



# GEELONG LUTHERAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

The sounds of our Primary students rehearsing their Christmas service, the purple colour on the altar and the Christmas decorations adorning our classrooms tell us that the Christmas season is nigh. Although the Christmas story is well-worn, it is not necessarily well-known or well-understood.

G.K Chesterton wrote *'When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs?'* At Christmas we remember that God gave us so much – to the point where God took on our form, lived among us and won life for us. Families of our school are invited to tonight's Christmas service and Year 6 graduation to hear this story again and celebrate with our Year 6 students.

Thank you to the band who played at this morning's chapel, and thank you to Mr Hedt for his organisation of the band – they were great!

Our thoughts are with Ms Anna Helmer who was involved in a car accident yesterday while travelling to school. We thank God that Anna has been kept safe. At this time we all also think of students who are not with us because of ill health, particularly Bradley - from Year 9. We pray that these students are restored to us next year in good health.

I have spent the last few days reviewing students' reports. At the very outset, I must congratulate our students on their fine achievements. It is very pleasing to look back over what they have achieved this year. Primary School reports will be handed to students at the end of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December to take home to their parents. The Middle School reports will be handed to students next Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Information about next Wednesday's closing service and awards night, starting 7:00 PM at the Waurn Ponds Community Church appears in this newsletter. It is an expectation that our students attend and are dressed in their full summer uniform which includes the blazer. Students will need to meet their class teacher outside the main doors to the auditorium at the venue at 6:45pm so that they can be seated in their class groups. Students receiving awards will need to be present from 6:30pm for rehearsal and seating. I look forward to meeting with our parents afterward.

**Barry Krueger, Head of School**  
**Geelong Lutheran College**

### Reminder

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December is our last day of school for the year. We will be finishing at the usual time of 3.05pm.

Middle School reports will also be handed out to students on that day.

Please see inside for important dates and events to remember.

## Closing Service and Awards Night Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

The Closing Service and Awards night is to be held at the Waurm Ponds Community Church, which is located at 48 Waurmvale Drive Belmont and will begin at 7:00 pm. The entrance to the Waurm Ponds Community Church is just before Leisure Link. Enter into Waurmvale Drive and turn right into the driveway of the church. There is plenty of car parking on site. (see map below)

The Closing Service is a significant event in the school calendar and as such, it is compulsory for students to attend. The Closing Service is an opportunity for us as a school community, to come together and spend some time in thanking God for this school in this community, celebrate the successes of 2011, acknowledge those who have contributed and those who have excelled.

Please be reminded:

- students are to be dressed in their full summer uniform which includes the blazer.
- students will need to meet their class teacher outside the main doors to the auditorium at 6:45pm so that they can be seated in their class groups
- students receiving awards will need to be present from 6:30pm for rehearsal and seating.

We look forward to sharing this evening with you next Wednesday, December 14.

## Booklists/CLOSED

Any outstanding 2012 Booklists need to be **forwarded directly to Hedley's Book Store** 15 Little Ryrie St, Geelong. Or you may order on-line anytime, but will need to collect your books from Hedley's bookstore late in January, or opt for home delivery for a small charge.

## School Start Bonus forms

For those who are (Centrelink) eligible to receive the School Start Bonus, please return your forms to the office immediately for processing. Thank you.

## Coming Home Today

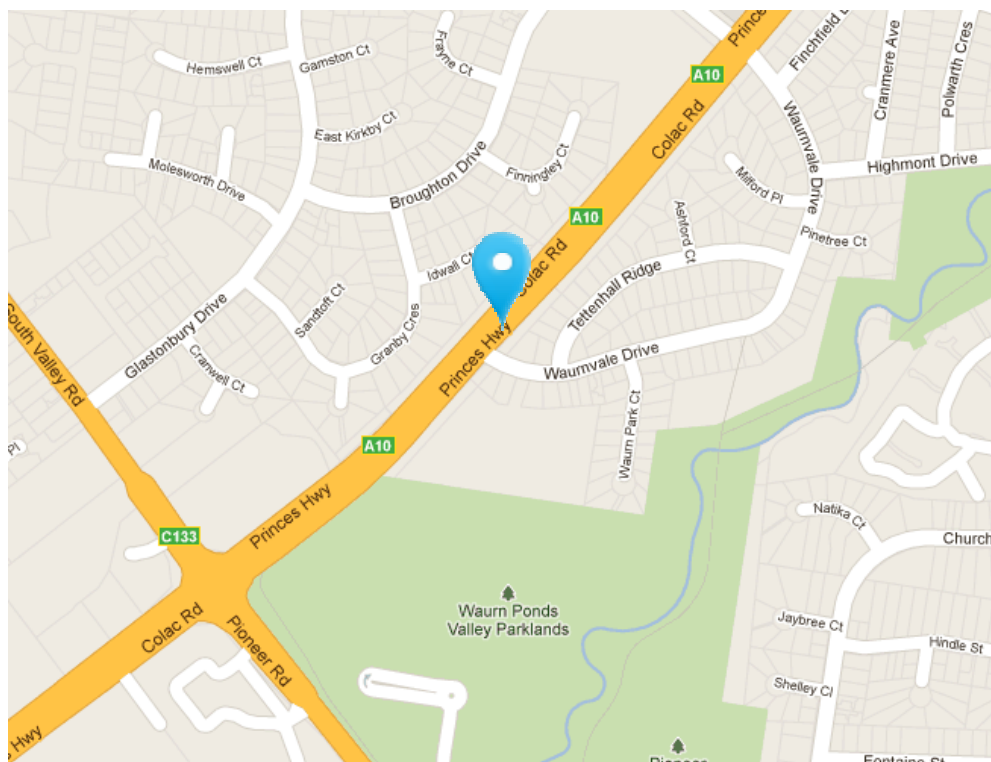
2012 School Fees notice

## Art Folio returns

This week Ms Fearnside gave art folios to the student to take home. Parents please return all folios (empty) for the New Year.

## Lost Property

Unclaimed items- uniforms/other clothing/toys/sunglasses etc can be found in the GLC Office. At the end of the year anything unclaimed uniform items will be forwarded to the second-hand uniform shop.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Dec</b>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Christmas Service & Year 6 Graduation 7pm in hall <b>TONIGHT</b>
	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Choir excursion to Alan David Lodge
	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Years 7,8,9 Excursion Twenty20 Cricket @ MCG
	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Orientation – Prep to Year 10, 2012
	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	GLC Closing Service 7pm Waurm Ponds Community Church
	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term 4
<b>Feb 2012</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bookselling Day 10.00am- 1.00pm in Hall
	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First day Term 1 2012!



### DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

**Mark 13.24-37**

The end of the year is here. There's no doubt about it. There are signs of it everywhere. Tonight those of you in grade 6 will graduate. Next week we will have a closing service for everyone in the school. For students, there is the rush to make sure that you've handed everything in and perhaps there are even some tests for some of you. What about teachers? Is this a time of relaxation and putting your feet up? No, it's a time of great activity in preparation for the end of the year. The year isn't going to last forever, and there are lots of things that need to be done before the end comes. Perhaps many of you are at the stage when you can't wait for the holidays to come, and you can't help thinking to yourself: 'Come on holidays! Not far to go now!'

Do you know that that's a bit like the end of the whole world? It's not only the year that is coming to an end, but in our reading from Mark, Jesus says that the whole world is coming to an end. It could be a million years from now, it could be next week, we don't know – only God knows. And just like teachers know that the year isn't going to last forever, and they need to finish some things, Jesus tells us that the world isn't going to last forever so make sure that you're ready. Make sure that you're prepared. How? Do you know about a month ago, my sister had a baby. She had been pregnant for a while and one day she was hopping in to the car to come and visit me – she lives in Melbourne. She was putting on her seatbelt when she said to her husband, 'I think I'm going to have the baby!' Now was this a surprise for my sister? Well, it was a little surprise. She'd thought that she'd spend the day with me. But it wasn't a big surprise. She already had her bag packed for the hospital. That's a bit like our call as Christians. Will it be a surprise when Jesus brings the end of the world? It will certainly be a bit of surprise – it might get in the road of our plans for the day. But will it be a big surprise? No. As Christians, we pack our bags in preparation, by asking God to forgive our sins, by loving our neighbours – other students, teachers, family, by trusting in Jesus and reading His Word.

The end of the world is coming. There's no doubt about it. But Christians have a certain hope in Christ Jesus. His first coming in a manger was to bless us and take the punishment for us. So too we have a certain hope that when Jesus comes again His presence will be a time of newness and life for all who believe in Him. You all might be thinking 'Come on, holidays, come on!' As Christians, we spend this season of Advent saying 'Come, Lord Jesus, Come! O Come, O Come Emmanuel!'

### GLC SCHOOL BUS RUNS FOR 2012

We are currently in negotiations to add a third school bus run for 2012 to cater for increased demand from current students and new 2012 enrolments.

Our plans are to have buses operate the following routes:

- 1. Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove & Torquay**
- 2. Newtown/St John's - via Highton, Waurm Ponds etc (as in 2011)**
- 3. Newtown/St John's - via East Geelong, Marshall etc**

It is hoped to have this finalized before the end of school next week. However if this is not possible, information explaining the routes, bus stops, times etc. will be posted to families, together with bus contracts for completion and return prior to the commencement of the 2012 school year. We will advise parents as soon as firm decisions have been reached. If you would like more information, please contact Marian Wilson in the College office (5264-1038).

## 3/4R Excursion Marine Discovery Centre

On Tuesday the Year 3 and 4 class went to visit Marine Discovery Centre at Queenscliff. It was a beautiful day and we all had a lot of fun learning about marine environments and how we can protect them. We visited the Centre and were able to touch some of the creatures in the tank. After lunch and a play in the park, we walked along the beach and had a "beachcombing" activity where our guide, Pam, taught us about the different objects we found along the way. It was a really fun and educational day!



### BIRTHDAY wishes this week

...to the following student;  
TyRel - 5<sup>th</sup> December



*Dear Staff, Students, Parents and Friends,*  
You are invited to come along to see the Year 9 Drama students perform *Pretty Little Liars* an American hit television series that the students have adapted and transformed into a small play. The Year 9 Drama students have been working alongside the Year 9 Music students to create a performance that is diverse and includes melodrama, comedy, music and dance.

The themes presented are aimed at middle school students' preferably **from Grade 5 up to Year 9**. Some of the issues presented discuss friendships, loyalty, death, trust, secrets, love and betrayal. We hope you are able to join us.

**When?** Friday the 8th of December, Period 3, please be there on time!

**Where?** The Hall at Geelong Lutheran College.  
Kind regards,

*Ms. Garrard and Mrs. Helmer.*

# Let's Go Surfing Now...!



Under the competent surfing prowess of Ms Fearnside and Mr Qualischefski (and surfing instructors from *Go Ride a Wave*), the Year 8 students were treated to a wonderful day at Torquay on Wednesday.

Students and teachers were provided with equipment, instruction and supervision as they enjoyed the joys of (trying to) stand up on a surfboard! Well done everyone 😊





## Notes from the Head of School-St John's

The 2011 school year is rapidly drawing to a close. Our school is a busy place at any time of the year and certainly escalates during the end of the year. Everyone seems to be frantically trying to meet deadlines, arrange final lessons and activities, assessments and planning for next year has already begun.

Gaye, our Life Ed education officer, was extremely impressed with all the classes during their visit to the Life Ed van last week and speaks very highly of our school community.

As soon as our interviews are completed this week we will be able to inform our school community of the successful appointments for Level 2 & 4, and PE (Mr Josh Baker will be required at GLC full time). The positions will be 12 month contracts starting 2012.

A reminder that our Closing Service for 2011 will be held Thursday December 15 at the Waterfront Christian Church (35 Corio St, Geelong) beginning at 7:00pm. This is our final event in our school calendar and all students are required to attend and be wearing their correct full school uniform. Final details for this evening will be available next week. NB change of venue due to unavailability of previous venue.

**The disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?' Matthew 24:3**

*Lord Jesus, we know that you have given us signs to warn us and prepare us for your coming. Open our eyes so that we are not blind to what is happening around us. Give us your Holy Spirit to point us to you. Give us eager hearts and an earnest expectation of your coming.*

With God's Blessings, **Brian Schultz, Head of School**

### ***St Paul's Lutheran Kindergarten- extension Opening***

St Paul's Lutheran Kindergarten, on the corner of Heyers and Torquay Rd, will be opening the new extension on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. This new room will enable the kinder to provide a weekly 15 hour program for two groups of 4 year old children as well as continuing the 3 year old program.

You are invited to share this occasion and view the facility, followed by a community lunch.

St Paul's Lutheran Kindergarten, 303 Torquay Road, Grovedale (close to Heyers Rd corner)

## **Lutheran Churches in Geelong – Christmas and New Year's Services**

### **St John's Lutheran Church: Rev Mark Blackwell 165 Yarra Street, Geelong 5221 5121**

- December 24: 7.30pm Christmas Eve (Parish service)
- December 25: 9am Christmas Day (Parish service)
- December 31: 7.30pm Combined Geelong New Year's Eve Service at Grovedale

### **St Paul's Lutheran Church: Rev Thomas Pietsch 307 Torquay Rd, Grovedale 5241 5141**

- December 18: 9.30am Lessons and Carols
- December 24: 7.30pm Christmas Eve Service with drama, carols and readings.
- December 25: 9.30am Christmas Service with Holy Communion.
- December 31: 7.30pm Combined Geelong New Year's Eve Service at Grovedale
- December 1: 9.30am Service with Holy Communion.

### **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church: Rev Lester Priebbenow 60 Ballarat Rd, Nth Geelong 5278 2443**

- December 24: 7:30pm Christmas Eve- Carols service.
- December 25: 9.30am Christmas Day with Holy Communion.
- December 31: 7.30pm Combined Geelong New Year's Eve Service at Grovedale
- January 1: 9.30am New Year's Day.

### **Holy Trinity Leopold: Rev Mark Blackwell Moller's Lane, Leopold 5221 5121**

- December 18: 11am Christmas service.

### **Freshwater Creek Lutheran Church: Rev Thomas Pietsch Anglesea Rd, Freshwater Creek 5241 5141**

- December 18: 7pm Christmas Service with Holy Communion

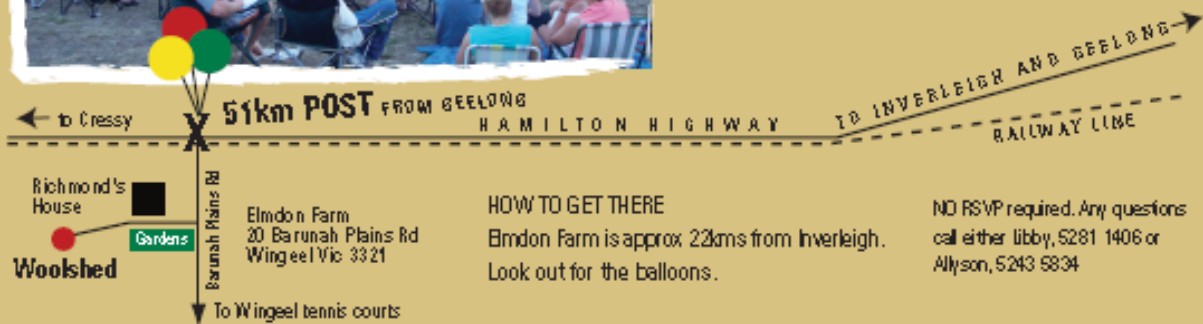
# 'BUSH CHRISTMAS'

Come and enjoy Christmas carols in the Woolshed, Saturday 17th December at Richmond's Farm, Wingeel.



## BYO:

- ♦ Picnic tea in the beautiful gardens from 6.30pm.
- ♦ Band will begin approx 8.15.
- ♦ Chairs.
- ♦ Family and friends.



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## Grovedale Football Club Girls Football Team

Attention all girls interested in playing football...

Grovedale Football Club is looking for girls aged 13 to 18 who are keen to play footy in 2012. A team will play on Sunday mornings in the Youth Girls Geelong Football competition. For more information or to request a registration form please contact Glen Thompson via email: [lgthompson7@bigpond.com](mailto:lgthompson7@bigpond.com)  
Melinda McKenzie, Secretary -Junior Committee, Grovedale Football club