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GSLC Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

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Good Shepherd Lutheran College secondary students concluded their Salvation Army Christmas Appeal by presenting Christmas gifts for their "adopted" families to Lieutenants David and Lara Sutcliffe from the Noosa Corps of The Salvation Army.

Every student from Year 8 to 12 participated in the appeal through the College’s 24 Pastoral Care groups, with each group “adopting” one needy person from five different families in the Noosa area who will be doing it tough this Christmas.

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 by the fantastic generosity shown by the students - they should all be really proud of themselves,” 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.

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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TOM National Finals

Good Shepherd Primary Team TOM Co-ordinator, Mrs Jenny Rapp, 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.

“As a College we are just so proud of everyone involved!”

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Right: Noosa Today—7 November 2013