Dear TLS Community,

Have you ever had the feeling that you just want to give up? There are periods in my life when I wonder if I am ever going to surface from the ever increasing workload of planning, paperwork, washing and picking up after children. And that’s before I get to work! It’s during these times, when I am at my lowest point that I have found solace and strength by reflecting on Jesus’ many journeys in which He was put to the test and like Him, I find the need to pray to God.

“One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.” Luke 18:1

The widow in this story sought to right wrongs alleged against her, from an unjust judge who refused her requests for justice. Despite the continued refusal, the widow persisted with her requests for justice until the judge relented. The judge however did not assist her because it was the right thing to do, or for fear of God, but for his own selfish reasons of wanting her to stop bothering him.

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It’s important to remember that life goes on, one step at a time and yes some days are better than others. But throughout it all I know and trust that God has not forsaken me but is giving me the strength to work through my workload and challenges, one thing at a time. God has never promised me to have an easy life, but He has promised me that He would never leave me.

When thinking about Jesus’ life, walking from town to town, helping others in need, nowhere to lay His head down, never giving up, but continuing all the way to the cross. Why?
Why did He keep going?
Why didn’t He give up?

For me! For you! For all of us! And He did it so we could pray to Him and know that whatever we are going through He is with us giving us the strength to continue and to never give up.

Throughout this term I have been trying to pass this message onto the students in my class. God is with us all, patiently waiting for us to pray and ask for the strength to continue, to try again, to concentrate a little more, to change our attitude and to ‘Never Give Up.’

One of the quotes we have read and shared together is:

“Good things come to those who believe, better things come to those who are patient and the best things come to those who don’t give up.”

Join with me this week in praying to ask for the strength to persevere and persist to achieve what is right – to achieve our best.

Dear Jesus,
I acknowledge that it is hard some times to continue. I want to give up, but I know that You are here waiting for me to pray for strength and perseverance. Lord, I will get up, I will show up with an open mind, I will try my best, I will keep asking for Your strength and I will never give up. Please be with me Lord.

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From the Management Team...

Dates to remember

| March      | 4 | Chapel 9:00am (BW)  |
|           | 6 | Combined Service  |
|           | 11| Chapel 9:00am & Assembly 2:30pm |
|           | 14| Public Holiday  |
|           | 18| Chapel 9:00am  |
|           | 21| Final swimming day at ‘The Rex’ (Mon) |
|           |  \-  | Harmony Day  |
|           | 22| Young Leader’s Day, Adelaide  |
|           | 23| Chapel 9:00am (AB) & Assembly 2:30pm |
|           | 24| Swimming Carnival at ‘The Rex’  |
|           | 25| Good Friday  |
|           | 28| Easter Monday  |

| April     | 1 | Chapel 9:00am  |
|          | 4-8| SAPSASA Softball  |
|          | 8 | Chapel 9:00am & Assembly 2:30pm |
|          | 12| Amazing Me (Sex Ed) 6:30pm |
|          | 14| Last day of term, chapel at 2:30pm with normal dismissal time. PT interviews from 4:00pm onwards  |
|          | 15| Pupil Free Day and PT Interviews from 8:30am  |

| May | 2 | Pupil Free Day  |
| 3 | First day Term 2 (Tues) |
| 9-11| Year 6 Camp  |
| 9-13| NAPLAN Week  |
FAMILY PRAYERS: This week please pray for these school families:

- Catford
- Clay
- Collett
- Combe
- Coombs

As a community we know God’s power through prayer, so please keep the school, its staff, students and families in your prayers. If you have prayer requests, please let Darren, Matthew or the office staff know.

Principal’s Award:
Thomas Holmes

Mrs Watson: Ruby Gogoll, Isla Helbig, Hugh Blackborough, Blake Rosenzweig.
Miss Bissex: Scott Noack, Reeve Waples.
Mrs Biagi: Mily Fiebiger, Ruby Garrett, Oliver Doecke, George McCarthy, Henry Teague.
Miss Hampel: Fergus Reimann, Lacey Linke, Rupert Pearce.
Mrs Lord: Chelsea Jones, Samuel Haley, Savannah Bullock, Riley Sieber.
Mrs Madden: Sahvanna Wohlers, Kegan Coulter, Annette Turley.
Mrs Ide/Mrs McDonald: Patrick Holmes, Abbey Auricht.
Mr Copeland: Bow Habermann, Sean Liebelt.
Mrs Chinner: Clara Slade, Jonte Reimann.
Miss Rice: Dayna Mifflin, Jasper Wellesley-Davies.
Mrs Minge/Mrs Schulz: Bonnie Graetz, Alex Liebelt.

Congratulations to these students!

Apex Bakery Lunches - Healthy Addition to Menu
Please note, a healthier option of brown or multi-grain bread can now be chosen when ordering a sandwich. Simply write a ‘B’ for brown bread or ‘MG’ for multi grain bread alongside the sandwich selection on the order form. If nothing is written on the order, white bread will automatically be supplied.

Combined Worship Service
& Sausage Sizzle
Sunday 6th March 2016
at TLS Harvest Centre
Service at 11:00am
Please join with the school community at the 2016 Combined Worship Service to celebrate the work of TLS in our community.
Supporting congregations, old scholars, past teachers, staff and families are invited to attend.
Sausage sizzle and coffee will be available for a small cost after the service.

Reminder - ICAS entry forms due by Friday 11th March.
Thank You - to the Apex Bakery for allowing the Year 1/2 classes to visit them. A big “thank you” to Corey Fechner for taking the time to show us around.
Wanted - Clean black foam trays for the art room. Please make sure they have been washed thoroughly before bringing them in to school. Thanks.
For your information - Further cases of chicken pox have been reported this week. Please keep an eye on your children for symptoms such as fever or generally feeling unwell.

Mrs Watson's Foundation class invites you to join us for worship.
Friday 4th March
You and your family are welcome to join us for morning tea after the service.

Tanunda Lutheran School - TreLiS 3rd March, 2016
Many of you will be aware that this year I am working an extra day at TLS – this increase in hours is currently being focussed on a broad review of Well-being across the school and ELC. This includes consulting with the various stake holders – namely students, staff, parents/caregivers and the supporting community.

Whilst I anticipate there may be specific surveys etc in the future to enable feedback on particular points, there are also many ways to be involved right now. For example:

**Join our Community Wellbeing Group which was started last year.** The aim of this small group is to consider what role the school has in promoting well-being within the school’s supporting community (parents, caregivers, supporting congregation members etc) and guide the related review process. It is also a forum to gain feedback from the supporting community on well-being topics/foci within the school. People are welcome to join this group at any stage and may enquire about doing so by contacting me (Matthew).

**Providing thoughts, ideas and feedback direct to me.** Many people have already taken the opportunity to do this and this feedback is being given consideration as we move forward. We are always keen to hear about people’s experience with specific programs etc as firsthand experience can guide our reviews of any program being considered. I am also keen to hear about the things that you perceive we do well, or need to do better. Please feel free to email, SMS, call or catch up with me.

**Feedback through other key staff members** eg Darren Stevenson, Craig Lieschke, Marie Hage, Debbie Blenkiron, Jenny Noll or class room teachers.

As mentioned this is a broad review. This means that whilst we will seek to respond as soon as possible to meet pressing needs and implement things where they can be, we are also taking the time to ensure that we are looking at things with a medium to long term view.

I really would encourage you to engage in this process by contacting either Darren, Marie or myself at any stage.

We are launching a new initiative – Parenting Hot Tip! I am acutely aware that there is an incredible amount of parenting experience and wisdom in our parenting body and supporting community and in order to tap into that experience and share it with others, I encourage you to pass on any quick, short ‘Parenting Tips’. They can be passed on to me via SMS, email etc. or through the front office. There is a Freddo Frog on offer for any tip published. In my experience the best tips often seem small and obvious to the person giving them – we would love those tips.

**Is your house filling up with lots of paintings, creations etc? Why not get your student when they bring a new artwork home to photograph an old item so that they still have a copy and then move it on to make way for the new one. That way, there is still a record of their artwork, it is still valued, but doesn’t fill your house!**

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**Parenting Hot Tip!**

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**Sport...**

Congratulations to Kayla Watson, Paige Pitman, Ella Habermann, Shelbi-Lee Sutcliffe, Teagan Manning, Bradley Butler, Jack Fechner, Erin Pratt, Jonte Reimann, Chloe Seabrook & Poppy Combe-Ruwoldt for being chosen in the TLS Swim Team for the SAPSASA District Swimming Carnival at Nuriootpa last Friday. The students did a terrific job representing the school and the team came 3rd overall with just 11 students competing which is a tremendous effort.

Well done to the following students for their outstanding results:

**Bradley Butler**-1st 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Breaststroke, 1st 50m Backstroke, 1st 50m Butterfly.

**Kayla Watson**-1st 100m Freestyle, 2nd 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Breaststroke, 1st 50m Backstroke, 1st 50m Butterfly.

**Jonte Reimann**-1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Breaststroke.

Special thanks to Rob Watson & Sally Garrett for being the recorders for the day and to Fiona Habermann, Shane Manning, Becki Sutcliffe, Paula Fechner and Michelle Pitman for timing.
Last Wednesday the year 6/7s went to ALWS (Australian Lutheran World Service) Day in the Harvest Centre for the day to learn about natural disasters and the effects of disasters and pollution. The theme for the day was “Goodness Grows”. We also learned about ways we can help these people in need. It was very interesting and everyone learned a lot from Julie Krause the leader.
Welcome back to the 2016 school year. As always the SAPSASA program both district and state offers students many opportunities to be active this year. If your child is looking to represent our district in a week long carnival they will be currently playing their chosen sport (with the exception of girls cricket, girl's soccer and softball). They will be in Year 6/7. Students participating in our Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics will be turning 10, so born in 2006. Cross Country at a district level is also open to students turning 8 and 9 but these students are ineligible to represent our district at a State level.

If your child is looking to try out for state selection there is only one way to be considered and that is to register via the SAPSASA website at www.dec.sa.gov.au/sport/pages/sapsasa, then select the sport from the drop down menu and follow the prompts. Selection for a district team and playing at a state carnival will not become a selection vehicle for a State team. State teams consist of players 12 years of age and under, year 6/7's who will not be turning 13 in 2016. The application process must be completed by you the parent and not the school. Please check the website as dates for trials may not coincide with District or State events.

I look forward to seeing all eligible athletes enjoying their chosen sport in 2016.

David Murray – Barossa & Light District Covenor.
“Art in Early Childhood is a brilliant method to engage creative thinking, problem solving and early learning. Importantly art stimulates the growing brain by providing multi-sensory, interactive activities, it establishes connections, improves well being, helps children develop emotionally by encouraging choices and building self confidence, as well as identifying and expressing how they feel.

It builds visual perception, creates community (sharing, understanding differences, co-operation) and develops thinking.”

Janine Boyd, Founder of Little Picassos Art Studio, Adelaide, SA

“Viewing Art with children is wonderful, because you get an insight into how they see, perceive, understand and what really happens inside their minds.”

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This week we have enjoyed “interviewing” the children about themselves to create mini autobiographies which you will see gracing our walls at ELC over the coming weeks. After chatting to the children about their names, ages and the things that they are good at and like doing, we invited them to draw and paint a self portrait to accompany their words.

Drawing oneself can be a “wonderful opportunity to support the skills of both seeing and drawing. Although, perhaps above all, it is an opportunity to share time one on one, helping to deepen the bond between teacher and child, as the child contemplates the question, “Who am I?”” Hunter and Wise (2009)

On Thursday we visited the Art Gallery in Tanunda. We are so fortunate to have access to this wonderful community facility within walking distance of our ELC. Making connections within the town helps develop our understandings of belonging—not only to our families and the ELC, but that we are part of a local community and that we can also contribute to that community.