

## Students learn the gift of giving



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*Good Shepherd's Community Senior Leader Group students present Lieutenants Lara and David Sutcliffe from the Salvation Army, with Christmas Gifts for their 'adopted' families. Students pictured left to right: Melissa Caruana, Elvie Wytenburg, Katie Fuller, Daniel Sait (standing at the back) and Ella Metherell.*

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Lieutenant Lara Sutcliffe was amazed by the number of gifts as she accepted them on behalf of the recipients, who range from toddlers to teenagers, through to parents.

"We are completely overwhelmed with the fantastic generosity you have shown here today and you should all be really proud of yourselves," she said.

"We cannot do what we do without your help as we are just the hands that pass these gifts on.

"It is because of your generosity these kids will wake up on Christmas morning to Santa Claus. There won't be an empty tree; there will be hope."

Only two weeks ago, Lieutenants David and Lara Sutcliffe visited the College to launch the Good Shepherd Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, with the help of the school's Community Senior Leader Group.

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**Far Left: The Noosa Independent —  
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**Below: Noosa Today—7 November 2013**

## GSLC Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

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Tony Purcell, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator at Good Shepherd, said the appeal had proven to be a huge success over the years and a very worthwhile addition to the pastoral care program.

It was during this visit that they spoke to the students of the desperate need that exists within our local community at this time of year and asked them for their help in bringing Christmas to five local families.

According to Mr Tony Purcell, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator at Good Shepherd, this appeal has proven to be a huge success over the past few years and a very worthwhile addition to the Pastoral Care program.

Addressing students at the assembly, Mr Purcell said, "It is likely that you will never meet your gift recipients and see the smiles on their faces that will be there because of your generosity. However, know in your hearts that you have made a difference here today.

"As a Christian school, this is a very real demonstration of what we strive for - the core values of love, service and compassion."

## Tournament honours for Good Shepherd students



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*Good Shepherd Tournament of Minds Teams representing Queensland at the Asia Pacific finals in Canberra.*

GOOD Shepherd Lutheran College welcomed home three teams of students who represented Queensland at the Asia Pacific Finals of the Tournament of Minds (TOM) at the Australian National University in Canberra on the weekend.

Two of the three Good Shepherd teams – Primary Social Science and Secondary Language Literature – came home with Tournament Honours; with this accolade being awarded to the top three teams in each category.

The TOM competition has eight categories altogether and Good Shepherd teams made up three of the eight teams representing Queensland.

Good Shepherd Principal, Mr Anthony Dyer, said the College community could not be more proud.

“All three teams went up against some tough competition. Overall there were 1800 teams entered in the 2013 competition from across Australia and New Zealand with 62 teams making it to the Asia Pacific Finals,” Mr Dyer said.

“The whole College is extremely proud of the efforts of all the students and teachers involved. Also without the support of the parents this trip would not have been possible.”

According to Mr Martin Polkinghorne, TOM Co-ordinator for Good Shepherd for the past 18 years, the competition was only part of the whole experience for students.

“Although the students went to Canberra to compete, the four days they spent there also involved a lot of team building in preparation for the final competition rounds,” said Mr Polkinghorne.

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## TOM National Finals

Good Shepherd Primary Team TOM Co-ordinator, Mrs Jenny Reeve, said that aside from the educational aspect of the competition there were also some valuable life experiences for the students.

“For some of the students this was the first time they had travelled interstate without their families so it was also a milestone in their independence,” she said.

“We are very proud of the maturity the students displayed and they were excellent ambassadors for both their College and Queensland as a whole.”

TOM is a non-profit organisation that has been running challenges for students with a passion for learning and problem solving for over 25 years.

The aim of the TOM competition is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.

“We are just so pleased the College has once again performed so well in an international competition featuring such a high calibre of competitors,” said Mr Anthony Dyer, Principal Good Shepherd Lutheran College.

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## Left & Above: The Noosa Independent Right: Noosa Today—7 November 2013

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