LEA Lutheran education governance and administration review

The LCA Executive Officer, Peter Schirmer, has written to all Lutheran principals, school council chairs and, where applicable, congregational / parish chairs (with a governance role for a Lutheran school) to invite them to a series of Lutheran education consultations.

The LCA has engaged Dr Maureen Cleary to research and prepare *Governance options for Lutheran education, schools and early childhood services in Australia*. Dr Cleary has been working with both LCA (GCC and Districts), and LEA (and regional) people via a consultancy group in preparing draft options. **Please note this invitation is only for principals, school council chairs and congregational chairs (with a school governance connection)**

In order to listen to the views of principals and chairs, Dr Cleary with the support of the LCA and LEA people will conduct a series of consultations. Invitations to these consultations have been mailed out. The schedule is as follows:

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<td>21 March</td>
<td>6.30 - 8.30</td>
<td>Toowoomba</td>
<td>Concordia Lutheran College Redlands Campus</td>
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<td>7 April</td>
<td>6.30 - 8.30</td>
<td>Albury/Wodonga</td>
<td>Victory LC</td>
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<td>9 April</td>
<td>10 – 12:00</td>
<td>Melbourne</td>
<td>Quality Hotel</td>
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<td>12 April</td>
<td>6.30 - 8.30</td>
<td>Brisbane</td>
<td>LEQ, 24 McDougall Street, Milton</td>
<td>Maureen Cleary, David Bliss, S Rudolph</td>
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<td>6.30 - 8.30</td>
<td>Sunshine Coast</td>
<td>Immanuel Lutheran College, Maroochydore</td>
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<td>6.30 - 8.30</td>
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<td>The Sauviter Concordia College</td>
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<td>6.30 - 8.30</td>
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<td>Purtinga Centre Cornerstone College</td>
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Principals and chairs are warmly encouraged to take up these consulting opportunities.

**Quality Schools**

Last week a comprehensive communication about the upcoming Quality Schools survey was sent to all Lutheran school principals. Now all of the Quality Schools information can be easily accessed at: [http://www.lutheran.edu.au/school-professionals/leadership/quality-schools/quality-schools-march-2016/](http://www.lutheran.edu.au/school-professionals/leadership/quality-schools/quality-schools-march-2016/)

If you have any queries about any aspects of Quality Schools, please contact:
You will note that Quality Schools is drawn strongly from the *Growing deep* framework.

The regional rollouts for Quality Schools are times as follows:
LEQ / LEVNT: 28th April - 24th May 2016
LSA: 5th May - 31st May 2016

To date 27 schools have sent their data into RADII and principals are encouraged to ensure their data is forwarded as soon as possible [due date 1 April 2016].

Thank you for ensuring your school is well prepared for this significant data collection survey. The support to regions and schools by LEA will be led by Kaye Mathwin-Cox, newly appointed LEA director of Research and Development when she commences duties on 2 May 2016.

Your support is acknowledged and appreciated.

**Farewell and thank you**

The LEA team wishes to acknowledge the service and contributions to LEA and Lutheran education by Shane Paterson for the past 3½ years. Shane took on a newly created position and his energy and drive with LDP, LPA, VSC, Quality Schools and especially *Growing deep* has been deeply appreciated.

Shane has used his gifts in service and support to others and he has made a difference at LEA and for Lutheran schools.

LEA wishes Shane and the Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School community every blessing as they lead and serve together. Thank you Shane for your valued contributions and your Christian leadership.

**NAPLAN Online**

During 2015 NLT met with Robert Randall, ACARA, to discuss the possible involvement of Lutheran schools in the 2016 NAPLAN online trial. Unfortunately ACARA has been unable to further planning for Lutheran school involvement with the online trial. This does not mean, however, that an individual Lutheran school, if given the opportunity, should not participate in this online trial. In fact, it would be very useful to hear of a Lutheran school’s experience if such occurs.

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**LEA Director of Formation**

[Anne Dohnt]

**Growing deep**

The *Growing deep* introductory workshop powerpoint and resources are provided in the ‘Home’ tab of the *Growing deep* website. There will be new videos added in the coming weeks. Please email (lea@lutheran.edu.au) a brief summary and /or images of ways your community is engaging with Growing deep so we can all be inspired by the wisdom in your community. We are looking forward to hearing and sharing your stories on the *Growing deep* website.

**LEA federal news**

AITSL eNews

[21 March 2016]

Click here to access the latest AITSL eNewsletter
Do you have the winning idea for a clean energy or sustainability project?

The annual Zayed Future Energy Prize (ZFEP) is now accepting submissions for the 2017 Global High School Prize. US $100,000 will be granted to the school with the most innovative educational project focusing on renewable energy and sustainability. The prize money can be used to fund a proposed educational project or to complete an ongoing project.

ZFEP is an award managed by Masdar, a clean energy company based in Abu Dhabi. Masdar is creating Masdar City; one of the world’s most sustainable cities that operates as a research hub and nurtures business partnerships for the future. The Global High School Prize is awarded to a high school in five global regions - Asia, Africa, Europe, the Americas and our region Oceania. An Australian company, Business Outlook and Evaluation, is the Prize’s outreach partner and provides complimentary support to applicants with their submissions. Applications close June 27th 2016.

For online submissions, or for more information, please contact Oceania’s schools coordinator, Ms Kirsten Powell at kirsten@businessoutlook.com.au or mobile +61 402 111 627 or visit the website below.

STEM Conference
[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