LEA appreciation

The LEA team would like to acknowledge and thank LPA for including us, together with LCA Bishops, ALC Principal and regional leaders, in the recent 2016 National Lutheran Principals Conference in Cairns. The focus on health and wellbeing, together with the opportunities to freely discuss numerous matters with principals, was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all principals for your ongoing leadership and service to Lutheran education. You continue to make a difference to many people’s lives, particularly for the students in your care.

The LEA presentation is available for your information and use

Click here to access the video clip
Click here to access the LEA PowerPoint presentation

Media reports

As is the case from time to time media reports on government funding to non-government schools can be based on flawed assumptions and simplistic comparisons. In recent Fairfax media reports a misleading picture of how Australian schools are funded has unfortunately been provided and does nothing to support teaching and learning in Australian schools.

For the information of Lutheran principals all Australian schools are funded based on the needs of students in those schools. According to the latest available data, government schools on average receive $12,000 per student from government. Catholic schools receive $10,000 per student and independent schools receive $8,200 per student.

The LEA report / slideshow presented at the 2016 National Lutheran Principals Conference provides a clearer picture of funding for Lutheran schools. You can access the LEA presentation as follows:

Click here to access the video clip
Click here to access the LEA PowerPoint presentation

GCC / LEA governance and administration review

LSA principals, school council chairs and congregational chairs are encouraged to attend one of the three consultations being held next week (see details below). These consultations will provide an opportunity for you to provide comment/feedback and raise questions. Your views are important and valued.

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It is not too late to respond, please RSVP to joan.scriven@lutheran.edu.au as soon as possible.
ALEA Conference
[16-17 September 2016]
Hanoi Vietnam

Principals are encouraged to consider attending the ALEA Conference being held in Hanoi during September 2016.

Further information is available on the ALEA 2016 Conference web page where you will find:
- Details regarding conference programming and networking opportunities.
- Information about workshops and training that will be offered during three sessions, with a wide variety of topics.
- Registration is open with online payment available.
- Conference rates are available at the Sofitel Plaza by using the preferential code CISH16.
- Networking tables are available by sending an email to conference@asialutheraneducation.org

STEM Conference * EARLY BIRD EXPIRES NEXT WEEK *
[27-28 July 2016: Rendezvous Grand Hotel, Melbourne]

The STEM Education Conference will discuss:
- How to improve the quality of STEM educational programs and increase their industry relevance.
- How to encourage female interest and participation in STEM disciplines.
- Federal and State initiatives and investment plans.

Key speakers include:
- Robert Randall, CEO, ACARA (subject to availability)
- Doron Ben-Meir, CEO Commercialization & Innovation, University of Melbourne
- Marguerite Evans-Galea, Founder & CEO, Women in Science Australia
- Lizzie Brown, CEO, Engineers Without Borders
- Christine Mangelsdorf, Chair, Recruitment & Publicity Committee, Mathematics, University of Melbourne
- Soula Bennet, Director, Quantum Victoria
- Kate Smith-Miles, Professor of Mathematical Sciences, Monash University
- Dion Oxley, COO, Quizling
- Natasha Akib, Producer, Digital Storytellers

Lutheran Archives Research Competition

Lutheran Education Australia endorses the following Lutheran Archives Research Competition and encourages school leaders and Christian Studies and History teachers to distribute the flyer widely to students up to year 10 level and to promote student involvement as much as possible. This is an opportunity for our Lutheran schools and colleges to support the work of the wider Lutheran church in a small but practical way. **Principals, please pass this on to your Christian Studies and History teachers.**

**50-1500**

Lutheran Archives
Research Competition

My congregation - past, present and future

For age groups: Junior (12 years and under) & Senior (13-16 years)

Research your church family and produce a written report or a multimedia presentation with the title:

My congregation - past, present and future

1966 - 2016: 50 years of change in my congregation

Ideas: Interview your pastor and some longstanding members who might know about your congregation during the last 50 years. Did your congregation combine with another after the ELCA and UELCA amalgamated? Did your congregation form after 1966? Were any church buildings (including the manse) sold at that time or re-purposed to bring the congregations together? Can you find photographs of the past and present buildings? If so, how do they compare? Has the congregation changed? Has it grown or shrunk? Are you in a rural area where employment on farms has changed and the population has declined? Are you in an urban area where large numbers of migrants have settled in the area and joined the congregation? Has your local community changed in other ways? Has your church changed its programs and groups, eg youth group, women’s guild etc? You could investigate congregational statistics showing baptisms, confirmations, member figures etc. If you like, create a model of your church plant, then and now, as an entry in the multimedia section. Don’t forget to consider plans and goals for the future.

Closing date for entries: 25 September 2016

Entries should be submitted in digital or hard copy form to Lutheran Archives (contact details below).

- **Word limits:** Junior – 500 words; Senior – 1000 words
- **Multimedia:** Junior and Senior – six minutes in length
- **Prizes:** Cash prizes of $100 and $30 for the best and second-best entries in the senior age group, and $80 and $60 for the junior section. (Prizes sponsored by Wohlers Pty Ltd)

Details:

- Written entries may include photographs. Multimedia entries include PowerPoints, films and websites.
- Credit will be given for using interviews as well as written and photographic sources.
- Credit will be given for making personal or email contact with Lutheran Archives (27 Fourth Street, Bowden SA 5007 Phone 08 8340 4009 Email: lutheran.archives@lca.org.au).
- Credit will be given for including a reference list and resource list.
- Other criteria for judging: creativity, care and accuracy.
- The entries will be judged by the Director of Lutheran Archives and a panel of volunteers at Lutheran Archives.
- To enter, email Mr Ev Leskie for an entry form and further competition information at leskie@faith.sa.edu.au

During this synodical term, 2015-2016, the LCA/NZ recognised two significant milestones. In 2016 we celebrate our 50th birthday, and in 2017 we commemorate the 200th anniversary of the plantation. **50-1500 faith.freedom.future** invite you to mark these special anniversaries with thanks to God for his past blessings and with the sure hope and confidence that he is building the LCA/NZ for the future.