LEA governance modules
LEA, in cooperation with the regions, has developed LEA governance modules (1 and 2) which are now available for use by school and college councils. These modules describe what the LCA and LEA require of its school governing bodies, provide induction training and acknowledge the excellent service and positive support school governors provide to Lutheran education across Australia. Module 1 is available as an e-Book and can be used by school governors either
- directly from the LEA website (http://www.lutheran.edu.au/sd/index.html), or,
- downloaded in Apple or Android versions from the LEA website (http://www.lutheran.edu.au/school-professionals/governance/)

Module 2 is delivered by regions and is only accessible by them. Each regional office has key people who will be able to assist school / college councils and principals in school governance ongoing learning. Please consult with your region appropriately.

Further governance resources including a model LEA school governance handbook, policies, appraisal and ongoing learning are being developed by LEA in collaboration with the regions. It is hoped these will be available during 2016.

ALWS Awareness Days
Last week I was delighted to attend the 2015 ALWS Awareness Day at Calvary Lutheran Primary School, Morphett Vale SA. This Awareness Day was led by Julie Krause (ALWS SA Community Action Officer) and supported by Calvary year 5, 6 and 7 teachers, Vanessa Dewar, Hayley Aston and Karen Moxon.

It was inspiring to hear and see the Calvary students become deeply engaged in their learning and appreciation about refugees, displaced people and the challenges they face.

Special thanks to Angela Branford (Principal, Calvary), her staff and to Julie Krause and the ALWS team. Nearly 60 Lutheran schools across Australia are learning about themselves and the impact of ALWS and LEA working together can have in Welcoming the stranger.

LEA commends these ALWS Awareness Days to all Lutheran principals and schools. Please contact Susan Seng (susans@alws.org.au), Vicki Gollasch (vickig@alws.org.au), Julie Krause (juliek@alws.org.au) if you wish to find out more.

Susan Seng compiled a number of Lutheran school student responses to the ALWS Awareness Days. Please read these at http://www.lutheran.edu.au/upcoming-news-and-events/students-appreciate-alws-awareness-days/

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LEA Retirement Service Awards
LEA Service Awards are now known as LEA Retirement Service Awards to avoid any confusion with regional awards which recognise significant service milestones. Schools are strongly encouraged to nominate staff who will retire this year for an LEA Retirement Service Award. Eligible staff will have served in Lutheran schools for 20 years or more. The nomination form and further information is available on the LEA website at http://www.lutheran.edu.au/assets/Uploads/pr/policies/Awards%20Scholarships/ServiceAward.pdf
Principals Australia Institute
PAI newsletter Issue 3: May 2015 includes information on:
- Mindmatters redeveloped
- National student principal for a day
- Free webinar on Indigenous student outcomes
- Principal Certification Prototype Trial
- National summit – teacher retention
- Generation Next seminar series (to increase awareness of mental health and wellbeing of children and young people)
...and more. Click here to read the full newsletter

In the Footsteps of Paul tour (2016) for school leadership teams
There are a small number of vacancies left for this tour which will run 26th September – 8th October 2016. The tour is now open to members of school leadership teams and is a great opportunity for professional learning / sabbatical as many biblical (Paulin2e) sites will be visited. The complete tour itinerary and costs can be accessed at www.missiontravel.com.au/lutheran2016. The tour has been organised to minimise time away from school and covers some, if not all, holiday periods in each of the states. If you require further information please contact me (shane.paterson@lutheran.edu.au).

Please pass this information onto any interested senior leaders in your school.

AITSL eNews Update [May 2015]
The latest AITSL eNewsletter includes the following articles:
- Ready-made or made classroom-ready?
- Evaluation of the implementation of the Standards – download the full report
- Authentic teaching in maths and science
- Professional growth options
- What makes great teachers or school leaders?
- Leadership 360 degree reflection tool
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