“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is.” Albert Einstein

In the Bible we read of the many miracles that Jesus performed. He changed water into wine, at the start of his ministry and raised Lazarus from the dead at the end of his earthly ministry. Jesus walked on the sea of Lake Galilee towards his disciples caught in a boat during a storm.

Today I am reminded of the miracle of living and walking on this earth. Today we are engaged in a miracle which we don’t often recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves turning to gold.

My Chinese visitors have been marveling at the sunset, the autumn colours, the blue sky, the fresh air, the fresh food. Miracles of life that we often take for granted.

Psalm 118:28-29. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. (NIV)

Christine Reid
Indigenous Education Facilitator

Thankfulness
At the commencement of a new term we pause to acknowledge all that our gracious God enables through the people and resources within our schools, kindergartens and centres. 2 Corinthians 1:3 ‘Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes!’ May God continue to richly bless all that you and your community do in His name this term.

John Proeve
Executive Director

Welcome
We welcome the following Principals to our schools this term:
- David Wilksch - Good Shepherd Para Vista
- Craig Fielke - Cornerstone College
- Andrew Messenger - St Paul, Blair Athol
- Mike Leske - Tatachilla (Acting Principal while Colin Minke is on leave)

Prayers points:
- David Wilksch, Craig Fielke, Andrew Messenger and Mike Leske as they commence their leadership within their respective school/college communities.
- Staff and students who are experiencing ill health and medical treatment
- LSA committees that oversee the important work of LSA
- National Lutheran Schools’ week celebrations across Lutheran schools throughout Australia.
- Good Shepherd Angaston 50th Anniversary celebrations on 5th & 6th May.
New LSA Server
The LSA office has had a new server installed this week. This has created a few glitches, one of which is unreliability of emails coming and going over a few days. If you are awaiting a reply from staff, it may be advisable to resend your email, or call our office. We are also aware that some schools have received LSA emails in their “Junk Emails” folder. Please ensure you mark all emails from our domain as SAFE SENDER.

Our email address is lsa@lsa.lutheran.edu.au - or for specific staff - firstname.surname@lsa.lutheran.edu.au
We apologise for any inconvenience you may have experienced due to this installation.

Beginning Teachers Conference
The Beginning teachers’ conference is scheduled for Friday 11th May, 9am—3.30pm. Details on page 6. Registrations close tomorrow for this conference. Please register as soon as possible so that the preparation materials can be sent out to you and your beginning teacher. Registrations can be made online at this link.

ALC Graduate Information Session
Please also be advised that the ALC graduate information session scheduled for the 7th of May has been rescheduled for Monday the 23rd of July. Further information about the ALC graduate information day will be forwarded shortly.

Primary Schools Worship Group
Our Saviour Lutheran School, Aberfoyle Park
FRIDAY MAY 11th
Aim to arrive at 8:45 am for 9.00 am SHOUT.

SHOUT? Yes that’s right!
Our Saviour has been one of the schools where we have worked together in recent times to significantly refine and reshape “worship” practice. Worship has been replaced (superseded?) by SHOUT! Come along and be part of the experience.
Our plan is to meet afterwards for an extended time. We are negotiating to have a guest speaker who is intricately involved in the oversight of school worship in another setting.

Please use this link to register for Primary Schools Worship group.
National Lutheran Schools Week 2012
Monday May 7 through until Sunday May 13 marks National Lutheran Schools Week 2012. Staff and students in Lutheran schools across Australia will celebrate!

The theme for 2012 National Lutheran Schools Week is Humility. Please take a moment to look closely at the humility logo designed as a banner for this week. Besides the prominence of the word humility, it also has other words entwined in and around the main theme. Words grouped together such as:

- First-last
- Inside-out
- Upside-down
- In norf-to-kcab

Do we dare challenge ourselves, our students and our school communities to leave our comfort zones and to reflect on how Jesus approached his ministry and his people? Jesus came to serve, to reach out, to heal, to save and to do so with humility and love.

I hope that this year’s National Lutheran Schools Week is full of such challenges, and that this marks our common ongoing mission across all Lutheran schools now and always. As we share a strong tradition, heritage and ethos since 1839, may we continue to celebrate and focus on Jesus’ humility, love and salvation for all.

Stephen Rudolph, LEA Executive Director

OHS TRAINING
Manual Handling and First Response Fire Safety
Monday 4 June (9.15am – 3.30pm)
Meeting Room 1, LSA, 137 Archer St North Adelaide

This one day course will cover
Manual handling :-

- Information on the legislative framework and risk management process which applies to manual handling.
- A description of basic anatomy and human biomechanics of the spine and joints.
- A practical demonstration of key manual handling postures and principles including practise at manual handling tasks associated with your work.
- Preventative measures and injury prevention exercises.

First response fire safety training
Information on

- Fire principles
- Types of fire and fire extinguishers
- Use of fire hose reels and fire blankets
- Safety procedures
- Fire fighting tactics
- Practical experience in fire control using extinguishers

Cost of the course: $95 per participant, includes morning tea and lunch. Maximum 15 participants
Please register here

Health and Safety Representative Level 1 course
All Health and Safety Reps who have yet to be trained are entitled and encouraged to attend this course. Provided by an approved Safework training provider with experience in the education sector, this will be held in the week 6th - 10th August.

Venue: LLL Conference Room, 175 Archer St. 9.15 am – 4pm.
Maximum 20 participants. Please register here for this course.

Details of costing will be advised as soon as they are finalised but all schools with under 100 employees are eligible for a $250 small business subsidy from Safework SA and the Independent Education Union will cover the remaining cost of the course for HSRs from schools with under 20 employees, as part of the “Safer Schools” Project.
News from Canberra

Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC) Stakeholder Session

This week Stephen Rudolph, LEA Executive Director, attended a SCSEEC (previously MCEECDYA) Stakeholder Information Session in Canberra. Participants received a briefing on the Council’s meeting held on 20 April 2012 and covering the following issues:

- Early Childhood Development
- Digital teaching and learning resources
- National Assessment Program
- Australian Curriculum
- Biennial National Education Forum
- Safe and Supportive School Communities
- Closing the Gap
- Certification of Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers
- Two year graduate entry requirements
- Students with Disability

Read the full SCSEEC Communique

AITSL - Certification and Teacher Performance and Development Released!

Minister Peter Garrett recently announced the release of the draft Australian Teacher Performance and Development Framework. Read the full media release.

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) distributed late last week the following:

- Certification of Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers: Principles and processes and an accompanying Fact Sheet
- Australian Teacher Performance and Development Framework: Consultation proposal and an accompanying Fact Sheet

AITSL advised that -

‘The Certification of Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers: Principles and processes was endorsed by Education Ministers on 20 April 2012….. Certification at the higher career stages, underpinned by the National Professional Standards for Teachers, enhances the professionalism of teachers, enabling them to gain recognition for the quality of their teaching while remaining in the classroom.

Another significant step in the teacher quality agenda is the release of the draft Australian Teacher Performance and Development Framework for national consultation. The Framework will ensure that every teacher, every year, in every school receives regular, appropriate and constructive feedback on their performance, opportunities to identify areas for development, as well as effective and ongoing support to further improve their practice… The draft Framework has been developed based on research, national mapping and analysis of existing practices, and advice from national and international experts. Following further national consultation and refinement the Framework will be presented to Ministers for endorsement on 3 August 2012.

Support and training materials will be developed in collaboration and consultation with education stakeholders during 2012 and be available to support national implementation in 2013. More information can be found at www.aitsl.edu.au.

NEITA 2012 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

NEITA recently announced the 2012 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards. Read the full media release. This is Australia’s only independent teaching awards program that gives Australian parents, secondary school students, early childhood and school communities the opportunity to formally thank their hard-working, inspirational teachers, principals and directors.

Further information including guidelines, nomination forms, online nomination option and school information kits are available at: www.neita.com

Learning more about Australia’s children

This week more than 7500 government and non-government schools across Australia will start taking part in the world’s most comprehensive collection of information about the development of Australia’s children. Minister for Early Childhood and School Education Peter Garrett today visited the Mount Rogers Early Links to Learning Playgroup in Canberra to launch the second data collection for the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI). Australia is the first country in the world to have collected comprehensive and population based data on young children across the entire nation, Mr Garrett said. Read the full media release.
Text Books Available
Cornerstone College have the following text books excess to their needs, and are willing to donate them to any school who may require them:

- SOSE Alive Geography 1 45 copies
- SOSE Alive Geography 2 55 copies
- SOSE Alive History 1 approx 30 (some are still out with students)
- SOSE Alive History 2 50 copies
- Jacaranda SOSE 3 50 copies
- The ancients 80 copies
- A Place for Geography 1 50 copies
- A Place for Geography 2 50 copies
- A Place for Geography 3 40 copies
- Heinemann Outcomes Mathematics 8 CSF II edition 150 copies

Please contact Cornerstone if your school is able to use them. Ph 8398 6692

Chaplaincy Position
Expressions of interest are invited for Lutheran applicants to apply for the position of Associate Chaplain for one day a week at LCC Immanuel Gardens Buderim.
For further details go to: http://www.lca.org.au/employment-opportunities.html

Teachers on net / LEA scholarships
The Teachers.on.net / LEA scholarships are offered jointly by Teachers.on.net (TON) and Lutheran Education Australia (LEA). The scholarships have been set up to support rural and remote Lutheran principals in Australia to attend activities than may otherwise be financially prohibitive due to distance/remoteness. TON will provide $2,000 per annum and LEA will provide $4,000 per annum to enable three scholarships, valued at $2,000 each, to be offered annually. To be eligible for the Teachers.on.net / LEA principal scholarship the applicant must hold the position of principal of a rural and remote Lutheran school. Rural and remote may be defined as being a Lutheran school 100 Km or more from Adelaide, Brisbane or Melbourne. Click here for further information and application form.

Lutheran Primary School Wagga Wagga
Lutheran Primary School Wagga Wagga is a co-educational Kindergarten to Year 6 Primary School. LPSWW is a well-established double streamed school with a current enrolment of 375 students. LPSWW was established in 1982 by the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Wagga Wagga to serve our community by providing a Christian values based education.

Wagga Wagga is the largest inland city in New South Wales, a major regional centre for the Riverina and South West Slopes regions. Wagga Wagga is ideally located to provide easy access to Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra. With a population of over 62,000, there are excellent lifestyle options including sporting, cultural and recreational.

Applications are invited to the following position:

Principal
The position commences October 2012.
We are seeking an experienced Principal to continue to build our school and community to achieve excellence in education. Strong community support over the life of the school has enabled us to continue to provide modern well-resourced facilities to support student learning.

For further information including the Position description, Selection Criteria And Information package please contact:
Jayne Hogan
schools@leser.lutheran.edu.au
Beginning Teachers Conference
for Lutheran primary school teachers in their early years of teaching within the LSA

Friday, 11th May 2012

Venue: LLL
Conference Room
175 Archer Street, North Adelaide

9am - 3.30pm

Program Topics

Classroom Management
- Physical Layout
- Handy Resources
- Organisation

Relationships
- Relationships with Students
- Relationships with Adults
  (eg. pastoral care, parents, teaching and non-teaching colleagues, congregation)
- Communication

Well-Being
- Spiritual, emotional and physical
- Looking after Yourself

Classroom Resources will be on display

Please register online no later than 4th May 2012

Go to ‘Members of the Public proceed directly with event registration’, (no username or password is required when you select this option) and select ‘Register for Event’

Register Here

Beginning teachers travelling from interstate or distant schools may also use this time in Adelaide to visit other Lutheran schools on the day prior to the conference. Please contact either Bronwyn Holliday: BronwynH@gspv.sa.edu.au or Anne Dohnt: anne.dohnt@lsa.lutheran.edu.au if you would like to organise school visits for your beginning teacher.