**The Weekly Wave**

Newsletter of Living Waters Lutheran College,
Halls Head of School: Mrs Caroline Hayes  Term 2, Week 3- Wed 9 May 2016

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### What makes a ‘Great Teacher’?

Studies have shown that the single most important factor determining the quality of education a child receives is the quality of their teacher.

Teaching is one of the most complicated jobs today. It demands broad knowledge of subject matter, curriculum, and high personal standards; enthusiasm, a caring attitude, and a love of learning, knowledge of discipline and classroom management techniques and a desire to make a difference in the lives of young people.

Growing up, my sister and I had nothing in common. She had dark hair, I had fair; she loved to read while I loved to draw. So how is it that we both ended up as teachers? Even though we are so different, we both share a passion for teaching.

I’m writing this today to give thanks to teachers like my sister Amanda, who are the definition of a “great teacher”. Thank you for the time, patience, love and support that is given to the children who are our future.

After being diagnosed with terminal cancer, my sister is unable to continue teaching. It has been overwhelming the praise, gratitude, love and support from her past students, parents and colleagues because she has touched so many lives by being a teacher.

My sister has remained strong and continues to fight the biggest challenge in her life. She is an inspiration to all.

God bless our teachers!

Written by Carla Stubenrauch-Year 3/4 Class Teacher.

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### Diary Dates and upcoming events

- **Tues 10-12 May**: NAPLAN- Year 3 and Year 5.
- **Tues 10 May**: Mandurah Magic visiting.
- **Mon 16-27 May**: Swimming lessons for PP-Year 6
- **Thurs 19 May**: 5 a side soccer Year 4 students.
- **Thurs 2 June**: HH Photo Day 3K to Year 6.

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### Prayer Points

- We pray for Mrs Anthea Sherwood-Kok that she makes a speedy recovery.
- We pray for those students and parents in our community who are sick, unwell and recovering at home. May you all make a speedy recovery.
- We continue to pray for Mrs Bestford who is unwell and recovering from a broken wrist.
- We pray for Amanda, Mrs S’s sister as she continues to fight. Give her strength and courage.

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**Mother’s Day**

We pray for all our lovely Mum’s in our school community. May we be grateful for all the wonderful things our Mother’s do. Wishing them all a Happy Mother’s Day for yesterday.
Allergy Awareness- A reminder that we are an ‘Allergy Aware’ school. We have a number of students who have allergic reactions to a range of things, including some food items, some of them being severe and could be life threatening. It is important that no nuts are brought into school. This includes in lunchboxes and for birthday celebrations. Please check the ingredients and, if in doubt, talk to the class teacher. We also have students who are allergic to other food items so please check with your child’s class teacher before bringing in items to share.

Japanese Lunchbox-On Tuesday 7 June, students will have the opportunity to enjoy a Japanese lunchbox. The lunchbox consists of teriyaki chicken and rice with a few steamed vegetables, and the price is $6. Taku Japanese Kitchen in Mandurah will be the master chef behind this delightful experience of tasting some real Japanese cuisine. A letter with an order form will go home with the students in week 4 and must be returned by the beginning of week 6.

After school play-Students have been very responsible about not playing on the equipment before and after school. This now needs to extend to playing whilst waiting for parents. It is important that students are either with their class teacher or with a parent after the bell has gone at the end of the day. With so many people at school, it is not safe for students to be running around and playing in the courtyards or on the grassed areas unsupervised.

N.A.P.L.A.N. Testing- N.A.P.L.A.N. Testing is now underway in Years 3 and 5. Students are being tested in Language Conventions, Writing, Numeracy and Reading. A timetable has been sent home with all the students in the classes affected and there are a few changes to Specialist teaching times this week. We are very proud of the determination, positivity and commitment of all students involved.

Relief teacher in Year 2-This week we welcome Mrs Karen Bellenger. She is teaching the Year 2 class each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of this term. Karen is stepping in for Mrs Anthea Sherwood-Kok who is recovering from an operation and is due to return to school for Term 3. We wish her all the best in this role. Please feel welcome to speak to Mrs Bellenger or Mr Kroehn if you have any questions or concerns this term.

Swimming lessons- Swimming lessons will take place in weeks 4 and 5 for all students from Pre-Primary to Year 6. Thank you to all parents who have returned the form sent home last week. If you have not returned the form, please return it as by the end of this week as the information is used to group the students. Swimming lessons will affect the Specialist time table for some classes although lessons will still continue.

Mother’s Day! I hope all our mothers had a wonderful day on Sunday and had many treats to help show love and gratitude. A special thank you to the P & F, in particular, Mrs Meredith Love, for the lovely Mother’s Day Stall, and the parents who assisted with the wrapping of the gifts. I would also like to thank the staff who helped to make the day special, whether by putting on mini concerts, making cards and gifts or serving up an afternoon tea. It is good to give our mums that extra pampering that they so deserve!

Host families needed for Japanese students-In term 3, Living Waters Lutheran College will be hosting a group of Japanese students from Kawanishi Midoridai High School in Osaka. Therefore, the college is eagerly seeking host families for 30 students aged 15 - 17 years. The students will be here from July 28th (Thurs) to August 10th (Wed), for all 13 nights. If you would like to consider hosting a Japanese student for this period, please contact Ms Susanne Lystrup- Japanese teacher for further information.

Mandurah Magic Basketball Clinic- On Tuesday 10 May all classes PP– Year 6 need to wear their sports uniform, as all year levels will be participating in a basketball clinic run by Mandurah Magic players. Today Mason, from Peel Regional Football Council, will be conducting a soccer clinic for all classes in PP– Year 6.

Blessings, Mrs Caroline Hayes—Head of School.