A SEASON OF NEW BEGINNINGS

What is it about a simple change in weather that can bring out the best in people? It’s almost like each new season is a new beginning of sorts. The very representation of newness stirs up changes in our souls. The scripture tells us to never give up - no matter how long, strenuous and painstaking the road or trials are in our lives, there is always a new season ahead, a season of new beginnings. 2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. http://www1.cbn.com

STAFFING NEWS

We are pleased to have Alicia Leonard join us as part of the LSO Classroom Learning Support Team. This has allowed us to provide additional in-class assistance for a number of students who require extra help. We welcome back LeeAnn Brook after a period of absence for medical reasons. We have also engaged Simon Smith, who will be the (Navigator) Cummins Bus Driver and will commence on Monday the 12th.

We congratulate Jenni Morel who has accepted a position from the start of next year, at our sister Lutheran school, Good News Lutheran College, Tarneit, in one of the massive growth corridors on the out-skirts of Melbourne. While we will be sad to see Jenni leave us, it is a wonderful opportunity for her to take the next step in her teaching career. We are also sad to announce that Lucas Brenen will be heading back to Adelaide next year following a short stint with us as our second Japanese teacher.

After serving the school since it’s year of establishment, Helen Sulda will retire from her role as Head Cleaner at the end of this week. We wish Helen and her partner Greg many happy and relaxing times ahead as they take time out to travel around Australia. In association with the retirement of Helen, the College has taken the opportunity to outsource the cleaning contract. As a result of this change, several current cleaning staff have taken up offers from the new company to continue on the cleaning team, while Tracy Valcic, Chris Harvey and Greg Thomas will also leave the staff of Navigator College from the end of this week. We thank all of these people for their self-less service of our community and wish them every blessing in the future.

Also leaving the staff of Navigator College is our Cummins Bus driver, Barry Davies. Barry has been offered full time work in Port Lincoln so he has felt obligated to take up that opportunity. We certainly will miss Barry’s infectious positive outlook around the College. We thank him also for the key role that he has played in developing the nature-play space in our bush block.

There has been an interesting piece of news from our former Principal Kaye Mathwin-Cox, who after a short period of time as the Director of Research and Development for Lutheran Education Australia, has been appointed as the new Principal of Unity College, Murray Bridge, from the start of 2017. In a bizarre twist of career pathways, Kaye will take up the leadership in the school in which I was the Principal a few years back! I think we all knew you would miss school life Kaye!
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