LESER Memo No 9
27 June 2013

Attention: Principals, Christian Studies Leaders

**All Principals**

*Annual Reports 2012*
This task should be completed this week. A Reminder to forward an electronic copy of your Annual Report 2012 through to Jayne.hogan@leser.lutheran.edu.au Please ensure this is uploaded to your website by 30 June 2013 Thank you

**Certifying compliance on the internet – 2012 School Year**

Please note that as part of DEEWR compliance requirements all schools must ensure that the following areas are reported against.

1. If selected, took part in national sample assessments – that is, in the 2012 school year, participated in the National Assessment Program (NAP) Science and Literacy assessment, and Programme for International Science Assessment (PISA) in reading, mathematical and science literacy, if your school was selected by the assessment contractor (see: www.nap.edu.au/nap-sample-assessments/nap-sample-assessments.html).

2. Holds required information on student background characteristics – that is, holds information on the sex, Indigenous status, socioeconomic background, language background, geographic location of students for the 2012 school year (see: www.acara.edu.au/verve/_resources/Data_Standards_Manual_2010.pdf)

3. Gave parents or carers plain language student reports – that is, provided those responsible for each student enrolled in the 2012 school year with reports on the student’s progress and achievement that complied with the Schools Assistance Regulations 2009 (see: www.deewr.gov.au/schools-assistance-act)

4. Has published a school annual report for the 2012 school year, on the internet, before 30 June 2013 – that includes information on a set of indicators about the school as listed in the Schools Assistance Regulations 2009 (available in the link above).

For any further clarification please contact Paul Weinert, Director paul.weinert@leser.lutheran.edu.au Ph: 9236 1250
Good Grief Seasons for Growth – Victorian Dates 2013
The GOODGRIEF organization have for years been offering training programs in the area of grief and loss. A well-known and highly regarded program is “Seasons for Growth”. The state coordinator Patricia Williams, has contacted us to pass on details of all of the training sessions available in the South Eastern corner of Australia for 2013. We have uploaded the summary document onto our website. You can access it via the following link: SEASONS FOR GROWTH TRAINING

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Accreditation

Monitoring the accreditation status of teachers in our schools is an ongoing process. The LExICON data base shows the completion of sessions undertaken by teachers in the Pathways program as well as the EQUIP program. Pathways: Spiritual and Theological sessions are delivered by school personnel and should be recorded by the school, while EQUIP participation and Pathways: Vocational sessions are recorded by the regional office.

To date, the region has not delivered Pathways: Vocational but we are keen to offer a session next term. From the LExICON database I have identified only 11 teachers in schools, other than Luther College, who have completed both Pathways: Spiritual and Theological and who therefore need to complete Pathways: Vocational in order to receive At accreditation:

- Good News, Tarneit: 2
- Sunshine: 1
- Lakeside, Pakenham: 1
- Victory, Wodonga: 1
- Trinity, Mildura: 5
- Good Shepherd, Croydon: 1

I am concerned that there might be other staff members who have completed Pathways: Spiritual and Pathways: Theological but the information has not been entered into LExICON. If this is the case, there could well be more teachers who could participate in the Pathways: Vocational session (1 day) next term.

We propose to hold Pathways: Vocational on Wednesday, September 11.
If you feel you have additional candidates for Pathways: Vocational, please contact me.

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Principal, Nhill Lutheran School

Nhill Lutheran School is seeking to fill the vacancy created by the acceptance of an appointment by the previous Principal Mr Grant Fiedler, to lead another school community. We are grateful for the services of interim Principal, Mr Jeff Gork in partnership with Holy Trinity Lutheran School, Horsham.

The School wishes to appoint as its new principal an innovative and energetic educator who can provide inspiring leadership to the entire school community and ensure that the strategic vision for growth is pursued.

The successful applicant will be an active worshipping member of the Lutheran Church of Australia, with a proven record of educational leadership and a heart for mission.

Applications for this position are now invited. This is a wonderful leadership opportunity for an enthusiastic and suitably experienced person.

(Nhill is a thriving rural community located almost halfway between Melbourne and Adelaide on the Western Highway. It is close to some iconic tourist attractions of Mount Arapilies, Grampians National Park, Little Desert National Park, Wimmera River and Lake Hindmarsh.)

An information pack may be obtained by contacting:
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Applications close: 05-07-2013
Position commences: 01-01-2014
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Christian Studies Leaders

Memo to Christian Studies Leaders – Central Hub

Good Shepherd, Croydon  Luther College  Geelong Lutheran College
St Johns, Geelong  Eastside, Hobart  Trinity Lutheran, Mildura
Lakeside, Pakenham  Sunshine  Good News, Tarneit

A hub meeting for Christian Studies Leaders in the schools listed above (Central Hub) will be held on:
Thursday, August 15 – 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at the LESER Office, 755 Station Street, Box Hill

The purpose of hub meetings are:

- To develop a close working relationship with the Christian Studies key teacher in each school
- To assist Christian Studies Key Teachers in their understanding of their role
- Facilitate professional learning for Christian Studies Key Teachers that is relevant to their needs
- Facilitate interactive workshops where sharing between cluster schools is a high priority

Please send me your suggestions for topics/issues/activities etc you would like to see included in the Christian Studies Leaders Day and/or volunteer anything that you would like to share or work through with the group.

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