



Our Community



nurturing God-given potential

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From the Head of College

Welcome to the Prince of Peace Lutheran College Community. We wish both you and your child, every happiness during your time at the College.

As always we face a busy and exciting year ahead and we look forward to nurturing the God-given potential of every student in our College. We are pleased to welcome 110 new students and their families into our College community, from Kindy to Year 12, in 2015.

Our active and supportive community of families and friends makes Prince of Peace Lutheran College a very special place for your children to learn and grow. There are many different ways you can contribute to the College to support both your children's education and the College as a whole.

We believe that getting involved with College activities at whatever level will enhance both you and your children's enjoyment of your time at Prince of Peace Lutheran College. All activities are purely voluntary and we are extremely grateful for whatever assistance you are able to provide to the College.

The following booklet aims to outline the many opportunities available to you to get involved with the Prince of Peace Community.

On behalf of all the staff at the College, we wish you and your children a fun and successful 2015.



Mr Garth Hunt
Head of College

Parents and Friends Association

The Prince of Peace Parents and Friends Association (P&FA) is aimed at supporting the College with resources and facilities. This group provides a place for parents to get together as a community and share similar interests as well as keep up to date with College developments.

The P&FA is broken into sub groups in order to share the load. These include;

- P&FA Committee
- Auxiliary
- Parent Class Representatives
- Fete Team
- Working Bee
- Music Supporters Group
- Sports Supporters Committee
- Meals 4 You

Through the joint effort of our P&FA sub groups, over the last few years we have been able to provide;

- The purchase and installation of 14 electronic white boards across both campuses
- Outdoor furniture and shaded areas for the Senior Campus
- A donation towards the new Oval at the Senior Campus
- Many great landscaping projects including the Junior School Kitchen Garden
- \$10,000 towards classroom IT facilities across the College
- \$50,000 towards the Junior Playground
- \$6000 towards cricket nets
- \$20,000 towards the Senior Playground (with more donations to follow)
- A huge amount of fun and many valued friendships across the College community

We encourage all families to get involved at whatever level that suits them. Whether you can give an hour a week or an hour a year we would love to hear from you. The P&FA committee meet one evening a term (usually a Wednesday at 7pm) to discuss the current business. All parents and friends are very welcome. P&FA and sub group meetings, along with all activities and events are advertised in the weekly College newsletter.

For more information on the P&FA please contact the chairperson, **Brad Scott** at bradsc@netspace.net.au

Our Voluntary Groups

Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is a very social and active sub-group of the Parents and Friends Association. They meet on a Wednesday morning, two to three times per term, in the Junior Campus Kitchen. Small children are welcome and morning tea is provided. It is at these meetings that the Auxiliary hear from the Head of College about what is happening in our College community; plan for upcoming events and make friendships that are rewarding and supportive.

The Auxiliary's goal is to help build our College community and to help to ensure that the students' environment is one that they are happy and proud to attend each day. They run a wide variety of events across the year and their special morning teas, lunches and ices block days are particularly popular with the students.



In addition, the Auxiliary provide superb catering for the Prep Parents Welcome Morning Tea at the start of the school year, and each term they also run special lunch and morning tea stalls for the students and an afternoon tea stall for the parents. Their final event for the year is the Market Night which will be held on a Friday evening in November. This is a relaxed evening of shopping, eating, drinking and socialising. It is a great opportunity to get some of your Christmas shopping done and a lovely way to end the school year.

In conjunction with these events the Auxiliary runs a number of fundraising activities. These vary from time to time, but some of the most successful ventures include; Picture Plates, Commemorative Tea Towels, Scholastic Book Club, Pie Drive, Toy Catalogue Drive and Name Label Drive.

Please see the College newsletter for details of Auxiliary events and news or contact the Auxiliary Chairperson **Kathy Christmas** on 0418 887 662.

Key Auxiliary Events
Welcome Events
Special Morning Tea and
Lunch Days
Mothers and Father's
Day Stalls

Working Bees

A working bee is held once in Terms 1, 2 and 4. These are held on Saturday mornings, at either of the College campuses. The projects that are undertaken are varied and depend upon the need at the time.

During 2013 projects have included landscaping in around the new shade structure at the Senior Campus and around the new Junior Playgroup at the Junior Campus. These mornings are fun and rewarding and at the same time save the College a considerable sum in landscaping costs.

You do not need any skills to be able to help, just a pair of willing hands. All family members are welcome to join in as there are jobs for the big and the small, the young and the not so young.

Additionally, if you have access to small plant equipment, tipper trucks etc. and are able to come and help either on a Saturday morning or a time to suit yourself, we would love to hear from you. All working bee volunteers are rewarded with a superb morning tea to keep them fortified and these mornings are a another way to meet new people and achieve something really tangible. Please contact **Sharon Takken** via the College for more information.



Music Supporters Group (MSG)

The recently formed Music Supporters Groups aims to support the Instrumental Music program, which includes all those students who take additional music lessons for an instrument of their choice and/or are a member of an ensemble, band or choir.

The MSG supports musicians of all ages across the College and aims to provide friendship and support for parents, fundraise to aid music activities and assist the music staff when putting on performances through the provision of refreshments and helping with the students. For the last two years they have hosted "Live at the Chapel" in Term 3. These are highly successful concerts, showcasing the talents of the instrumental and classroom music teachers.

For more information contact **Sam Yarnold** on 3872 5711

Our Voluntary Groups

Sports Supporters Group (SSG)

This sub committee was formed in 2011 with the goal of providing support for College sports programs along with fellowship for parents. The team run a range of simple fundraisers and lend a hand at inter house sports fixtures and external sports fixtures. To find out more contact **Sam Yarnold** on 3872 5711.

Winter Fete 2015 Committee

The Prince of Peace Lutheran College Winter Fete will be held on **Saturday 1 August 2014** and is the highlight of our Community Calendar. The Winter Fete is a great family day out with rides, stalls, food, entertainment, auctions and so much more and finishes with a superb firework display. The event showcases our community at its very best and its success relies on the involvement of almost every College family in some way. Not only is it a great community event it also a very successful fundraiser.

Last year we raised almost \$30,000 which was put towards a range of projects on both campuses.

All families are expected to support the Winter Fete in some way. You can help by;

- Joining the Fete 2015 Committee
- Volunteering to act as the convenor for a stall
- Volunteering to help man your class stall or other stalls for one hour
- Donating to;
 - Trash and Treasure
 - The Book Stall
 - The Plant Stall
 - Ingredients for the cake and sweets stalls
 - The auction in the form of a product or voucher for a service
- Baking cakes or sweets
- Helping to set up on the Friday before or clearing up on the Sunday after



Whatever help you can give, however big or small is very gratefully received. Please contact **Cath Watson**, 2013 Fete Convenor at popfete@hotmail.com to offer your help and read the College Newsletter for updates.

Meals 4 You

The Meals 4 You Ministry was relaunched at the start of 2012 as a joint College and Church initiative. This wonderful group provide home cooked meals for those in the community at time of need. They meet once a term for a cooking day in the Junior Campus kitchen and once in the evening to plan fundraising and cooking programs.

For more information please contact **Christine Bunn** at meals4you@princeofpeace.qld.edu.au



Class Social Representatives (CSR)

Each class at the Junior Campus has one or more voluntary parent representatives. This is an important and social job and provides the opportunity to get to know the other families within your child's class. This position involves;

- Arranging one social event per term, such as family gatherings in the park, parents dinners and so on.
- Welcoming new families to your class
- Passing on information from the P&FA and Auxiliary about social events
- Assisting the class teaching in filling the roster for your class stall for the Winter Fete

Often two friends take on the role to share the load. Please think about stepping forward to help out your class, when asked at the parent Information evenings at the start of the year. A request for volunteers will be made at the start of the school year.

Helping During the School Day

Junior Campus

The help that each class teacher requires is dependent on the age of the children and the activities planned for the year. Class teachers will send out requests for help at the start of each year and prior to one off events. However in general, the following are the most common ways to get involved with your child's education.

Classroom Volunteers

At the Junior Campus help is required on both a regular weekly and one off basis to assist in with areas such as Literacy, Maths and Art. In addition, help is needed on an ad hoc basis to assist with one off activities and events.

Excursion and Camp Helpers

Excursions and Camps are the highlight of each term and really fun and rewarding events to help with. In **Year 3** the students have a sleep over at the Junior School to prepare for their **Year 4** camp to Midginbill Hill during the first half of the year. The **Year 5** students spend three nights at Maranatha during Term 3 and the **Year 6** students spend five very busy days in Canberra.

Sports Days, Carnivals, and Special Events

These are great events to get involved with and be part of an exciting day in your child's school year. Helpers are needed as marshals, time keepers and much more. Please watch the newsletter for requests.

Junior School Chapel and Morning Tea

Our whole school chapel service (Y1-6) on Friday mornings runs from 8.30 – 9am. Each class takes it in turn to lead Friday Chapel and we actively encourage you and your family to join us for the service when you can. There is morning tea for parents and friends outside Chapel following the service. If you would like to help with morning tea then please contact **Sam Yarnold** at the Junior Campus

Senior Campus (Years 7 to 12)

At the Senior Campus there is less need for routine help in the class room, however we are very appreciative of specialist help such as with manual or visual arts for example.

In addition we are keen to find parents that can assist with our Careers Education program either by coming to the school to share your experiences, offering work placements to Senior School students or opening your workplace to small group visits. Please contact the Head of Senior Campus, Ms Michelle Nesbit for more information.

Request for help with events such as sports carnivals and camps are extended through the College newsletters on an as needs basis.

Keeping in Touch

The College Newsletter

The College Newsletter **The POPCORN** is published every Wednesday of the school term and is distributed via email and is available to read on the College website. Please take time to have a cuppa on a Wednesday and keep up to date with both College and community happenings. Along with all College news, the newsletter contains many links to useful information and local events. Back copies of the newsletter are available on the College website.

If you are not receiving the newsletter by email please contact the coordinator **Carleen Hoar** at popcorn@princeofpeace.qld.edu.au If you would like a notice published in the **POPCORN** please email Carleen by 5pm on Monday, for the Wednesday publication. Publication of external sporting and community events are dealt with on a case by case basis.



Follow us on Facebook

Regular updates and links are placed on the College Facebook page *Prince of Peace Lutheran College, Everton Hills*

College Website

The College website www.princeofpeace.qld.edu.au is updated weekly with the newsletter and forthcoming dates. You will also find links to the College calendar, and other information which may be of interest. Senior Campus parents are recommended to access the year group portals for timetables, assessment sheet and other useful information.

Financial support to the College

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The considerable expansion of the College and the development of both campuses comes at enormous financial expense. We are extremely blessed to be in receipt of support from both the Federal and State governments in our endeavours however a large percentage of the overall cost still needs to be met by the College. As parents you are able to help support the College financially in a number of ways.

Lutheran Laypeople League (LLL) Matched Deposit Accounts

Please help Prince of Peace save money on borrowing costs by opening an LLL matched deposit account. The LLL offer an on-line banking system for home and business use and a school banking system for students. The deposit accounts are free of banking costs, give you 24/7 access and control of your money and give you a 4% return on all money held in your account across the year.

For every dollar that you have in a matched deposit account, the College can borrow the same amount at an interest rate well below market rates and with no additional borrowing costs. Our goal is to double the money held in Prince of Peace Matched Deposit accounts. This will save us at least **\$35,000** a year in interest and banking fees alone.

The LLL give each student **\$5** on opening an account and welcome packs are given to all new students at the Junior Campus at the start of the school year.

For the adults; we encourage you to open an account and save for a goal such as school fees, next holiday or Christmas. The business accounts offer similar benefits and are perfect for holding money for either short or long term for example payroll, BAS payments, sales proceeds and so on.

LLL leaflets are available at both College Campus receptions or visit www.lll.org.au.

The Prince of Peace Lutheran College Foundation

The POPLC foundation was established at the start of 2009 with the aim of assisting the future development of the College. The Foundation is a separate legal entity to the College and so income raised by it, is separate to College income and therefore does not affect the level of government funding we receive.

At Prince of Peace we endeavour to keep our school fees at the lowest possible level to ensure that our College is accessible to the widest audience. Our school fees pay for the day to day education of your child and the operating costs of the College, but little more.

As mentioned earlier we have been blessed as recipients of government funding and grants however there is still a large funding gap. As a community we need to fill this gap through fundraising and donations. Our students are enjoying the facilities who those that have gone before us have paid for. It is now our responsibility to support both our current students and those that will follow.

Pledges and Donations to the Foundation Building Fund.

All College families are encouraged to consider making a pledge or regular financial donation to the College Foundation Building Fund. All donations of whatever size are very gratefully received and those over \$2 are tax deductible.

So for example, a pledge of \$1000 per year, \$38.50 per fortnightly pay, would actually only cost \$685 (\$26 per fortnight – or less depending on income level) after tax rebate.

We have the facility to accept fortnightly, monthly or annual payments via your bank account, by credit card, or by cheque.

All donors to the POPLC Foundation Building Fund will receive an annual statement for tax purposes showing their donations for the financial year. Please contact **Sam Yarnold**, at the Junior Campus for more information

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Prince of Peace Business Community

The inaugural POPLC Business and Services Directory was published in Term 4 of 2009. This is now an annual online publication and is an opportunity to showcase businesses and services that are owned by community members and those organisations that have supported the College in some form. We encourage you to support these businesses if you are able to.

Applications for the Business Directory are available on the College website and from **Sam Yarnold** at the Junior Campus.

Prince of Peace Past Students

The College is working on building up a community of past students and families of Prince of Peace. We intend to keep our Alumni informed of our activities and arrange regular reunions in due course. If you were a past student or know of past students please contact **Sam Yarnold**.

You are invited to the
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& great
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