LEA Executive Director travel
I will be participating in the LEA / LPA *Footsteps of Paul* tour in the coming weeks. Following the tour I will travel to the US to present (in conjunction with Shane Jurecky, Principal of Good Shepherd College, Hamilton Vic) at the LEA USA Convocation being held in Grand Rapids. I will be back in the LEA office week commencing 24 October 2016

Leadership news
- Congratulations to Leila Mattner, Deputy Principal, St Paul Blair Athol SA, who has been appointed as Principal at St Paul Blair Athol SA
- Lutheran schools currently advertising for principals are:
  - Principal, St Pauls College, Walla Walla NSW
  - 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)

Proposed LEA / LPA study tours
LEA and LPA are assessing the feasibility of the following proposed study tours in the coming years:

**2017:**
- LEA / LPA service learning study tour to Indonesian Lutheran schools. This would include LEA, LPA and LCA International Mission with the cooperation of Ridwin Purba, Lutheran school secretary Indonesia
- LEA / LPA study tour to Asia Lutheran Education Association schools (Concordia Hanoi, Concordia Shanghai, and Hong Kong International School)

**2018:**
- LEA / LPA Germany Lutherlands study tour. LEA has a provisional booking for the tour to take place in May 2018, subject to numbers

Sharon Kotzur, LPA Chair, recently circulated an LPA survey to ascertain the level of interest in these possibilities. Can you please reply to Sharon with your feedback so that future LEA / LPA planning might proceed.

LEA National Ministry Conferences 2017
LEO 14-15 February 2017 | LSA 23-24 February 2017 | LEVNT 04-05 May 2017

**Theme: Relationships, Relationships, Relationships**

Relationships are crucial to the mission and ministry of Lutheran education. Relationships are difficult to develop if we don’t understand each other. Mark McCrindle [pictured right top] will help us gain a deeper insight of youth culture. Dean Eaton [pictured right bottom] will help us understand what it means to be on mission with God in this current cultural setting. This will then lead in to a discussion on why and how we worship in the current climate.

The conference is for early childhood service directors, school principals, school pastors, chaplains, pastors of congregations (connected to an ECS and/or school) and all those involved in Lutheran education ministry. If you are unable to attend the conference in your region, you are encouraged to attend the conference in another region.
To minimise cost and maximise attendance the conference is being held in each of the three regions. Further details, venues, cost and registration information will be forwarded in due course.

Lutheran education in the news

- **40 Innovative Schools Awards – Correction**
  

If you 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 deputies 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

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**LEA Director of Formation**

**[Anne Dohnt]**

**Australians Together Teacher Curriculum Awareness and Engagement Survey**

Australians Together is conducting a national survey of teachers to determine their level of awareness and engagement in the ACARA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content and AITSL standards 1.4 and 2.4. The overall goal of the research is to determine teacher needs and find ways to better support them in these important areas.

We have met with Australians Together and endorse their vision. This is important work. The McCrindle research group has been engaged to manage a short anonymous survey. We would very much appreciate the participation of your teaching staff across each year level of your school. Should you be happy to participate could you circulate the following link to the appropriate staff: [http://mccrindle.asia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5ulwkXJcN8YherX](http://mccrindle.asia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5ulwkXJcN8YherX). The closing date is 14 October 2016
Australians Together is a Christian NGO dedicated to seeing better relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Their website is www.australianstogether.org.au and Dr Susan Starling is the new Head of Education and project manager for this survey. Please contact Sue (sue@australianstogether.org.au) if you have questions regarding the survey.

Please note: Australians Together is a national organisation and has chosen the word Indigenous to describe Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We fully respect that different terms may be preferred by different cultural groups across Australia and suggest that local schools ask their local Indigenous community about their preferred term.

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**LEA Business Manager**

[Stephen Kroker]

**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

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Australian Conference on Lutheran Education

5-7 July 2017