

# Pure Land Learning College Association

MULTI-FAITH MULTICULTURAL CENTRE

January 2012

## ★ Welcome 2013

Venerable Master Chin Kung and the Pure Land family wish all members of the community and their families best wishes for 2013. Let us work together to help make the dream of making Toowoomba a model city of peace and harmony a reality. Together we can create a better future for all. It starts with each of us.

~Pure Land Learning College Association Inc.~

### ★ Peace Education Forum

21 – 23 March 2013

In conjunction with Harmony Day 2013, there will be a Peace Education Forum in March. Be part of this journey to help make Toowoomba a model city of peace and harmony. It starts with each of us!

### ★ Australia Day Program

8:15 am

– Arrival of Guests

8:30 am

- Flag Raising and Singing of the Australian National Anthem
- Welcome
- Peace Prayer by Faith Leaders
- Welcome by special guest
- Performances

9:15 am

– Refreshments / End of Program



### ★ Christmas Party

A big thank you to our Mayor, Cr Paul Antonio, Cr Geoff McDonald, faith and community leaders, performers, and the community for their kind presence and support at our Christmas party. It was a wonderful and enjoyable night!



### ★ Meditation Course for Beginners

Venerable Wu Chyuan is starting a beginner meditation course in February. Register your interest today by ringing us or dropping us an email. Participants who complete the beginner meditation course will be able to advance to the intermediate level.

Time: 4 – 5pm

Dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd February

Venue: PLLCA Meditation Hall

Cost: Free

Every Saturday  
Starting at 5 Jan

'Pure Land Pure Mind' by Ven. Wu Ping  
Classroom next to chanting hall, 3.45 – 4.45pm

Everyday  
Starting at 1 Jan

'Changing Destiny' Reading and Discussion class by Ven. Wu Chin  
Classroom next to chanting hall, 7.45 – 8.45am

### ★ Youth Forum

It was a fruitful afternoon for all the youths who participated in the *Youth Forum – My City, My Dream, My Voice* on 1 December 2012. It was wonderful to see the mixed age group of youths from different cultural backgrounds. Below are six key points that were discussed in depth at the forum:

1. **Toowoomba city infrastructure** – The young people had ideas like mini buses to travel around the city to certain places like special parks and gardens.
2. **Youth at Risk** – Ideas included non-denominational pre-marriage workshops and workshops with youths at risk to learn how they can lead more harmonious lives.
3. **Events** – Toowoomba as a City of Peace and Harmony to participate in existing events like Peak to Park, Relay for Life, and Carnival of Flowers. Also have a mobile 'harmony' van at each event.
4. **Sports** – Building the idea of peace and harmony through sports and particularly introducing multicultural sports activities. This group needed to find a venue, which could be PCYC or entail building a venue
5. **Education** – More education about all religions from primary school up, and more languages (particularly more conversational languages) for fun and not for exams. The kids wanted to learn other languages by mixing with kids who speak it rather than sitting in a classroom. More education on respectful relationships.
6. **Avoiding culture clusters** – Having more welcome events for new residents and mentoring.

These are valuable inputs from the youths. The organizing committee is in the process of studying the views and suggestions so these can be forwarded to the appropriate agencies or organizations for their feedback.



Participants with Cr. Geoff McDonald after the certificate presentation



Youth Forum in action



If you are interested in learning more about upcoming events or wish to participate, please call us at (07)4659 8054 or email us at [mfmcc.pllc@gmail.com](mailto:mfmcc.pllc@gmail.com)