LEA News for school leaders

1 December 2015

LEA staff news

Congratulations
LEA congratulates Shane Paterson on his appointment as Principal of Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School (SA) commencing Term 2, 2016. Shane has fulfilled the role of LEA Assistant Director: Leadership since October 2012 in a professional, collaborative and committed manner. While more will be said in Term 1, LEA acknowledges Shane’s significant contribution to the LEA team and to sharpening our focus on leadership across Lutheran education.

May God continue to bless Shane as he leads and serves.

New position
LEA, together with the Board for Lutheran Education Australia and NLT, is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Kaye Mathwin-Cox as the LEA Director of Research and Development, commencing duties in Term 2, 2016. Kaye is currently the Principal of Navigator College, Port Lincoln SA, where she has led the school since its commencement in 2008, and is now an R-12 school with approximately 500 students.

Congratulations to Kaye and God’s blessings as she farewells the Navigator community in Term 1, 2016.

Sad news
LEA writes to inform the Lutheran education community of the recent passing of Mr Jim (O.J.) Janetzki, former teacher and headmaster at Concordia Memorial College, Toowoomba Qld (now known as Concordia Lutheran College). Jim served as teacher and then headmaster at Concordia for a period of 42 years and lived his retirement years at Redcliffe Qld. His funeral will be held from 11am this Friday, 4 December, at the Grace Lutheran Church, cnr Maine Road and Gerald Avenue, Clontarf Qld. Stephen and Janelle Rudolph will be attending.

Concordia Shanghai
If you know of any Lutheran early childhood educators looking for a short term international teaching experience in China for Semester 1, 2016 (6 January to 8 June) and are mobile and job seeking, you may wish to refer them to Gregg Pinick, Head of School, Concordia International School, Shanghai (email gregg.pinick@concordiasanghai.org)

LSA principals would remember Gregg who spoke at the 2014 LSA celebration of 175 years of Lutheran education.

LEA best wishes
As this is the last edition of LEA News for 2015, the LEA team and BLEA wish to extend our best wishes and thanks to you and your communities for your service and commitment this year.

May God give you peace and joy this Christmas, a joyous and restful new year, and the re-energising that the light of Christ brings into our lives for 2016. Thank you sincerely for who you are, what you do and the people you are blessed to lead and serve.

LEA says Thank you and God’s peace to you.
School amalgamation
The amalgamation of Concordia College and St John's Lutheran School has been formally approved. As a result, from 1 January 2016, the two schools will be merged into a new entity, called Concordia College.

This historic announcement follows many months of consultation and planning and paves the way for exciting new opportunities in the coming years. The two campuses will be known as St John's Campus and Concordia Campus.

Lutheran Media
The popular online Happyland Advent Calendar is available again this year. Click on a new star each day to reveal a video, recipe, or activity for students to enjoy. Go to www.happyland.com.au/advent to join in the fun. All the stars are open for you to select what you would like to use with your students.

The Lutheran Media film, The Little Shepherd, will be played on Channel 9 on the 25th December at 6am. Please publicise as you feel appropriate within your school community.

LEA federal news
NAPLAN 2015 national report released
[2 December 2015]
The COAG Education Council today released the 2015 NAPLAN National Report. The NAPLAN National Report provides nationally comparable data on the 2015 national and state/territory results for each test domain. It provides comparisons of performance by student characteristics such as gender, Indigeneity, language background other than English, parental occupation, parental education, and school characteristics such as location. The report confirms the initial findings of the NAPLAN summary information released in August this year and provides further details in relation to student sub-populations. Read the full media release

NAPLAN 2015 results: overall stable student achievement
The 2015 NAPLAN National Report has been published on the NAP website, confirming the initial findings of the summary information released in August. The report shows stable student achievement – relative to 2008 and 2014, with some improvements nationally and in each state and territory (for some year levels and some domains).

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ACARA: Update
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