Dear Colleagues in Lutheran Schools,

Welcome to the 2014 school year! We thank you most sincerely for your support through 2013, and look forward to developing a deeper partnership with you and your students this year.

Please make sure your school knows about the following that ALWS offers, and find ways to incorporate into your school! Forward this e-mail to anyone in your school who may be interested in developing an awareness of the world in their students! Make sure dates go in the school diary!

ALWS are working hard to meet the needs of Lutheran schools around Australia – to help teachers and students learn about poverty, aid, development, justice and what can be done to help that is long-term and sustainable.

**The following is a snapshot of what we will offer in 2014...**

**Awareness Week is 10th – 14th March 2014**

It doesn’t need to be a week, and it can be whenever suits you best ... but Awareness Week provides your school with a whole range of resources to inspire, inform and equip your students to be active and aware about justice and development. Awareness Week caters for all year levels, linking in to a range of subject curriculum, focusing on a number of Australia-relevant countries. To enable schools to easily make concrete links with the National Curriculum, the theme for Awareness Week 2013 will focus Village Life with a focus on Cambodia.

All Awareness Week materials are easily downloadable from our website: [www.alws.org.au](http://www.alws.org.au). The Awareness Week materials include: Resources on Cambodia, development and justice issues relating to Cambodia, photos with questions, teaching ideas and resources and Photo Stories and Power Points. These materials are suitable for Chapels, Assemblies, curriculum classes (e.g. Christian Studies, Geography, History, English, Science), or for special learning opportunities for Awareness Week. If you would like help with how to use any of these resources, please don’t hesitate to contact ALWS.

**Awareness Days 2014**

ALWS are offering many Awareness Days around Australia in 2014. Awareness Day is designed to challenge school leaders and students interested in social justice issues in ways that they can make a difference in this world. Awareness Days have whole group and small group activities, guest speakers, workshops, audio visual presentations, food and culture used to inform and challenge students about injustice in the world and what we can do to help. The students who attend Awareness Day return to their schools fired-up for the work that can and is being done in the developing world. They often take a lead in service learning activities within the school.

We would love to see as many Lutheran Schools as possible involved in **Awareness Days in 2014**. The theme for these days is Village Life in Cambodia.
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| 7 March    | Friday| Barossa Valley schools       | Tanunda Lutheran School | Tanunda Lutheran Primary School  
St John’s Lutheran School, Eudunda  
Immanuel Lutheran School, Gawler  
Redeemer Lutheran School, Nuriootpa  
Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Angaston  
St Jakobi Lutheran School, Lyndoch  
Vineyard Lutheran School, Clare  
Faith Lutheran College, Tanunda | Barossa Valley Awareness Day |
| 7 March    | Friday| Brisbane North schools       | Grace Lutheran College | St Paul’s Lutheran Primary School  
Caboolture  
Grace Lutheran Primary School, Clontarf  
Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell  
Grace Lutheran College, Caboolture  
Prince of Peace Lutheran College, Everton Hills  
Living Faith Lutheran Primary School, Murumba Downs | Brisbane North Awareness Day |
| 25 March   | Tuesday| Nhill, Dimboola and Horsham schools | Holy Trinity Lutheran School | Nhill Lutheran School  
St Peter’s Lutheran Primary School, Dimboola  
Holy Trinity Lutheran School, Horsham | Nhill, Dimboola and Horsham Awareness Day |
| 27 March   | Thursday| Mildura students             | Trinity Lutheran School | Trinity Lutheran School, Mildura | Mildura Awareness Day |
| 28 March   | Friday | Loxton / Waikerie Schools Sessions | Loxton Lutheran School | Loxton Lutheran School  
Waikerie Lutheran School | Loxton / Waikerie Awareness Day |
| **APRIL**  |       |                              |                    |                                                                                |                                     |
| 3 April    | Thursday| Melbourne schools           | Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School | Lakeside Lutheran College, Pakenham  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School, Croydon | Melbourne School Awareness Day |
| 30 April   | Wednesday| Clare                      | Clare Lutheran Primary School | Clare Lutheran Primary School | Clare Awareness Day |
| **MAY**    |       |                              |                    |                                                                                |                                     |
| 19 May     | Monday | Victory Lutheran College    | Victory Lutheran College | Victory Lutheran College, Wodonga | Victory Awareness Day |
| 20 May     | Tuesday| Riverina schools            | St Paul’s Lutheran College | St Paul’s Lutheran College, Walla Walla  
Lutheran Primary School, Wagga Wagga  
St John’s Lutheran Primary School, Jindera  
St Paul’s Lutheran Primary School, Henty | Riverina Awareness Day |
If there is no ‘official’ Awareness Day that your school can attend, please consider running your own. ALWS staff will offer you support and resources, and help you do a wonderful job. Alternately, if you are more remote, an ALWS staff member may be able to visit your school and run a day at your school. Just ask!

We will need teacher support for all of these days, so please don’t hesitate to volunteer! You don’t need to know a lot about Cambodia, but just be willing to run small group activities that we will give you or you can volunteer to cook a meal from Cambodia (we will give you recipes) or you can volunteer to set up the day before or you can volunteer to be a general helper – there is always a lot to do!

**Teacher Study Tour 2014 - Nepal**
The team have been selected for this amazing opportunity for travel in September / October.

**ALWS Student Christian Learning and Service Tours 2014 – Indonesia and Cambodia**
Students are currently being interviewed for their place on these tours. Thanks to the wonderful staff in schools supporting this incredible experience.

**ALWS Staff Visits**
ALWS staff are available if you would like a guest speaker to visit your school and share about individual countries, development work, social justice, water, food … and so much more! ALWS have three registered teachers on staff, so feel free to invite us into classes to help teach your curriculum.

We look forward to working with your school this year.

Blessings 2014!

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Lutherans reaching out in love ... for justice

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