LEA staff movement
LEA congratulates Kaye Mathwin-Cox, Director of Research and Development, on her appointment as Principal of Unity College SA, as from the start of 2017.

Due to the current GCC/LEA governance and administration review, as well as the LEA accreditation and professional learning pathways for Lutheran education, NLT and BLEA will consider LEA future staffing needs in this light, and over the coming months, evaluate key areas of need. It is expected that a future LEA leadership position will be advertised during the first half of 2017 as the direction of these two reviews becomes clearer.

Leadership news
- Congratulations to Mr Andrew Boesch, Principal, Spring Head Lutheran School SA, who has been appointed as Director of Learning at Immanuel Lutheran School, Gawler SA, as from 2017
- Lutheran schools currently or soon to advertise for principals and other key leadership positions are:
  - Principal, St Pauls College, Walla Walla NSW (soon to be advertised)
  - Director of Staff, Pacific Lutheran College, Caloundra Qld
  - Principal, Spring Head Lutheran School, Spring Head SA
  - Deputy Principal, Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Palmerston NT
  - Principal, Sunshine Christian School, Sunshine Vic

Please check the LEA website for all current Lutheran school employment opportunities: [http://www.teachers.on.net/leavacancies](http://www.teachers.on.net/leavacancies)

Lutheran education Olympics wrap-up
Further information received at LEA indicates that Lutheran schools have clear connections more Australian athletes who competed at the 2016 Rio Olympics
- Alana Boyd (triple Olympian), Immanuel Qld
  - 4th in final of pole vault
- Alyce Burnett, Immanuel Qld
  - made final of K2 500m in kayaking
- Taylor McKeon, St Pauls Caboolture and Grace LC Qld
  - Silver medal, women’s 100m medley relay

NAPLAN 2008-2016
Kaye Mathwin-Cox, LEA Director of Research and Development, has been focussing on preparing for each Australia Lutheran school an individual 2008-2016 NAPLAN results summary with relevant commentary on areas of strength, areas to Dr Juhani Tuovinen, Associate Professor, Global Centre for Work Applied Learning, and Associate Director, Research and Certification, has been assisting LEA with this exercise. With Kaye progressing to Unity College in 2017, Juhnai will continue this work with LEA.

2017 Key dates for Lutheran principals
- 2017 LEA national ministry conferences
  - LEQ 14-15 February 2017
  - LSA 23-24 February 2017
  - LEVNT 4-5 May 2017
(more details to be circulated very soon)
- ACLES5 in the Adelaide Convention centre 5, 6, 7 July 2017
Lutheran education in the news


If your school has news to highlight in LEA news, please send to joan.scriven@lutheran.edu.au

Principal Health and Wellbeing

The Australian Catholic University is continuing the longitudinal study into the occupational health, safety and wellbeing of school leaders. The Australian Principal Health and Wellbeing Survey 2016-2019 is being jointly funded by the Australian Research Council through the Linkage Grant Scheme, and the continued support from Teachers Health Fund, APPA, AHISA, Catholic Church Insurance and the New South Wales Secondary Principals Council.

The study aims to help policy makers better understand school leaders’ occupational context and work-related health and wellbeing issues. The team also plans to identify what helps principals to thrive and build on this to develop professional learning opportunities in conjunction with the principals’ associations.

The survey involves all principals, assistants and deputes in every sector of every Australian state and territory. It is being conducted in response to concerns that the increasing complexity and workload demands of school leadership roles are impacting on the health and wellbeing of Australian school leaders.

The survey is being conducted by members of The Institute for Positive Psychology and Education at ACU. It is independent of all employer groups, professional associations and unions. All individual survey data is kept strictly confidential and no individual or school will be identifiable in any reporting of the results. All participants receive an instant, individualised report on their personal health and wellbeing status and can compare this to others in similar school situations.

You may have received an email from a principal association about the survey. Alternatively you can access information, prior reports and links to the current survey at: [http://www.principalhealth.org.au/](http://www.principalhealth.org.au/)  
**Closing date for survey responses is 17 October 2016**

LLL Tract Mission

A reminder from the LLL Tract Mission about resources schools may find of interest:

- Daily Bible Readings for 2017
- Faith Inkubator text cards
- New Christmas tracts:
  - Immanuel, God is with us – Christmas large print leaflet
  - A Saviour is Born – Activity book for children (6 pages)
  - A Saviour is Born – Junior activity book for children (6 pages)
  - Merry Christmas (Matthew 1: 18-25) – text card
  - God gives His love in His Son, Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-2,5) – bookmark
  - God’s gift for you (1 John 4:9) – postcard
- Other new resources
  - Jesus loves the Little children – poem for children telling them of God’s love
  - Psalm 23 – Beautiful picture 8 page tract for a beautiful psalm (large print)
  - The Ten Commandments – 6 page fold-out tract
  - How do I know...? – evangelistic leaflet explaining our faith
  - A father’s love – poem sharing the love of a father for Father’s Day
  - Gifts of Life – ‘Faith, hope and love, but the greatest is love’
  - Jesus is the only way to Bridge the Gap – evangelistic tract explaining Jesus as our Saviour
  - Adam and Eve disobey God – Cartoon story about the Adam and Eve (Genesis 3)
  - Adam and Eve disobey God Activity Book – Activities about the first people God created
Adam and Eve disobey God Junior Activity Book – Activities about the first people for young children

Baptism: from Martin Luther’s Small Catechism

LEA levies 2017

The BLEA has approved a 3% increase in the LEA national office levy for 2017. This increase will cover the additional costs involved in the continued GCC/LEA governance and administration review in 2017 together with Growing deep resources to support principals and schools in the development of school improvement plans and other applications. Due to significant increases in claims on the Transfer Fund there will be an increase of $3.00 per student. There will be no increase in the Sick Leave Emergency Fund and a small decrease in the Safe School Liability Fund. In 2017 levies will be:

- National Office                           $38.40
- Safe School Liability Fund               $ 0.20
- Sick Leave Emergency Fund                $ 2.50
- Transfer Fund                            $ 5.00

LEA news

No benefit to single-sex education, Australian Psychological Society Congress to be told

[13 September 2016]

A review of 1.6 million students has failed to find any advantages to single-sex education, says the former president of American Psychological Association Diane Halpern.

Professor Halpern, who has spent three decades researching the psychology of single-sex education, will present the keynote address at the Australian Psychological Society Congress in Melbourne this week. The former psychology professor at Claremont McKenna College will draw on the work of her American Psychological Association colleague, Janet Hyde, who undertook a meta-analysis of 184 studies of more than 1.6 million students from K-12 schools between 1968 and 2013.

‘Proponents of single-sex schools argue that separating boys and girls increases students’ achievement and academic interest,’ Dr Hyde said in the 2014 study. ‘Our comprehensive analysis of the data shows that these advantages are trivial and, in many cases, non-existent.’ Read the full article

Independent sector stresses need for accurate analysis of school funding

[6 September 2016]

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) has today stressed the importance of informed and accurate analysis of the issues surrounding school funding. Recent analysis of school funding trends ignores the different roles played by the Commonwealth Government and state and territory governments in funding school education, and this difference is critical to understanding how Australian schools are funded. The majority of public recurrent funding for government schools, close to 90%, is provided by state and territory governments, with just over 10% provided by the Commonwealth Government. The opposite is true for non-government schools, with the majority of public funding provided by the Commonwealth Government. Read the full media release

National Education Evidence Base - Draft Inquiry Report

[6 September 2016]

The path to better education outcomes lies in strengthening the capability to identify and evaluate the policies, programs and teaching practices that work best, for whom and in what circumstances, and applying this across the nation’s school systems, says a Productivity Commission draft report released today. ‘There has been a 14 per cent real increase in spending per student over the last ten years, yet student performance remains broadly static and in some areas has actually decreased. More resources, performance benchmarking and competition between schools alone, although
important, are insufficient to achieve gains in education outcomes' said Commissioner Jonathan Coppel. See http://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/current/education-evidence/draft

Online safety in focus for schools and libraries during National Esmart Week
[6 September 2016]
This week, hundreds of schools and libraries across Australia will participate in National eSmart Week - an initiative to encourage cyber safety and digital inclusion. Over 2,200 schools and almost half of Australia’s public libraries are registered as eSmart, playing an important role in helping to reduce cyberbullying, improve cyber safety and educate students and citizens on the safe and responsible use of technology. Throughout National eSmart Week, schools and libraries will showcase their commitment to cyber safety and take part in events hosted around Australia. In support of National eSmart Week, the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner will host a number of webinars to help schools and libraries tackle cyberbullying. Read the full media release

AITSL’s new CEO
[5 September 2016]
Ms Lisa Rodgers has recently been appointed as AITSL’s new Chief Executive Officer. Lisa is scheduled to join AITSL in the second half of October, following an impressive career with the New Zealand Ministry of Education. Lisa’s most recent role was Deputy Secretary, Early Learning and Student Achievement. In this role Lisa was responsible for raising achievement and improving system effectiveness with school leaders, across education and the wider social sector. Read the full media release

ACARA Update
[31 August 2016]
The latest ACARA Update provides information on:
- STEM projects – value in bringing subjects together
- New maths resource released
- Work samples for The Arts: Dance, Drama, Media Arts and Music
- NAPLAN online trials and studies
Read the full newsletter

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5-7 July 2017
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