

LEA invited to meet with National School Resourcing Board

LEA was delighted to recently receive an invitation to consult with the NSRB. Stephen Kroker (LEA Business Manager) and Stephen Rudolph met with representatives of the NSRB and Federal Department of Education and discussed the SES Review, current funding challenges for Lutheran systems and Lutheran schools and future funding needs of and preferences for Lutheran schools. This opportunity and invitation was an acknowledgement of the recognition of the excellent work being done by Lutheran systems and Lutheran schools for many years and was deeply appreciated.

LEA has also and will continue to consult with ISCA and at this stage is pleased to support the ISCA submission to the NSRB. The ISCA submission is attached for your information.

PM writes to principals to tackle bullying

The Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, has written to every school principal across Australia urging them to tackle online bullying and violence. Mr Turnbull has invited principals to launch anti-bullying programs including the establishment of 'pledge walls' where children can promise to make their school free from bullying.

Additionally, a National Day of Action against bullying and violence will be held on 16 March 2018. Registrations are now open and all schools are invited to register as an official NDA school with access to an extensive range of resources and materials. Schools can view and download resources on the NDA website: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/NationalDay/ForSchools/Pages/School-materials-to-download.aspx>

Stephen Rudolph
Executive Director
Lutheran Education Australia

Quality Schools Survey

The first surveys are now underway. Thank you for your cooperation in providing the data needed for the surveys to be distributed by email. We will be seeking feedback on the process again, but as surveys are spread out over two semesters this will happen over a period of time in several phases. Survey data will be returned to principals about three weeks after the survey has been completed. RADII will provide a guide on how to interpret the survey results.

Women in Leadership

As I am writing this on International Women's Day it seems appropriate to mention the Australian schools women in leadership summit which is being held in Sydney on April 18th. A range of experienced female leaders, including Ita Buttrose as well as panel discussion looking for a way forward will be part of the summit. More information can be found at <http://www.nesli.org/schoolssummit.html>

Dianne Eckermann
LEA Director of Leadership



LEA Executive Director

The Board for Lutheran Education Australia recently announced the retirement of Stephen Rudolph, LEA Executive Director, at the end of 2018. The LEA Board of Directors has commenced the process of appointment of a new Executive Director to commence in 2019. The position is currently being advertised through a variety of channels. The advertisement, position description and selection criteria are available at: <http://www.lutheran.edu.au/executive-director/>

[Dr] Neville Highett
Chair, Board for Lutheran Education Australia



Formation

Growing deep

Indigenous perspectives and the Australian Curriculum

Australians Together, presented a most thought provoking session at ACLE and will provide a workshop for teachers supporting them in the development of units of work with Indigenous perspectives.

Australians Together will work with the teachers to:

- develop understandings of Australia's shared history
- explore and make links with AITSL and ACARA
- use a backwards by design process to support teachers as they develop units of work to be implemented in classrooms
- reflect on ways teachers may be able to assess learning

Please view the following video which will give you some indication of the impact on teachers and students of working with Australians Together to develop units with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/m7ngu6m4llqwqr/170817_PS_EDU_Donvale_Edit_Final.mp4?dl=0



If you have teachers who would be interested in attending this workshop could you please email anne.dohnt@lutheran.edu.au and advise how many teachers would be attending. The location of the workshop will be determined by the region with the most attendees. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Cultural awareness study tour

7-11 May 2018

You're invited to join a small group of Lutheran education leaders on a life-changing cultural awareness study tour to Palm Island North Queensland. Join Australians Together hosts as they travel to Indigenous communities giving you the opportunity to hear stories from Indigenous people and explore:

- The importance of Indigenous culture and how it relates to each of us.
- How past events continue to impact Indigenous people.
- The responsibilities we all have as Australians.
- How we can support each other in educating and raising awareness for all Australian teachers and students.

Hosts for the tour will be **Dr Susan Starling** Head of Education, **Lisa Daly** Education Coordinator and **Richard Cassady**, Relationships Manager.

WHEN: Arriving in Townsville on Monday 7th May 2018, concluding in Townsville on Friday 11th May 2018.

WHERE: Visiting various Indigenous communities and locations across North East Queensland and Palm Island. Further details regarding the itinerary will become available in coming months.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT: Apart from your travel to and from Townsville, all expenses relating to transport, meals and accommodation will be covered by Australians Together.

[Click here](#) for further information and to register your interest

Australians Together is a not-for-profit organisation that believes better outcomes for Indigenous Australians begin with a change in our perspective.

Anne Dohnt
LEA Director of Formation

New ALWS Executive Director

The Board of Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) recently announced the appointment of **Ms Jamieson (Jamie) Davies as Executive Director**. She replaces Chey Mattner, who has accepted an appointment to the Lutheran World Service Department of the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva.

Jamie grew up as an active Lutheran in the United States of America, and served in youth ministry in her church and on university campus. She received a Masters degree in International Affairs and African Studies from the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, and graduated from Georgetown University with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and German Studies.

[Read more](#)

Schools empowered with new resources to take action on bullying

[14 February 2018]

School communities across Australia will take action and share their commitment to a world where bullying and violence have no place. The Chair of the Education Council, Minister Susan Close, said schools across the nation are getting ready to say 'Bullying. No Way!' to mark the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence in a range of local activities and events. This year, Bullying. No Way! has released Launchpad - a resource that supports school staff in teaching and talking about bullying. "Launchpad is a guide to help schools create learning environments that reinforce respect and inclusion, and communicate to everyone that bullying is never okay." Minister Close said.

[Read the full media release](#)

National review of teacher registration panel meets

[13 February 2018]

The National Review of Teacher Registration Expert Panel recently came together to agree on ways of working. The panel has been formed in response to all Australian Education Ministers agreeing to the National Review of Teacher Registration. The Review will look at whether registration requirements are consistently and robustly applied across Australia to help ensure every Australian learner experiences quality teaching. Panel members agreed that the key for the review is to focus on the extent to which there is national consistency and rigour in teacher registration processes across the country in terms of the application of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (Teacher Standards).

[Read the full media release](#)

My School 2018

[27 February 2018]

ACARA have advised that the My School website has been updated with:

- 2017 NAPLAN results for schools
- 2017 school profile and population data
- 2016 school financial information, including capital expenditure and sources of funding.

They have also redeveloped the site to make it mobile-friendly, easier to use and more engaging for visitors.

In consultation with state and territory education authorities, using statistically-sound analysis of school results, ACARA has identified schools with substantially above average gain in NAPLAN results. A fact sheet explaining how these schools were identified is available at: <http://stjudesps.act.edu.au/srcfiles/My-School-2017.pdf>