

## Celebrating Australia Day and Welcoming the Year of the Monkey



Pure Land Learning College Association held a combined celebration of Australia Day and Chinese New Year on 23 January 2016. Guests included our Mayor, Cr Paul Antonio, Trevor Watts MP, and key leaders and members of the community. It was a wonderful night, which included singing, prayers for Australia, speeches, and cultural performances.



Flag ceremony, followed by performance by the Toowoomba Caledonian Pipe Band



Faith representatives, together with Mayor Paul Antonio and Trevor Watts MP in a peace prayer for Australia



Lion dance performance to welcome the Year of the Monkey and tossing of the prosperity salad (Yusheng) for good fortune, peace, and harmony for the new year



Cultural performances



Members of the Toowoomba Interfaith Forum at their first meeting held on 22 January 2016



Venerable Wu Chyuan welcoming our guests to the community lunch held on 22 January 2016

### - Upcoming Events -

#### 'Understanding Traditional Chinese Culture' Workshop

Date: 4 - 5 February 2016

#### Interfaith Forum

- 'The Road Ahead from Ecumenism to Interfaith'

Date: 12 March 2016

#### Women's Forum - 'Women Family Education'

Date: 9 April 2016

#### Youth Forum - 'Me and the Social Media - My Social Responsibility'

Date: 17 June 2016

#### 'Exploring Values' Workshop

Date: 30 July 2016

Registration is free for all programs. For more details, please visit our website [www.interfaith-harmony.org](http://www.interfaith-harmony.org), or call us at 07 4659 8054.