It is incredible to think that this week marks the 10th anniversary of the devastating Bali bombings of October 12th, 2002 …

I have been in Darwin in recent days. During my time in the top end, I have been working with a group of staff on Pathways Vocational at Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Howard Springs. As part of the exploration of vocation (our calling) to be teachers (and for that matter all other categories of staff in a Lutheran School), a key question that I like to ask participants is … “How come I ended up here?” I go on to explain that I don’t mean ENDED UP in a negative sense, but more to do with the circumstances leading up to our appointment in our current position in a Lutheran School. I challenge people to consider whether or not they have seen the hand of God in their career pathway. Invariably we get to the question, “Does God have a plan for us?” This in turn often leads to a discussion on predestination and broader, bigger questions like “Where is God in the midst of tragedy?” and “Why does God allow bad things to happen?”

These are tough questions for us as Christian people and ones that may well resurface this week. It is a healthy challenge for us to have some kind of reasonably articulate and informed response for such questions. So has anything good come out of the Bali bombings? I’m not going to even attempt to answer that, because I think it is the wrong question. A lot of many well-meaning people over the years have not been very helpful when they have said in the midst of tragedy, things like … “It’s all part of God’s plan, His will … something good will come out of it.” Not much comfort for someone who has just lost a loved one.

I certainly don’t think that God allows bad things to happen so that He can then produce some good outcomes. Neither do I believe that we have a button-pushing God who sits in some massive heavenly master control room. Rather God works with the freedom that in His wisdom, He has given us to exercise. Amongst that freedom bad decisions are inevitably made and things go wrong. The laws of nature that God has put in place take their course and natural disasters happen. One thing is for sure though, God is right there in the midst of every tragic situation before during and after they happen. Let’s not forget that God of course is with us in the good times too, before during and after happy events and celebrations.

All of that challenges us and calls us to a response … we call that response WORSHIP!

Neville Grieger, Spiritual Development Facilitator

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ACEL Conference - Brisbane: 3-5 October 2012

During the last holiday break some 800 educators from across Australia and overseas attended the Australian Council of Educational Leadership Conference in Brisbane. A challenging theme was set, namely; “An Inquiry Mindset.”

The three keynote speakers and their emphases were:

- Daniel Pink (author of, *A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers Will Rule The Future*) who addressed the reality of the diminishing need for jobs demanding left-brain training and the current ascendency of work which is demanding right-brain creativity. His point was that while we still need left-brain training and skills the need to cultivate right-brain creativity in our schools is an urgent educational imperative right now.

- Lee Crocket, who is an international authority on teaching students the skills they need to acquire to succeed in the 21st century outlined “What a 21st Century classroom should look like”. Again creativity, conceptual thinking and inquiry based questioning where at least 50% of ‘teaching time’ is spent on asking questions (research shows that the average classroom teacher spends no more than 15% ‘teaching time’ asking questions) were again to the fore.

- Rev Tim Costello who gave a moving presentation around the moral purpose of teaching. And, in his opinion, pointed out the gross undervaluation of teaching as a profession in Australia. Given that Tim’s address was given on “World Teachers’ Day” it was given high praise.

The three keynote addresses were supplemented by 250 workshops from which participants could freely choose.

The key message from the whole conference was the notion that we have moved from; the Agricultural Age, to the Industrial Age to the Knowledge Age, and now into the Conceptual Age (2010 and following). Teaching and learning (for both teachers and students) for the Conceptual Age will need to be qualitatively different from that which met the needs of the Knowledge Age.

Loyd R Fyffe
Deputy Director LSA

Call for Nominations to LSA Council - close tomorrow

The Lutheran Schools Association Council consists of 13 members, who shall be confirmed and commencing members of the Lutheran Church of Australia. Three categories are open for election for a term of 2 years commencing from the LSA Council Meeting on November 26th 2012. Current members are available for re-election with the exception of Stephen Kroker.

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Nominations are called for these positions and may be made:
A. by members (school councils) to any category of membership
B. to a category membership by a special interest group of that category.

Nominations for these positions are to be made on the attached form (page 5) to be received no later than Friday 12th October. The nomination must include the written assent of the nominee. Contact heather.waring@lsa.lutheran.edu.au for nomination forms.
Faith Lutheran College
Tanunda

Thanks to the initiative of Yr 8 students at Faith Lutheran College and their teacher Greg Kretschmer, the almost extinct ridge-fruiting mallees are flowering and thriving on Magnolia Road, Tanunda. Seed is now being harvested from seedlings the Faith College students have propagated, raised and planted out.

Wild seed harvested from this site since 1998 has become a satellite site of Barossa Bushgardens Regional Native Flora Centre and other native plant nurseries seeking *Eucalyptus incrassata* seed for planting into sandy soils in the Barossa.

Welcome James and Ellen
We welcome two newly appointed leaders this term, and wish them every blessing and success in their roles.

**James Heyne**    Principal, St Mark’s Lutheran School, Mt Barker

**Ellen Antic**    Director, St Martin’s Pre School Kindergarten

2013 Calendar
Attached with this Update is a draft schedule of LSA Committee and Group Meeting dates for 2013. If you are involved in these groups, please mark them in your calendar and let us know any clashes or dates that need to be changed or advised. We are also looking for school venues for a number of these meetings.

New LSA Website
Please visit our new website at [www.lsa.lutheran.edu.au](http://www.lsa.lutheran.edu.au). This will open the ‘public’ view.

**Membership level access (school staff) is now available.**
**Username:** This is the same as your school’s LExICON username. Your school office will have this, or contact heather.waring@lsa.lutheran.edu.au

**Password:** luther

This will enable you to access all policies, resource material and information which is not for public viewing. We welcome your feedback as the website is a work in progress.

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
**ACLE 4**

*30th September - 2nd October 2013. Brisbane Convention Centre*

Is this date in your calendar? See the ACLE Website for more details about this big event:  

Join (LIKE) the official ACLE Facebook Site to get the latest news, info and competitions:  
[http://www.facebook.com/myacle](http://www.facebook.com/myacle)

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**Vacancies in Lutheran Schools**

For details of positions vacant in Lutheran schools, follow the link below and click on “Vacancies in Lutheran schools”.  
[www.lutheran.edu.au](http://www.lutheran.edu.au)

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**Spiritual Development Leader**

The Lutheran School Association is seeking a person who is passionate about the practical application of Lutheran theology in a Lutheran school context to take up the challenge of Spiritual Development Leader.

The position is primarily as a support for principals, directors and school/centre communities in maintaining the centrality of being ‘an authentic Lutheran school’. The position also requires a leadership and mentoring role encompassing knowledge and understanding across the breadth of the leadership of schools and centres.

*Position commences January 2013.*

If the opportunity of this position excites your interest, please contact Phyllis Vosgerau for a position description and selection criteria.  
[phyllis.vosgerau@lsa.lutheran.edu.au](mailto:phyllis.vosgerau@lsa.lutheran.edu.au)

Ph: 8267 5565

Applications, including contact details of 4 referees (1 pastoral) can be submitted via post or email, directed to: 
Mr John Proeve  
Executive Director  
Lutheran Schools Association  
137 Archer Street  
North Adelaide  SA  5006

*Applications close 16th October 2012*
Living Waters Lutheran School
Official Opening
Library Seminar ICT Building &
25th Birthday Celebration
Sunday 21st October

Come and join in the celebrations of the Official Opening of our new ICT Seminar ICT Building in conjunction with our anniversary of 25 years.

Special welcome is extended to past staff, students and families to join us for a Thanksgiving Service at Concordia College Chapel at 9.30am, followed by an Open Morning at St John’s.

For more information please contact the school office at admin@stjohnsels.sa.edu.au or phone 8271 4299.

For those of you who are coming to the Alice for the Masters Games, why not come past and join in the celebrations?
We would love to see you!

ST JOHN’S LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Highgate SA
Celebrating 60 Years
Friday 19 October 2012
All past students, staff, parents and friends are welcome.
The day will begin with a Thanksgiving Service at Concordia College Chapel at 9.30am,
followed by an Open Morning at St John’s.
For further details please contact the school office at admin@stjohnsels.sa.edu.au or phone 8271 4299.

TOOWOOMBA
Concordia Lutheran College is a K-12 coeducational, day and boarding school of the Lutheran Church located in Toowoomba on the Darling Downs, Queensland. We have been privileged to serve the families of south-west Queensland, northern NSW, as well as international students for over sixty years, providing young people with a firm educational and spiritual foundation as life-long learners.

About the position
Applications are invited from suitably credentialed leaders who have a vision and a commitment to the highest standards of education within a Christian community.

The Head of Senior College is accountable to the Head of College and responsible for the educational leadership, community development and oversight of the day to day running of the Senior College within a K-12 environment. Within the Senior College (7-12), the Head leads committees of Senior College Leadership and Staff.

The Head of Senior College will work collaboratively with other leaders to build linkages, and to develop and maintain integrated policies and practices from Kindergarten to Year 12. As a member of the Executive Leadership Team, the Head of Senior College will make a significant contribution to the strategic thinking and planning of the College as a whole.

Applications close: 24 October 2012
Position commences: 01 January 2013

For further information including application form, position description and selection criteria please contact in the first instance: Mrs Gaye Raabe, PA to Head of College. Phone: 07 4688 2714
Email: gaye.raabe@concordia.qld.edu.au