Dear TLS Community,

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”
Hebrews 13:8

We live in an ever changing world. The rate of change that we see unfolding around us on a regular basis can be quite frightening. Some people embrace change whilst others resist it. Some of the most famous jokes revolve around change (you know the one, “How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?”).

The buzz word we hear so often is the term “innovation”. We live in the age of innovation. Schools are embracing innovation as one of the key skills we must teach our children in order to survive in our ever changing digital age. In a recent unit of study, I wrote a paper that unpacked the “S-curves of Innovation”. Some of you may have heard of this model of change in organisations (see below for a diagram).

When implementing change in an organisation, the above diagram is used to explain the different levels of acceptance and rates of implementation the proposed change may encounter. The “Innovators” and ‘Early Adopters’ are those change agents always wanting to disrupt firmly entrenched paradigms. The ‘Early Majority’ is the group who take some convincing but always come around and buy into the vision. The ‘Late Majority’ is the group who dig their heels in and resist change for as long as they can but generally come around through pressure and a fatalistic acceptance that they don’t really have a choice so if they can’t beat them they might as well join them.

Finally the ‘Laggards’ are those that no matter what is attempted or however many carrots are dangled, they will not buy in; regardless. According to the S-Curves theory, the key to bringing about authentic change is to reduce the number of Laggards present to a level that their voice will simply be drowned out amongst the hordes of true believers. Simple in theory..... but practice?

Change is all around us; some is good, some not so good. Some love change whilst others shy away and are frightened by it.

It is comforting to know that God never changes. Our Lord is the same today, tomorrow and forever. Jesus does not need to innovate or disrupt traditional paradigms. His message is simple; believe in Him and trust Him as your Lord and Saviour and you will have eternal life. Trust in our never changing God that He sent His only Son to earth to die for us so we could live and our complicated earthly journey becomes really quite simple.

Next term, the P & F will be holding their annual **Mother’s Day Stall** -
Further details to follow in the first edition of ‘TreLiS’ in Term 2.
End of Term
The end of a long and somewhat interrupted term is upon us. The students have certainly had an action-packed first term with many different events happening throughout the term. I commend the children for their efforts and behaviour during the term and encourage them to continue to do their very best in all areas of schooling life when they return from a well-earned, two week break.

I also take the opportunity to thank our staff for their hard work and dedication throughout this first term. They are a marvellous group of people to work with and their willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty time and time again is testament to their professionalism and amazing care for the students that attend our ELC and school.

To those school families travelling during the holidays, we pray that you enjoy safe travel and a happy and relaxing break to all.

More in-depth information about what’s been happening at TLS during term one can be found in the April edition of Darren’s Digest that was distributed on Tuesday 12th April.

Keep in your prayers...

FAMILY PRAYERS: This week please pray for these school families:
- Graue
- Grillett
- Grocke
- Grosser
- Habermann

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.

Asthma Medication
We ask all parents to please check expiry dates on asthma puffers kept in your child’s school bag and at home.

It is important that they are in date. Thanks!

A friendly reminder about Parent/Teacher Interviews being held on Thursday 14th April from 4:00pm onwards and on Friday 15th April from 8:30am. Rosters were emailed out last week. Friday 15th April is a PUPIL FREE DAY at TLS.
On the 22nd of March 2016, the leaders and deputy leaders of Tanunda Lutheran School went to Young Leader’s Day. Young Leader’s Day is a day when lots of primary school leaders from around South Australia get together and learn how to be a better leader. The theme of this year’s Young Leader’s Day was “Master the Little”.

When we arrived, we received a booklet that was used throughout the day to write down notes about the speakers and ideas on becoming a better young leader. We listened to and were lucky to meet a variety of inspiring speakers. They all had an interesting story and their occupations ranged from a poet to a world traveller, to a man who trains guide dogs, a chef, personal trainer, a journalist and a professional paper plane thrower. They all had interesting and inspirational life experiences, but one of the most inspiring and interesting stories was from Dylan Parker.

Dylan Parker is a professional paper plane thrower. His career started when he was in university in Canberra. He was walking down the hallway when he saw a sign on the notice board saying ‘Paper plane throwing contest today. Come and have some fun.’ Dylan decided that he was going to enter this competition just for a bit of fun. So he went along and made a paper plane, which flew pretty far and he won. Not too long after the competition, Dylan was diagnosed with cancer. He said that it changed his whole life. While he was in hospital recovering from surgery, he started to fold paper planes to pass time. Once he had been discharged from the hospital, he received an email saying that he had been invited to compete in the national paper plane throwing competition. So he attended that competition and threw a distance of 58 metres and he won. He was then invited to the world paper plane throwing competition and he competed for Australia along with one other person and he came 3rd overall. Sometime after the competition, Dylan Parker received a phone call from a film director and he said that Dylan’s story was so inspiring that he wanted to make a movie about him. Five and a half years later the movie ‘Paper Planes’ was released. Once the movie was released, it made over nine million dollars at the box office.

Dylan Parker is a professional paper plane thrower and he speaks at schools and other events all around the country to share his inspirational story.

The first speaker that we listened to was Nathan Want (aka Dubsy). Dubsy’s speech was about how he became a leader, being a leader and that it’s not always going to be easy. He used to be a boot camp instructor and a personal trainer, but now he goes around to different schools and places to talk to different people about being a good leader and what you can do to improve. His first leadership role was as captain of his under 12’s cricket team. He told us that every decision you make is an important one and that...
you should live every moment. Nathan also told us that you should be proud of who you are, what you do and the decisions that you make.

The third speaker we listened to on the day was Manal Younus. Manal is a poet but she likes to call herself a storyteller. She said we should be ourselves and we should not let bad words or bullies get us down. “A leader can come in any size or colour, but either way, they’re a leader.”

The fourth speaker that we listened to was Leonie McKeon. Leonie is a world traveller. She told us about one of her trips. On this trip she and her friend travelled around Europe without any electronics (phone, laptop, etc.). She visited and travelled around many places including Israel, India, Turkey, Hong Kong, Taiwan and China. Leonie and her friend travelled for eight years. Near the end of their trip they ran out of money, so Leonie went to get a job in Taiwan teaching English. While she was in Taiwan she had to learn their language and lots of different hand signals. Leonie told us that as a leader it is important to understand what’s important to others. She also told us that nothing is difficult, only different. She also told us that mastering the small things and decision making are very important and that we should think about the outcome or consequences.

Finally we listened to the stories of a panel. The panel included Emma Charlton, Durkhani Ayubi and Andrew Barnes. Emma Charlton works on the radio channel HIT 107. She enjoys her job where she gets to come up with some news, work with creative people and share her opinions.

Durkhani Ayubi owns her own Afghan restaurant. She is a leader because she gets to cook for people and to share her story and change people’s perspective of the world.

Andrew Barnes was a former policeman and now he trains guide dogs for people who are blind. He also works with and helps children who are autistic. The panel shared with us their views on leadership and we had the opportunity to ask lots of questions.

Throughout the day we were also lucky enough to meet some of the speakers, including Dylan Parker. We got a paper plane signed by him and a signature in our Young Leader’s Day booklet.

Overall it was a great day and we learnt a lot about being a young leader. We heard lots of inspirational stories about “Mastering the Little” and we had a great time! Thanks to Mrs Hayes for coming with us.
Last Friday was the school disco! Here are some photos that we gathered of us partying!

Thankyou to all of the year 7 students, Ivie Whitelum, and all of the parent volunteers for helping sell drinks, sausages, glow products, lollies, and organising the whole event.

We’d also like to congratulate Mrs Buckley’s year 6 and 7 class for collecting the most amount of coins on fundraising day.

Here’s a top secret picture of Mr Lieschke jammin’ out to the Hokey Pokey!
PUPIL FREE DAYS
Do you need care for the upcoming pupil free days? Bookings are now open online at your Camp Australia Parent Portal. BOOK NOW and it will be one less thing to remember to do in your busy schedules.

We supply breakfast and an afternoon snack, so all you need to bring is a morning snack and something for lunch. Please also ensure your child has a sun-smart hat.

Any enquiries pop over to the Harvest Centre and have a chat with myself or Maddie. Thanks!

Heather and Maddie
High Tea celebrating Mums
May 7
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Celebrate our mums with delectable home
created morsels in a delightful triangular setting.
Bookings essential to
Diane 0419 555802.

NAB AFL AUSKICK INFORMATION
NAB AFL Auskick is an introductory program to the game of Australian Rules Football for primary school boys & girls. The program aims at teaching participants the basic skills of Australian Football with an emphasis on fun activities conducted in a safe & friendly environment.

All boys & girls are welcome. Parents are most welcome to attend & join in & have some fun with the kids.

To find out more details about your closest centre & to register log onto
www.aflauskick.com.au

Information flyers are also available from the school reception.

FILM EVENING
Langmeil Centre, 7 Maria St Tanunda
FRIDAY MAY 13th, 7.30 p.m.

"HACHI" A Dog's Tale
Based on one of the most abused and heart-wrenching stories ever told,

Professor Peter Wilson, a distinguished scholar, discovers the puppy on his

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This week the ELC has seen our studies as ornithologists evolve and grow once again. We have extended our learning to include birds’ habitats, what birds eat, and how birds move. The children are beginning to understand what our ELC and Bush Block need in order to provide safe, happy homes for our local bird life. They are also using the resources provided to them at the ELC to draw, sculpt, paint, build, tell stories and imagine.

Thanks to a conference attended by Marie, Nicole and Sonya earlier in the year, educators at the ELC are also feeling more confident about introducing Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) learning into the centre. Children have begun learning the basics of coding, which at this stage is about using directional language and arrows to guide each other. We are also introducing QR codes into our documentation for both children and adults to use. We would love if you could download a QR Code Reader to your smartphone so we can share this journey with you.

An excellent app is ‘QR Code Reader’ by Scan, Inc., which is available for free at the iTunes or Google Play stores. Once you have this app, you can scan the code located in the top right-hand corner of this document to discover one of the resources we have been using to learn about birds.
Holiday Care Booking Form

18th April to 29th April 2016
(ELC Closed Monday 25th April for Public Holiday)

Please nominate below your preferred Holiday Care sessions and return to Danette as soon as possible. Please note that these sessions are staffed by casual childcare workers with no formal preschool educational program running.

Depending on which session your child will be attending you will need to ensure your child brings a piece of fruit for a shared morning tea, packed lunch, afternoon snack and water bottle each day. Lunch will be held at 12.00 noon each day. Due to allergies parents are reminded to provide snacks and lunch that do not contain nuts.

Please contact Danette Mifflin if you have any questions. Phone: 8563 3849 Email: dmifflin@tls.sa.edu.au

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Sessions booked will not be billed provided cancellation advice is received by Danette no later than 4.30pm Friday 15th April 2016.

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