

PURE LAND LEARNING COLLEGE ASSOCIATION INC. MULTI-FAITH MULTICULTURAL CENTRE



EVERYONE MATTERS - TOOWOOMBA, A MODEL CITY OF PEACE & HARMONY

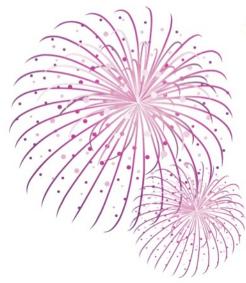
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The Pure Land Learning College Association wishes everyone Happy New Year and good health in 2014! Thanks to your support and active participation, we have already seen some progress due to bringing people together towards greater appreciation and understanding of the diverse communities in Toowoomba.

Some of our reflections on 2013:

- A total of four Peace Education Forums were organized in 2013, including one for
 the youths. It is very encouraging to see more participation from the community. The
 forums have created opportunities for members of the community to engage and
 learn from each other. Though some of the engagements and dialogues were intense,
 it was inspiring to witness that despite the differences, the participants carried
 themselves in a respectable and mature way.
- Faith sharing has in a small way contributed to a better understanding amongst the community of one's faith, practices, beliefs and the sacred texts. Twenty-five faith sharing sessions took place in 2013, and are indeed building bridges.
- In its twelfth year, the Friendship Dinner has been a platform where community
 members from diverse cultures and faiths share stories and learn from each other of
 their beliefs and cultures over meals. Subjects covered included morality, virtues,
 customs, traditions, beliefs and practices.

With your feedback, we have made several changes to our programs this year, which we hope will make a difference. We thank you for your continuing support; together we will be able to achieve more.



Highlights of the 2014 programs include:

- Peace Education Forums (March, May, August, and November)
- Youth Programs Harmony Tour, school visits, youth forums
- Dialogue of Humanity Series (once every 3 weeks on a Saturday)
- Friendship Dinners (every Saturday 5 6pm)
- Conflict Resolution workshop (August)
- Focus Group Discussion (once every 3 months)



On Australia Day we come together as a nation to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. It's the day to reflect on what we have achieved and what we can be proud of in our great nation. It's the day for us to re-commit to making Australia an even better place for the future.

Quoted from:

http://www.forteachersforstudents.com.au/Events/australia-day.php

Come and join us in celebrating Australia Day at Pure Land! Saturday, 25 January 2014 4:30pm - 6pm

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS







7 December 2013

The Annual Christmas Party was celebrated with close to 700 people from the community. There was a range of performances, and Venerable Wu Shin, Mayor Paul Antonio and Cr. Geoff McDonald spoke of the spirit of Christmas, spending time with families while thinking of those who are less fortunate.



14 December 2013
Venerable Wu Chyuan
shared about the benefits of
healthy eating, and also
provided some tips for
cooking vegetarian curry!



21 December 2013
Reverend Dr. Jonathan
Inkpin spoke about the
meaning of Christmas. In
the technological world,
WWW stands for worth,
well-being and wonderful.

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