



GOOD NEWS LUTHERAN COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL MR SIMON HUGHES

TERM 1 WEEK 1

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2012

Principal Report

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all of our students and families to Good News Lutheran College for 2012. I would especially like to welcome our new students, families and staff as we begin the year, with the College growing by another 9 staff members and 65 students over the Christmas break. We pray that their transition into the Good News community is a smooth and blessed one. It was only a month or two ago I was writing farewell to Good Shepherd, where I have felt a deep sense of belonging for the past five years - and despite the excitement of beginning here it was certainly very difficult to leave. After only a few weeks here at Good News, I already feel

that same sense of community and passion that made my time in Darwin so special and I would like to thank everybody who has stopped in to say hi and welcome my family and myself since arriving here. We look forward to gradually meeting all of you and sharing in the journey forward.

I'm sure you all quickly noticed the Administration building getting a 'makeover' this week. We are currently refitting out the internal areas to make additional office spaces and a larger staffroom to accommodate the growing College. This has meant changing the entrances to the College around the Administration building for the time being, and I would like to thank everybody for their

patience in the first few days, especially with the increased traffic in the car park also. Please remember that during school hours, there is no general access into the College grounds without signing in as a visitor through the Front Office first.

Staff Installation-

This Sunday, 12th Feb at 9:00am is the instillation for our new staff (myself included), and the reaffirmation of our current staff for the year by the College and Church congregation. All families and the wider community are invited to this special Church service and it is always great for our students to witness the commitment their staff and our community make every year to their education.

CALENDAR DATES

TERM 1:

SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

Instillation of Mr Simon Hughes as principal and new staff at St. Philips Lutheran Church.

During the service current staff will also be reaffirmed.

WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

Level 2 Swimming commence

THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Ladies - Coffee Club 1.30-3pm every Thursday - school terms

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

St. Philips Playgroup 9.30-11.30am every Friday - school terms

WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

Scholastic book club due

Pastor Mark's Thoughts...

Welcome to Good News Lutheran College for 2012.

Welcome to an increase in staff numbers, new principal, new students, new school families, and a whole new year ahead. But in the midst of all of these changes we come with the assurance that one thing will never change in this college

community. Jesus our Lord and Saviour will always be the same, yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

As we enter full speed into 2012 let us do so taking some regular time out with the one who never changes. Let us always remember that "those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,

they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31).

So I invite you to take some time out with the Lord and join us at St Philips this Sunday morning at 9am for the instillation of our new principal and new staff, and the reaffirmation of our continuing staff and council. God continue to bless you always.

Administration Assistant

Applications are invited for an Administration Assistant to join our professional team. To be successful in this role, you will possess strong administration and communication skills enabling you to take on various support functions, be self motivated, enthusiastic and have a positive 'can do' attitude towards this busy role. This is a full time ongoing position.

Email jobs@goodnews.vic.edu.au for a position description and then submit applications by Wednesday 29 February 2012.

Integration Aide

Applications are invited from caring and enthusiastic individuals to join the College Learning Support team. You will provide classroom, small group and individual support to students with a range of learning needs from P-8. You will have relevant qualifications in the field of Learning/Education support. This is a part time role, 3 mornings per week for the 2012 school year. This position is for immediate commencement.

Email jobs@goodnews.vic.edu.au for a position description and then submit applications by Wednesday 29 February 2012.

GNLC Office Hours

Please note as of Friday 10th February the College administration office hours are as follows:-

Monday– Friday 8.30am-4.30pm

All phone enquires outside these hours will be directed to the College message bank

Pre School Music Program



Twinkly Stars will re-commence on Wednesday 15th February 2012 in the church meeting room from 9.45 am to 10.45 am. Toddlers and preschoolers can walk into a world of imagination and creativity stimulated through music, song, dance and story-telling. Parents, enjoy participating with your children as they learn and grow in a caring and Christ centered environment.

This program is opened to the College, church and community families.

For more information please enquire at the College office on 87429000

Education

Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

-be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and

-be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently, parents/ guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card.

Please return your completed form to the office by **Friday 17th February**. The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$230** for primary students and **\$460** for secondary students which is paid in two installments.

Application forms are now available from the College office.

Tuition Fees

Term 1 tuition fees are due Monday 20th February. Term fees are due within the first two weeks of every school term. Annual payments received by 20th February 2012 will attract a \$100 discount per child.

An administration charge of \$10 per month will be applied to late payments.

School bus and camp costs will be charged separately.

Please see the College Bursar for all account enquiries and payment plans.



Car Conveyance

Conveyance Allowance applies to students who travel a minimum distance of 4.8km between the student's place of residence and their school, one way. If you travel this distance to school one way you may be eligible.

Conditions apply and there are changes being implemented this year so please see office staff for further information.

Year 7 Immunisation

The national Immunisation Program schedule recommends Year 7 boys & girls receive free vaccines for Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma & Chickenpox. Please note there is no need to have the vaccinations if your child has been previously given the vaccination or in the case if your child has had the disease.

Swimming Program

Swimming lessons for Level 2 (Grade 1 & 2) will begin on Wednesday 15th February and conclude Wednesday 18th April. Each Wednesday, for the duration of the swimming program children are required to wear their full sports uniform to school. Please ensure your child's permission form is returned ASAP.

Our lessons will take place at Shawn's Swim School, 35 Richards Rd, Hoppers Crossing. .

swimming class will be as follows:

2AH-10.45am-11.30am

2AC-11.45am-12.30pm

2SH-12.45pm-1.30pm

2DC-1.45pm-2.30pm



Asthma Action Plans



We encourage parents to make sure that the College is provided with an up-to-date Asthma Action Plan. An Asthma Action Plan assists us in caring for your child as it provides detailed information on how to manage your child's asthma.

A copy of an Asthma Action Plan was sent out to all families. If an Asthma Action Plan is not provided, College staff will follow the Victorian Schools Asthma Policy 2006 for Asthma First Aid, which is a standard national asthma first aid protocol.

Helping Out In Classrooms & Attending Excursions

Throughout the year, students will participate in a variety of activities. We understand that parents would love to attend or help out in their child/ren's classroom, however given legal requirements, each parent helper must obtain a Working with Children Check card (WWCC) and attend Parents as Partners in-house training. WWCC forms can be obtained at Australia Post Offices and are free of charge. Please leave your name with office staff if interested in completing our Parents as Partners session and you will be advised when the next one is to be held.



College Car Park & Drop Off Zone

We ask all parents/guardians to be patient when entering the College car park in the mornings and afternoons.

In the morning the 'drop off zone' is **ONLY** for dropping off students, parents are not to leave their car and are asked to move quickly along once students are safely on footpath as to avoid a hold up and to ensure safety of students and vehicles. Cars are to wait in line.

It has been noted that cars dropping off students in the morning are not waiting in the queue and moving along until they reach the front of the College to drop students off, but rather cars are pulling out of the queue and driving into a free space at the front of the College that has just become vacant from a car leaving after dropping off students.

Please note that once a space at the front of the queue becomes vacant the cars behind are too drive forward to ensure the queue moves along swiftly and safely.



To all staff, students and families of Good News Lutheran College for the first time, our college will be taking part in the annual Wyndham Rotary Fun Run.

This event is held to raise money for the Good Friday Appeal. The event offers a choice of a 4 km run, 8 km run, 15 km run, or you may wish to take part in a 4km or 8 km walk.

It is held along the scenic Werribee river and is ideal for first time participants.

Come along and enjoy the fun. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our College to participate in a community event which will help our wonderful Royal Children's Hospital to raise much needed funds.

To register for the event, simply go to the website <http://wyndhamrotary.org/>

Each participant can register on-line. The cost of the event is \$25 per adult, and \$20 per child. During the registration process, please add the team name "Good News Lutheran College". All entry fees go directly to the Good Friday Appeal. Once you have registered, please advise Brian Greenhough or Wendy Belani to help keep track of our team on the day.

Students are encouraged to wear our Good News sports uniform on the day. Please be mindful that this is a community event, and all Good News Participants must demonstrate responsible behaviour and wear appropriate attire.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



GNLC are aiming to gather 500 participants for the "Herald Sun Run for the Kids" event held on April 1st 2012.

If you are interested please see Mr Greenhough or simply register at www.runforthekids.com.au

Our team name is: Jet Powered Hornets

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Our yearly Community Outreach 'Christmas Adopt a Family' was a huge success. The excitement that was felt by all during our time of giving & gathering of gifts and food to each of our designated families didn't stop when we all broke up for Christmas School Holidays. The fun began as each parcel was delivered to their designated families.

It was explained to each family the concept of 'Adopt A Family' and how each child and their families provided for them everything possible to make their Christmas a bit brighter. The tears from the adults as well as the children followed by screams of excitement, delight, even unbelief that someone else cared about them made it all worth while.

Just want to extend our gratitude to each of you for helping us to make a difference in someone else's life. Your selfless generosity was truly felt by all

and greatly appreciated.

Above all God knows what we do and why we do it. He rewards us for our actions.

Looking forward to this years 'Adopt-A-Family'.

God Bless you all

Mrs. Clancy and Team

Good News Coffee Club

Ladies Coffee Afternoons

Hosted by Good News College & St Philips Lutheran Church, creating an informal and relaxed time to sit and chat over coffee and afternoon tea which is provided at no cost. These gatherings are held during school terms weekly on Thursdays in the church foyer from 1.30 – come when you can, leave when you please, for further details phone Melissa on 0434 385754

KYB – Know your Bible – Term 1 study Ephesians

Ladies Bible study group held during school terms on Monday's from 1-3pm

New ladies welcome. Further Details contact – Michelle 0488 553387

OMEGA DISCIPLES YOUTH MINISTRY

Fortnightly Friday's at St Philips 7.15-9.30pm Next Meeting Friday the 10th Going Bananas Gold Coin donation, please bring a banana. Details Jeff on 0401 527515

THE WELL -Youth bible study group

7.30-9pm Fortnightly Tuesdays At St Philips Lutheran Church
Next meeting on 15th February Details: Philip 0422 6180524

ST. PHILIPS PLAYGROUP

Friday mornings at 9.30-11.30am St. Philips playgroup runs every week during school terms. Please bring a piece of fruit to share. All welcome.




The Fortnightly College newsletter can be viewed online at

www.goodnews.vic.edu.au



Omega Disciples

Bring your peeps.



February

Friday 10th
Youth 7:15-9:30
Going bananas

Wednesday 15th
Small Group
7:15-9:00pm

Friday 24th
Youth 7:15-9:30
Treasure hunt

Wednesday 29th
Small Group
7:30-9:00pm

March

Friday 9th
Youth 7:15-9:30
80s Wacky hair party

Wednesday 14th
Small Group
7:30-9:00pm

Saturday 25th
A Maze N Games
further details coming

Wednesday 28th
Small Group
7:30-9:00pm

Further Details
Come dressed up for the
Wacky hair party!

Contact: Jeff 0401527515

Going BANANAS!



TANDARA KIDS' CAMP 2012

Ages 10-13
Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th April
Halls Gap



\$160 (\$140 if received by 29/2/12)

Enquire about discount for multiple children from same family

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TANDARA LUTHERAN CAMP

03 53564253 tandara@lca.vic.org.au or www.tandara.org.au click on Ministry events