HAPPY HOLIDAYS
As the school year quickly draws to an end and we head into the summer break, I would like to wish all members of the Elanora SHS community a very enjoyable summer break. If you are travelling on the roads, please stay safe and I hope that you are able to spend some quality time with family and friends. Our school year comes to a close on Friday December 13.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS RESULTS
Every year a sample of students and parents as well as all staff complete a School Opinion Survey for all state schools. This week our school received our 2013 results which were extremely pleasing. I have highlighted some of the key questions and results below.

What Our Parents Think:
100% of parents surveyed stated that they felt safe at our school. 100% of parents surveyed stated that this school provides useful information online. 98% of parents surveyed stated that teachers at this school expect my child to do their best. 96% of parents would recommend this school to others (up from 93%)

What Our Students Think:
93% of our students stated that they are getting a good education at our school (up from 65%) 98% of our students stated that they can access computers and other technologies at our school for learning. 98% of our students stated that my teachers expect me to do my best.

What Our School Staff Think:
100% of school staff stated that they are happy working at Elanora SHS. 100% of school staff stated that students are treated fairly at this school. 98% of school staff stated that this school provides useful information online. These surveys clearly paint a picture of Elanora SHS as a school with healthy, supportive relationships between all stakeholders, high expectations of students, appropriate resourcing for a 21st century school and a great place to be. As the Principal of our great school, I fully endorse this view of Elanora SHS. Throughout 2013 we developed a new four year strategic plan for the school which will drive our continuous improvement agenda until 2107. Our focus can best be summarised by:

Ready To Learn, Ready For Life – Your Child, Our School, Their Career

Commencing in 2014 we will be discussing Career Options with students and parents from Year 8 and assisting students to develop aspirational, achievable career plans.

YEAR 8 2014 – INDUCTION DAY
Our school hosted our Year 7 Induction Day for all students enrolled for 2014 on Tuesday December 3. This day was very well attended by our incoming Year 7 students and we are predicting an increased enrolment for 2014 in Year 8. The Induction Day was aimed at replicating Day 1 2014 – January 28 for all of the newest members of the Elanora SHS family and it was an extremely successful day for all involved. If you are aware of a current Year 7 student who is intending to enrol in our school for 2014 but has not yet done so, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible to ensure they can commence the school year on time with all other students who have already enrolled at Elanora SHS.

ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS
A reminder of the need to book an enrolment interview if you intend enrolling a child to attend Elanora SHS in 2014. Appointments can be made via the school website over the holiday break – www.elanorashs.eq.edu.au. Enrolment interviews will be conducted in the week before school starts back. Any new arrivals need to ensure that they have booked an enrolment interview before the start of the school year so all students can commence at the start of the school year.

I would like to take this opportunity in our last newsletter of the year to thank all of the staff and students of Elanora State High School who have assisted me this year at our proud high performing state high school. I encourage you to purchase a copy of our latest school magazine which is an excellent summary of 2013 – thank you to Ms Melissa Wright for her excellent job in compiling this magazine. I look forward to working together next year as we set higher targets and strive to achieve them. Please enjoy the upcoming school holidays. Remember the first day of school for Years 8 and 11 is Tuesday January 28, the entire school will return on Wednesday January 29. Early Start classes for Years 11 and 12 students begins on Wednesday January 29.

Yours in Education
Cameron Hodges

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
SENIOR NEWS

FEE-FREE TRAINING FOR YEAR 12 GRADUATES

Year 12 graduates will be able to access fee-free training in high priority areas from January 2014 under the Queensland Government’s Great skills. Real opportunities action plan to improve further education and training. To be eligible for fee-free training, Year 12 graduates need to commence training in a high priority qualification with a pre-approved training provider within the calendar year following the completion of Year 12. The fee-free initiative will apply to high priority qualifications available under the Certificate 3 Guarantee program or the User Choice program, which funds workplace-based apprenticeship and traineeship training.

More information about apprenticeships is available on the Apprenticeships Info website. The student factsheet (PDF, 38KB) provides more information on fee-free training for Year 12 graduates. For further advice contact the Training Queensland Customer Centre on 1300 369 935, training@dete.qld.gov.au or view the Frequently Asked Questions page.

School leavers offered fee-free training

School leavers will be given fee-free training in core skills areas from next year, under a plan detailed by the Newman Government that will boost frontline services. School leavers will be able to study and gain Certificate II qualifications without paying fees from 1 January 2014 under the Certificate III Guarantee Program. Year 12 graduates will also be able to access fee-free apprenticeships and traineeships in high demand industries under the User Choice program from 1 January 2014.

SCHOOL NURSE NEWS

PEACE AND JOY THIS CHRISTMAS

It’s December already and if you haven’t started your Christmas shopping yet then I am sure you are going to start soon!!

We love Christmas here at Lifehouse Project but we are very aware that there are many young people and families in Australia and around the world that are experiencing poverty, hardship, sickness, conflict and homelessness at this time of year. To them, a small gift, a hug or a kind word means so much!

So if you really want to spread some love and cheer this Christmas, here are some wonderful ideas that you may not have thought of!

1. Give some time to your local youth homeless shelter and help them celebrate Christmas. You can help by donating toys, books and non-perishable food items. There are containers at the front office marked “Salvation Army”.

2. Buy a Princess Party ticket for a disadvantaged teenager - go now to Lifehouse Project and support us to positively change 500 girls lives in 2014!

Congratulations go to Katie Hayward for coming second in the National All Schools’ Track and Field Championships in Townsville last weekend. She competed in the 3,000 metre race walk event and was beaten to the line by a mere one second. Her time of 14.48.88 is a new Queensland record for 13 year old girls. She is now in the senior ‘A’ squad for open athletes here in Queensland even though she is only 13 years old. She is going to have a short break now and then resume training for the National Junior Championships to be held in Sydney in mid-March 2014.

FREE treatment for children and adolescents with Blood and Injection Phobia

Is your child afraid of seeing blood or having an injection or other medical procedure?

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

At Griffith University, we are conducting a study to evaluate the effectiveness of a one session intensive treatment for children and adolescents (7 to 18 years of age) who have Blood Injury and Injection Phobias. We are providing this service at no cost to families. To find out more about this project, please contact Dr Ella Milliner and Dr Lara Farrell on (07) 567 88317 or email e.milliner@griffith.edu.au

The Student Council are conducting a Food, Toy and Book drive for the Salvation Army for Christmas. Please give generously to those who are less fortunate than we are.

You can help by donating toys, books and non-perishable food items. There are containers at the front office marked “Salvation Army”.

Thank you for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATIE HAYWARD

Katie Hayward is a young schoolgirl with a determination to succeed. She is one of the best track and field athletes in Australia.

This year she won a gold medal at the Australian Under 15 championships for the 3,000 metre race walk. She has also won a silver medal at the Australian Junior championships for the 5,000 metre run.

Katie is now training for the national championships which will be held in Sydney in March 2014.

Elanora State High School
Cnr 19th Avenue & Avenue Street
Elanora 4221
Phone 07 5568 4333 www.elonorashs.eq.edu.au

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SCHOOLS AND LEADERSHIP

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Research at Griffith University want to learn about children’s experiences of living and learning as a person identified as having a disability and being gifted – twice exceptional children. This research study is for children/tens aged 9-17 years and their parents.

Research is always voluntary and confidentiality is paramount!

How would the study be a good fit for my child?

This study might be a good fit for your child if:

- they have an identified disability or disabilities,
- they have been identified as gifted,
- they have experiences that they would like to share.

If your child decides to take part in the research study, your child:

- will be asked to participate in some interviews at their homes,
- share their experiences as a child who is identified as having a disability and also as being gifted;
- will receive a small gift.

If you are interested in participating in this research study for more information, please contact Ms. Michele Ronksley-Pavia via email m.ronksley-pavia@griffith.edu.au

The principal researcher for this PhD study is a PhD researcher at Griffith University.

Meet at the beach end of Wagon Street, Tugen

21st Oct 4pm - 6pm
- Launch of Fresh Gro SPECIALS
- Beach clean up & Bushdoodle session

24th Oct 4pm - 6pm
- Beach clean up & water quality testing

27th Oct 4pm - 6pm
- Creek clean up & degrading planting

26th Nov 4pm - 6pm
- Creek clean up & beach clean up

24th Dec 4pm - 6pm
- Creek clean up & beach clean up

21st Jan 4pm - 6pm
- Beach clean up & beach clean up

24th Feb 4pm - 6pm
- Creek clean up & beach clean up

21st Mar 4pm - 6pm
- Beach clean up & beach clean up
MIDDLE PHASE STUDENT PROFILE –
Name: Zoe Roberts
Year: 8
Elanora SHS Honours: Year 8 Representative
Why I chose Elanora SHS? I chose Elanora because I had heard a lot of great things about the school and my friends were coming here
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? The best thing is the teachers
My future plans? To go to NICA (National Institute of Circus Arts)

MIDDLE PHASE STUDENT PROFILE –
Name: Ioan Jones
Year: 8
Elanora SHS Honours: Year 8 Representative, Touch Champion 2013, Kokoda Challenge
Why I chose Elanora SHS? I chose Elanora because I lived in the area and my friends were going here
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? Wednesday sport!
My future plans? To go to University and to play Rugby Union

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE -
Name: Sinan Guzelsahin
Year Level: 10
Country of Origin: Switzerland
Length of Stay: 5 months
Previous School: Schule Othmarsingen
Current Subjects: Ancient History, English, Biology, Maths B, Physics, Japanese
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? It’s friendly and the teachers are great
Future plans? To go to University

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE -
Name: Dilara Eliyazici
Year Level: 11
Country of Origin: Germany
Length of Stay: 6 months
Previous School: Konig-Wilhelm-Gymnasium
Current Subjects: English, Hospitality, Maths B, Tourism, Visual Art, Dance, Surfing
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? The subjects
Future plans? To travel in Australia and to get better English

cHAPPY CORNER!
JUICE 107.3 Tag Car Wash
On Saturday morning the 9th November we took part in an Act of Generosity and performed a free carwash at our school! Despite the last minute change of venue from Elanora Primary to Elanora High, both schools enthusiastically got involved and for four hours straight cars streamed through! The student helpers from both schools put in a super effort washing cars, made it on the radio and managed to wash each other in a spare moment! Just on 70 cars were washed in that time with hundreds more at other school venues with a chaplain on the coast! A great production line and great initiative by Juice 107.3.

Red Frogs
Each year many of our Year 12 students choose to holiday with thousands of other school leavers on the Gold Coast in Surfers Paradise. These celebrations can be a fantastic time for young people but, sadly, they can also be one of many physical and emotionally confronting challenges. One of our chappies, Steph, chose to participate as a volunteer with Red Frogs for the week to help both graduating Elanora students and other school leavers have a safer, more positive week. See pictured a pancakes cook-up (one of the outreach activities) for Elanora Graduating students.

Radiance Dinner
We had another great term of Radiance with this term having two programs running for Grade 10 girls and Grades 8 and 9 combined. The 9 week girls’ self-esteem program culminated with two princess dinners last week with a great turn out for both groups. The most popular feedback from the program was growth in confidence and new friends!
For any more information on chappy programs or to get in touch contact stephanieb@chappy.org.au or davielq@chappy.org.au

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS
TEXT BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS
The end of the 2013 school year is upon us and students will be finishing on 13th December. A stocktake this week has shown that there are still a significant number of Text Books and Library books out on loan to many students. Because it is the end of the year and there is no need for students to have these resources in their possession any longer, it is imperative to have them returned by the end of this week to finalise the stocktake. PARENTS could you please ensure that your children return their books, pedometers and calculators to enable the smooth running of distributing text books to students in 2014.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER
2013 YEAR BOOK
Limited editions available
The Elanora State High School magazine is a great memento of the schooling year.
This year’s magazine is available to all students at a cost of $10.
To ensure your personal copy please download a copy of the year book order form and make payment at the Cashier’s Office NOW.
GOLD COAST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE – CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Program provides services to students up to the completion of Year 10. As regular dental check-ups are important, it is recommended you arrange ongoing oral health care for your child following the completion of Year 10.

For students in Year 11 and 12 and adults to be eligible for government funded oral health care they must be Queensland residents, and where applicable, in receipt of benefits from either a: Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) issued by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) issued by the Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC). For residents issued with these cards and currently receiving benefits, eligibility is also extended to their dependants named on the card.

If your child is eligible for government funded treatment after the completion of Year 10, please register for ongoing care or emergency treatment by telephoning: 1300 300 850 Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm - Excluding Public Holidays.

Please note waiting lists do apply.

Children of parents not eligible for government funded oral health care will need to seek ongoing care privately through their family dentist.

Further information on government funded oral health care can be accessed via http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/default.asp or please contact your local Child and Adolescent Oral Health staff if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Child and Adolescent Oral Health

ALL PARENTS / CARERS

Please follow the link http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule to find if your children are eligible for Dental Benefits in 2014. If they are you may need to start getting appointments organised as you don't want to miss out by leaving it too late.

Eligibility basics: children aged between 2 –17 years, eligible for Medicare Benefits for dental services capped at $1,000 per child over 2 consecutive calendar years.

If you do not use all of your $1,000 benefit in the first year of eligibility, you can use it in the second year if you are still eligible. Any remaining balance will not be carried forward at the end of the second year. Benefits will cover a range of services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions.

Nurse Jackie
0432 00 5265
jatki89@eq.edu.au

During the Christmas Wrap you will be standing and wrapping presents – sometimes it gets very busy. Please consider your health and safety. If you can’t help at this time but wish to donate to our Christmas Appeal we welcome all donations. Please contact us or visit our website to donate (www.uccommunity.org.au)

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING AVAILABILITY FORM

The Pines, Elanora, Corner Guinea Creek Rd & KP McGrath Drive

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Managing Asthma over the School Holidays

Although school holidays are a time to relax and unwind from the busy school term, it's important to still remain vigilant to asthma management to ensure that your time off is enjoyable. Whether you're planning a trip overseas, interstate or even just staying at home, here are a few tips to ensure your asthma, or your child's asthma, is well managed during the school holidays:

— Continue to take preventer medication as prescribed on your Asthma Action Plan
— Carry blue reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin) and spacer with you at all times
— Visit your doctor for an asthma review prior to travelling and request an updated Asthma Action Plan
— Remember to take your Asthma Action Plan away with you, or keep in an easy to access location in your home
— Ensure you take enough medication to last your trip, and take repeat prescriptions with you in case you misplace or run out of medication whilst away
— Check that your travel insurance policy specifically includes asthma and that it offers the cover you need

For more information about asthma, please contact 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)

EQ NEWS
MEASLES HEALTH ALERT

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment. More information is available from:

WALKIN’ ON WATER AUSTRALIA

Walkin’ On Water Surf School is again very excited to be hosting the 2013 Girls Go Surfing Days at Greenmount Beach on the 7th and 8th of December.

We have sessions scheduled at both 9am and 11am QLD time on both days. All our surfers will receive a FREE Girls Go Surfing show bag. It is a fantastic opportunity for girls of all ages and abilities to come and learn to surf and surf in a girls only environment.

It will be a super fun event and an excellent opportunity for girls to get into surfing at the beginning of summer. Spaces are very limited and bookings are required.

To book and confirm a place, please call Walkin’ On Water on 0418 780 311.

2013 MAYOR’S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year’s appeal is now open and your generosity is much appreciated!

This year’s chosen charity is Paradise Kids – Hopewell Hospice. This wonderful local charity creates a place where children can come to ‘help heal their heartache’ when faced with a traumatic situation in their little lives. The emphasis is on ‘heart work’ which means Paradise Kids takes a holistic approach to address all aspects of the child – body, mind and spirit.

Hopewell Hospice offers a haven and other practical and spiritual support to people facing one of life’s greatest challenges, end of life. All involved with Hopewell are encouraged to explore issues of life and death, and to provide a service based on compassion, unconditional love and hope.

Please help them in supporting people in need at Christmas time and all year round.

Their wish list of gifts includes:

- Toys, books, art supplies, movie vouchers;
- Gift cards, electronic goods, games, soft toys and CD’s for children aged 2-5 years and 6-11 years.

Donations can be left under the Christmas trees at the Administration Centre or Chambers building at Surfers Paradise, the Nerang Administration Centre, Runaway Bay Library or the Runaway Bay Shopping Centre.

Appeal ends at noon on Tuesday 17 December

"Need help with your homework or assignment but just can’t get started? You don’t need ongoing tutoring; just a well-directed shove!"

Sandra (experienced semi-retired teacher; GSOH, Jack Russell owner, your place or mine) $25/hour Phone: 55339261 / 0401629278
INFORMATION ABOUT THE BRAVE ONLINE PROGRAM!

We are a team of researchers from the University of Queensland, Griffith University and the University of Southern Queensland who are interested in investigating anxiety in children and adolescents. Between 5 and 10% of children are affected by severe anxiety, which has extremely debilitating effects on a child’s emotional, social and educational functioning. In particular, social anxiety is one of the most common childhood anxiety disorders and is described as a persistent fear of social situations in which the child is exposed to unfamiliar people or to possible scrutiny by others.

The ‘BRAVE Team’ are offering two internet-based programs (BRAVE-ONLINE Program) for children aged 8 - 12 years and teenagers aged between 13 and 17 years, who are experiencing social anxiety.

The aim of this research project is to investigate how treatments for social anxiety can be delivered via the internet for children and adolescents. Many families are unable to attend face-to-face clinics, and prefer to participate in programs from their own home. The project also aims to determine whether treatment programs that specifically target social anxiety are more effective than treatment programs that focus on treating anxiety disorders as a whole.

The BRAVE-ONLINE Program will be running throughout this year, and parents are welcome to call us any time during the year. This program will incur a registration fee of $120, with parents receiving a $25 gift voucher each time they complete a follow-up questionnaire package.

There are no expected ill effects from participating in this study. This study has ethical clearance from the University of Queensland and Griffith University. Taking part in this study is voluntary, and families are free to withdraw at any time. In the event that we identify any children that are experiencing high emotional distress and/or are not responding positively to the treatment program, we will contact their families to assist them in finding an appropriate referral. They will also be provided with contact details for a list of useful support services.

We hope to reach a diverse range of families across Australia and have therefore included our program flyers and brochures for your convenience. For more information, please visit our website: www.exp psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety

We thank you for your interest and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us or access our website.

Yours sincerely,

The BRAVE Team
Professor Sue Spence, Dr Caroline Donovan, Dr Sonja March, Professor Justin Kenardy, Mrs Cate Hearn, Ms Laura Uhlmann, Ms Gemma Bettens.

Phone: (07) 3735 3312
Email: brave@psy.uq.edu.au
Website: www.exp psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A TV STAR OR READ PRIME TIME NEWS?
IMPROVE YOUR CONFIDENCE, SPEAKING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS?

MEDIA POTENTIAL
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT CHANNEL 7 STUDIOS
16 Dec 2013
FOR STUDENTS AGED 13 TO 17
ACT NOW AND CALL
Phone: 3511 3455

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS DANCE CAMP – GOLD COAST

Bounce Dance are holding a dance camp for children aged 5 to 18 in the first week of school holidays - Monday 16th December to Friday 20th December.
The classes will combine Hip Hop, Yoga, Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary, Bootcamp & Pilates.
For more information please visit www.bouncedance.com or:
CALL US TODAY ON
0425 268 623
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National Animal Rescue Groups of Australia (NARGA) Inc
Can you temporarily open your home and your heart to a pet in need?
Are you looking for good company and a heart - rewarding experience?
We won’t ask for a loan or to borrow the car!
We won’t stay out late and worry you!
We are free, all our costs are covered we will offer you lots of cuddles and kisses. We will only ask for a warm safe home until we find your forever home.
We would be forever thankful for your part in saving our lives. We come in all shapes and sizes and we make great company and really need your help.
If you can help us please email our person narga.nfdc@gmail.com and she will send you some information. Thanks!
Together we will make a difference! www.narga.org.au

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Dear VIP Singers & Friends!

Voices In Paradise 2014 is just around the corner and registrations will be open soon for individuals and groups bookings. The event will be held on the 24th May 2014 at Griffith University Gold Coast and the educators for the day will be the international silver medalist quartet Musical Island Boys and SingFest 2012 champions Ginger & Tonic. This event is hosted by The Blenders Chorus and our major sponsor is Griffith University. This is a not to be missed event for all young male and female singers between the ages of 15 and 30.

The singers will be trained all day by our educators followed by a fantastic opportunity to perform for hundreds of people at the Voices In Paradise concert that same night! We are very fortunate to have Deke Sharon (arranger of Pitch Perfect and producer of The SingOff) donate his popular and modern arrangements for the event. All meals are provided for the singers and they will receive a membership pack on the day including a VIP shirt and much more. Singers will receive access to the VIP member’s area on the website where they can download the quality learning material for the songs performed on the day.

At the last Voices In Paradise event there was over 100 registrants and we performed for a sold out audience of 350 people. This year we will be in a bigger and better venue that can accommodate double that size.

IMPORTANT:
Registrations will open on January 1st 2014 and group discount rates are available for groups with 10 or more participants. Please reply to me with your initial expression of interest ASAP so I can personally look after your group booking.

Please see attached flyer and visit the Voices In Paradise website for more info www.voicesinparadise.com.au and enjoy this promotional video from VIP 2013 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeMLrlRXIrk

Sincerely,
Roger (CEO and Organiser)
For more information contact Thrower House on 0755 811622
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<td>2 Monaco Street, (Cnr Gold Coast Highway)Surfers Paradise</td>
<td>0478 899 680</td>
<td>Free of charge. Need to register with Kim. Open to whole community</td>
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<td>Mon 23 Dec 12:00pm</td>
<td>Surfers Paradise Anglican Crisis Care</td>
<td>St Johns Drop-in Centre 36 Hamilton Ave, Surfers Paradise</td>
<td>5531 6013</td>
<td>Free of charge. Open to whole community. <a href="mailto:dianne@space.org.au">dianne@space.org.au</a> if wanting to make email contact</td>
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<td>Mon 23 Dec 11.00am</td>
<td>Set Free Care Southport – Set Free Christmas Lunch</td>
<td>Cross Life Baptist Church 170 Nenang Street (Corner Bugaree St) Southport</td>
<td>5500 4454</td>
<td>Free of charge. Tickets to event will be given out at the weekly free lunch the week before at the Cross Life Baptist Church. Or you need to register with Juanita. Could use volunteers – call Juanita.</td>
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<td>Tues 24 Dec 11.00am</td>
<td>Palm Beach Community Christmas Lunch</td>
<td>Kirra Sports Club 22 Appel St, Coolangatta</td>
<td>5518 3094</td>
<td>Free of charge but bookings are essential to avoid disappointment. Transport bookings available on request. <a href="mailto:info@palmbeachchristmaslunch.com">info@palmbeachchristmaslunch.com</a> <a href="http://www.palmbeachchristmaslunch.com">www.palmbeachchristmaslunch.com</a></td>
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<td>68 Gemvale Road, Reedy Creek On the big grassy green section outside the King’s Christian Centre</td>
<td>5593 4233</td>
<td>Free of charge, open community event</td>
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<td>Gold Coast Community Christmas Lunch</td>
<td>Labrador State School Community Hall Imperial Ave, Labrador</td>
<td>0406 111 561</td>
<td>Alcohol &amp; Drug Free Event. Free of charge, everyone welcome. For homeless, displaced and lonely Gold Coasters, kids get a visit from Santa. Transport can be available but must book if required – 0412 252 974</td>
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<td>James Jacobs Christmas Lunch</td>
<td>St Peter’s Church Hall Cnr Southport-Nerang Road &amp; High Street, Southport. (Opposite the old Gold Coast Hospital)</td>
<td>5563 8855</td>
<td>(People with mental health issues). Free of Charge, Bookings required contact Brigit 5563 8855. For more information text Sharon at the HHOT team 0403 608 297.</td>
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<td>Never Alone Christmas Lunch</td>
<td>Burleigh Heads Uniting Church 2 Burleigh Street, Burleigh Heads</td>
<td>5562 2993</td>
<td>FOC, Must pre-register with Dulcie. Advise if transport required and if bringing children. Open community event <a href="http://www.burleighheadsuniting.com/events.htm">www.burleighheadsuniting.com/events.htm</a></td>
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<td>Ashmore Uniting Church 144 Cotley Street, Ashmore</td>
<td>0468 338 802</td>
<td>Free of charge; Need to book by contacting Trish 0468 338 802. Info also posted on their website: <a href="http://www.ashmoreunec.org.au">www.ashmoreunec.org.au</a>. Anyone who doesn’t have anywhere to go for lunch, new to coast, lost on the day, on their own, refugees, anyone who can’t afford lunch.</td>
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