“Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12

During office devotions the word ‘love’ comes up with regularity. Usually followed by an explanation of the three Greek words for love that are found in the Greek New Testament. (agapê - love, charity, philia - friendship, love, storgê - natural affection).

You hear people saying: I love that haircut, I love that book, I love that movie, I love those shoes. The word love is being debased when used in that context. A great word, the loveliest word is being turned into an inferior word.

There are hundreds of verses about love in the Bible, Many speak of “great love” or “deep love” or “how much” He loved us.

“His love endures forever.” Jeremiah 33:11

“Because of His great love, we are not consumed” Lamentations 3:22

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.”

“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply from the heart.” 1 Peter 1:22

The Bible really puts ‘love’ into its rightful place. The Lord has shown that love to us in many marvellous ways – His salvation for us being an amazing act of love. We are asked to have a sincere love for each other. Jesus loves through us, let us show that love in all we do.

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:17 – 19.

Christine Reid
Indigenous Education Facilitator

Prayers points:

- The preparations for our South Australian Staff Conferences on 7th September.
- LEA in the process of new staff appointments in the areas of Leadership and Formation.
- Each of our schools and centres as they consider their requirements for 2013.
Living Waters Lutheran School
Alice Springs

Boys bouncing basketballs? A flying cream cake? 6 frantic costume changes in the dark? Over 80 students at Living Waters proved recently that they were able to do these things with great flair. Under the direction of Drama teacher Nicole Dohler, 75 cast members and 7 backstage crew members, all between 8 and 12 years of age, presented the school’s inaugural musical – Disney’s High School Musical Junior.

Has your school / centre been in the Spotlight? Please send a photo and a few lines of news or interesting facts to lsa@lsa.lutheran.edu.au

SA Staff Conferences - 7th September
Registrations for the Primary / Pre-School conference close tomorrow. Please ensure that your school’s registrations have been forwarded to lsa@lsa.lutheran.edu.au before 5pm.

Secondary Pastors / Chaplains meeting
Next Wednesday, 22nd August, 12.30pm. If you have not already done so, please register your attendance or your apology at this link.

Leadership Development Program 2012 - 2014.
The Leadership Development Program (LDP) 2012 – 2014 was officially launched this week. Information about this program was distributed to all principals yesterday and is also available on the LEA website.

Potential participants may either self-nominate or else be nominated.

Our first goal is to promote LDP 4 vigorously so that by September 7th we have received the applications needed to identify participants in the 2012 intake. There will be a selection process on the applications received, prior to participants beginning their development journey through a reflective portfolio exercise.

New Secondary School Resource - recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
You Me Unity has launched a secondary school resource entitled Recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution: School Learning Guide.

The guide has been designed to help teachers and students to understand the historical context and current discussion about the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution.

Connecting with the Australian Curriculum, the guide provides information, resources and case studies to inform students in years 10 to 12 about the role of the Australian Constitution and the history of referenda and recognition in Australia. A sample of the resource is available for download at this link.

You are encouraged to promote the resource and encourage classroom discussion on the topic of recognition.
Applications are called from suitably qualified people for the new position: **Coordinator Spirituality**

This position is a full time position and a member of the School’s Leadership Team working alongside; Coordinator Teaching and Learning - Curriculum and Coordinator Special Programmes, under the direction and leadership of the Principal.

The successful applicant needs to be an active member of the Lutheran Church of Australia. The Coordinator – Spirituality will be responsible for all matters related to the worship and devotional life of the school; for the coordination of and ongoing development of the Christian Studies programme and for the Pastoral Care of staff, students and families.

For details please go to: [http://livingwaterslutheranschool.nt.edu.au/](http://livingwaterslutheranschool.nt.edu.au/)

Applications close 14th September

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**Child Safe Environments - Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect**

( formerly Mandated Notification)  Families SA Approved

A schedule for Training Courses, both 7 hour full courses and 3 hour refreshers between August and October have been published. Details of both metropolitan and country courses are [at this link](http://livingwaterslutheranschool.nt.edu.au/).

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**Equip at Ceduna**

Staff at Crossways Lutheran School, Ceduna, attended two days of professional development in July consisting of Equip modules 3 and 4. The days were facilitated by LSA Christian Studies Officer, Sue Kupke.

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**Attention: Indigenous Contacts**

Please inform the Indigenous families at your school of the University of Adelaide Open Day

You’re invited to attend WiltoYerlo’s exciting, interactive day of activities and cultural performances at The University of Adelaide Open Day. Wilto Yerlo is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Unit within the University. Open Day is a great opportunity to speak with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Staff and Students of the university, come for a yarn and to find out about university pathways and the Aboriginal Access Entry Scheme. All ages are welcome, family, friends and the community. Be prepared for a fun filled day that will inspire you for an exciting future.....

Here’s a taste of what you’ll see and do:

- Marquee showcasing our students and University of Adelaide Programs
- CASM Band performances throughout the day
- Parndo ball activity for everyone to try!
- Photo booth – have your photo taken with a Graduation Gown and Mortar Board. We will then send you a printed copy of your photo to keep and remind you about your dream to come to University of Adelaide!

More information is [at this link](http://livingwaterslutheranschool.nt.edu.au/).

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**Other Vacancies in Lutheran Schools**

For details of positions vacant in Lutheran schools, follow the link below and click on “Vacancies in Lutheran schools”.

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