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Kindness

“Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind.” — Henry James

Kindness from God
Ephesians 2: 6 -7 “God raised us up with Christ … in order that in the ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”

Kindness shows love
1 Corinthians 13:4 “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.”

Kindness changes lives
Romans 2:4 “In kindness He takes us firmly by the hand and leads us into a radical life-change.”

Kindness makes a big difference
“I (Jesus) was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink….”
“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?” …
“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did it for me.”

“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.” — Lao Tzu

Thank you for your kindness.
Christine Reid
Indigenous Education Facilitator

Prayers points:
- Schools needing to fill staff vacancies for 2013.
- Students submitting final work.
- Preparations for end of year worship and celebration events

Lutheran Tract Mission
The Lutheran Tract Mission has released 41 new resources that may be of interest to schools, particularly the new Christmas postcards, bookmarks and leaflets. Check out the range available at www.tracts.lll.org.au

Vacancies in Lutheran Schools
For details of positions vacant in Lutheran schools, follow the link below http://www.teachers.on.net/leavacancies
We have been asked to advise staff of a number of teaching roles that are available in Tanzania. Please see the attached advertisement.

Teaching opportunities in Tanzania

Local artist, Robyn Markey, was invited to open The Immanuel Collection Art exhibition painted on canvas by the 6/7 class.

Students interpreted a favourite Bible story by setting it in modern and familiar surroundings to show, as did the medieval artists, that God is among us today, just as he was with his people in biblical times. A catalogue contained each student's description of their work.

Christmas CD featuring Lutheran School choirs is now available

'A Christmas Note 2012', showcasing 19 Lutheran Schools from South Australia, is double the size of its 2009 predecessor. Secondary schools make their first appearance in the new release, along with the many primary school children who were eager to engage in the project to help such a worthy cause. A full list of the schools and tracks on the CD is on the LSA website.

CDs can be purchased ($25 + postage) by phoning 08 8269 9333, or by calling in to the LCC State Office at 219 Main North Road, Sefton Park. Postage costs will apply based on how many units are purchased. All proceeds from the sale of the CD will be used to support the many disadvantaged families that visit LCC for help each year.
Adelaide’s Concordia College has opened a new way to teach its students about service, spirituality and cultural awareness using a uniquely Australian pastime – Aussie Rules Football.

In early October, 14 boys, two Concordia staff and one accompanying parent travelled to the Pacific nation of Vanuatu, taking part in Football Outreach Vanuatu, a project to raise the profile of Aussie Rules as a team sport there and support efforts to establish a regular AFL football program in schools.

The boys - from Year 10 and Year 11 - were carefully selected early in the year and then took part in extensive fundraising activities to meet their own travel costs as well as collecting and buying equipment to donate in Vanuatu.

Along the way they collected 150 pairs of used football boots from junior AFL clubs around Adelaide, purchased 100 synthetic footballs, a number of sports medical kits and commissioned sets of galvanised steel goalposts to be manufactured in Vanuatu.

Once on the ground they spent a week delivering Auskick training sessions in local primary schools, training with and mentoring members of the Vanuatu Volcanoes – the Under 16 national team of Vanuatu – and helping to construct a permanent AFL oval in Port Vila.

Concordia College Head of Boys Sport Dave Serotzki also ran a sports injuries clinic for potential coaches, trainers and local ambulance personnel, during which the sports medical kits were distributed.

The boys were also partnered with Volcano team members, learning about Vanuatuan culture, relationships and spirituality along the way.

Although the students were from a Lutheran school, a number came from unchurched backgrounds and found their concepts of spirituality and Christianity challenged by their Vanuatuan buddies.

“The boys found it a very spiritual country,” Concordia Director of Development and Football Outreach Vanuatu team leader Wayne Gehling said.

“Many boys came back (to Adelaide) thinking differently about themselves, about the relationships they were able to build with their Volcano buddies,” he said.

Concordia is determined to make Football Outreach Vanuatu into an annual opportunity to engage boys in particular with service learning in an international context.