Lutheran Education in a Lutheran School

Lutheran schools, or schooling, and Lutheran education are terms we use often interchangeably, but they are not necessarily the same thing.

Lutheran schools are ‘institutions’ of formal learning. Schools are places structured to provide a range of developing experiences for very young children right into adulthood. Lutheran education, on the other hand, is something else. Lutheran education is assisting people to grow in their understanding of what the God revealed in Scripture gives to them, without them lifting a finger for themselves. Lutheran education is also about encouraging people to seek what that might mean in their lives.

Lutheran education, then, takes place in a variety of contexts. Lutheran education occurs as parents share the story of Jesus with their children and as groups gather to hear and study the Word. Lutheran education happens in all sorts of places like homes, churches, community groups, around a picnic table or in as many other settings that you can imagine.

It happens in schools too, but Lutheran education is not exclusive to schools. It follows, that to use the term ‘Lutheran education’ to describe Lutheran Schools is somewhat of a misnomer. Rather, Lutheran schools do Lutheran education and, when a Lutheran school has a world view that acknowledges God’s activity in the world, that school will see all that it does as Lutheran Education.

Lutheran schools exist in a rapidly changing world and are called upon to respond appropriately to their environment. The message of Lutheran education, however, does not change, although its context does.

Interpenetrating the total life of the school with this message in a way that is conversant with the school’s community is the challenge. God bless you in that mission.

Barry J Kahl

That is it from us

Marlene and I conclude our time with the Lutheran Schools Association office on Tuesday. We thank God for the opportunity we have had to serve with you. God be with you.

Barry J Kahl

Appointment of Principal – Cornerstone College, Mt Barker

Craig Fielke has been appointed as the principal of cornerstone college and will take up the role in April 2012.

Craig is currently Deputy Principal of Faith Lutheran College, Tanunda where he has been a member of the staff since 1989. During that time Craig has served in various capacities as a teacher, coordinator and Director Of Administration before becoming Deputy Principal in 2009. Craig has a Bachelor of Education and a Master of Education Studies and was a participant in the Millennium Principals Project.

We congratulate Craig and pray for him as he prepares to become the Principal of Cornerstone College.
Coming Soon – A New Webpage for the LSA
The LSA will soon launch a new webpage, which will have links to Lutheran Education Australia, Lutheran Education Queensland and Lutheran Education South Eastern Region, as well as schools, pre-schools and childcare centres within our region.

The site will have increased information for the public on Lutheran schools and provide knowledge of what is offered by Lutheran Education to those seeking to discover a school that meets their needs, as well as material which is available to registered members.

LSA Calendar 2012
The LSA Calendar is now on our webpage at the following links.

2012 Year Calendar
2012 Committee and Group Meetings

LSA Office Christmas Break
The LSA Office closes on Tuesday 20 December and reopens on Tuesday 3 January.

Lutheran Media Ministry’s Christmas website
Lutheran Media Ministry’s Christmas website… www.redboots.com.au

ALWS – Community Action Officer 2011
Like an adventure in 2012?
Join ALWS for 12 months as our Community Action Officer!

Do you enjoy travel? Are you passionate about justice? Do your values drive you to make a difference in people’s lives? Would you like to inspire people of all ages to take action against poverty? If this sounds like you, click here for further information.

Wishing all our school communities a safe and blessed Christmas.
From the staff at the LSA office.

Great little one!
Whose all-embracing birth
lifts earth to heaven,
stoops heaven to earth.
~Richard Crashaw