

PURE LAND LEARNING COLLEGE ASSOCIATION INC.

MULTI-FAITH MULTICULTURAL CENTRE

Welcome Year of the Snake! According to the Lunar Calendar, Chinese New Year is the longest and most important Chinese festival. Celebrations for Chinese New Year, lasting a full fifteen days, start on the 10 February 2013. The 15th day is called the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated at night with lantern displays. It is celebrated as a family affair, a time of reunion and thanksgiving. The presence of the ancestors is acknowledged on Chinese New Year's Eve with a reunion dinner. The spirits of the ancestors, together with the living, are celebrated as one great community, with the communal feast symbolizing family unity and honor the past and present generations.

Australia Day Celebrations

On the 26 January, we celebrated Australia Day with the local community and our special guest, Hon. Ian Macfarlane, Federal Member for Groom. A highlight of the day was the activity 'Solve the Puzzle', where guests were given a piece of the jigsaw puzzle and invited up on stage to put in the missing piece. Thank you everyone for your participation in making this day such a wonderful day! Here are some of the moments captured on the day!



Congratulations to Ron Fraser and Duncan Ord who received the Certificate of Recognition for their voluntary work at Pure Land for the past ten years.



▲ A group picture taken with Hon. Ian Macfarlane, the Toowoomba community, and the solved puzzle!



Thank you to the Yakey Saxes and the Pure Land children who entertained us with their lovely music and dances!



▲ Happy Birthday Australia!!



▲ Our flag party

Hon. Ian Macfarlane with our leaders after the peace prayer ▶



PEACE EDUCATION FORUM BUILDING BRIDGES, SHARING IDEAS

21 - 23 March 2013

Venue: St. Patrick Cathedral Centre, 123 Neil Street
Toowoomba, Queensland Australia

Fully sponsored forum!
All are welcome.

Registration form and program are available for download on our website.

The **SNAKE** is the sixth sign of the lunar calendar. The Snake is the most intuitive, introspective, refined and collected of the Animal Signs. They are graceful people, exciting and dark at the same time. You are born in the year of the snake if your birth year is 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989 and 2001.

Upcoming Faith Sharing - Enrichment through Understanding

	Speaker	Venue and Times
2 February	 'Transmigration and the six paths' by Ven. Wu Ping	Main Lecture Hall 10:30 - 11:30am
23 February	 'Interfaith Relations in Islam' by Mr Muhammed Haniff	Main Lecture Hall 10:30 - 11:30am
2, 9, 16, 23 February	 Meditation Class For Beginners by Ven. Wu Chyuan	Main Lecture Hall 4:00 - 5:00pm
Every Saturday	 'Pure Land Pure Mind' by Ven. Wu Ping	Classroom next to chanting hall 3:45 - 4:45pm
Everyday	 'Changing Destiny' Reading and Discussion Class by Venerable Wu Chin	Classroom next to chanting hall 7:45 - 8:45am

*All classes are conducted in English

Friendship Dinner Sharing



It has been a very interesting month for us, with sharings from Ms Joanne Bray, Dr. Melissa Kaltner and Reverend Penny Jones. If you would like to join us for the Friendship Dinner, just come to the PLLCA at 5pm any Saturday, and we will all share and enjoy a vegetarian dinner together!



12 January 2013
Ms Joanne Bray sharing her interfaith and cultural experiences from the Peace conference held in Sri Lanka in November last year.



26 January 2013
Reverend Penny Jones explaining and guiding us through a labyrinth meditation.



19 January 2013
Dr. Melissa Kaltner sharing with us her current research at the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation.

Happy Chinese New Year!

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