Holiday</b>                                |
| 22 Saturday         | Chamber by Candlelight, 7.30pm (KC)                             |
| 24 Monday           | Parents and Friends Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm (RC2)                |



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| 01 Tuesday       | Year 12 QCS Test  |
| 02 Wednesday     | Year 12 QCS Test  |
| 05 Saturday      | Past Parents & Friends Annual Reunion Dinner, 6.00pm (The Glen Hotel) |
| 05 Saturday      | Alumni Class of 1995 - 20 Year Reunion, 7.00pm (The Glen Hotel)       |
| <b>18 Friday</b> | <b>Term 3 Concludes</b>   |
| 28 Monday        | Lutheran Women of Australia Convention at Redeemer                    |
| 29 Tuesday       | Lutheran Church of Australia General Convention of Synod at Redeemer  |



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| 04 Sunday         | Lutheran Church of Australia General Convention of Synod Concludes |
| <b>05 Monday</b>  | <b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>                                   |
| <b>06 Tuesday</b> | <b>Term 4 Commences</b>  |
| 10 Saturday       | Alumni Class of 1985 - 30 Year Reunion, 7.00pm (The Glen Hotel)    |
| 16 Friday         | Senior Formal, 5.00pm-11.20pm (Sirromet Winery)                    |
| <b>19 Monday</b>  | <b>Student Free Day</b>  |
| 21 Wednesday      | 'Experience Redeemer' Twilight Tour, 5.00pm-6.30pm                 |
| 21 Wednesday      | Springboard Student Showcase, 6.00pm-7.30pm (MPC)                  |
| 24 Saturday       | Redeemer Fair 2015, 1.00pm-7.00pm                                  |



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| 04 Wednesday | Redeemer Sports Awards Evening, 7.00pm (Chapel)     |
| 19 Thursday  | Valedictory Service, 7.00pm (Chapel)                |
| 23 Monday    | Parents and Friends Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm (RC2)    |
| 23 Monday    | Senior School Celebration Ceremony, 8.40am (Chapel) |



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| 01 Tuesday        | Junior School Celebration Ceremony, 8.40am (Chapel) |
| <b>01 Tuesday</b> | <b>Term 4 Concludes</b>                             |
| 24 Thursday       | Christmas Eve Service at Redeemer Chapel, 7.00pm    |
| 25 Friday         | Christmas Day Service at Redeemer Chapel, 8.30am    |

Celebrating our community  
Fun for the whole family

## Redeemer Fair

Saturday 24 October 2015, 1pm-7pm

Heaps of Food, Live Entertainment,  
Games & Prizes, Adult Refreshments,  
Coffee Shop, Fireworks Display,  
Springboard Student Exhibition

745 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale  
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