



Dear Friend,

Welcome to TEC Connects, your monthly newsletter! You will find that it is filled with educational information, helpful hints, tips, events, news and even some product offerings. Our focus is connection and we want to bring value to your passion for Christian Education, so please, please share your feedback and suggestions with us. Perhaps you have a great event, photo, story or quote you would like to share with us... please do send them in. We also love to hear your questions and comments, so stay in touch.

We hope you enjoy this month's *Connects*!

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**THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE**

# by Tina Lamont

Leaders are only leaders if they have people to lead. As Christians we believe that Jesus is the model of true leadership. Jesus told his followers, *"I am the vine and you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5).*



Those of us who want to lead in a way that honours God and fulfils His purpose must accept that our leadership is an extension of our character. As Howard Hendricks says, *"We cannot pass on what we do not possess"*.

Welcome to the challenge and privilege of leadership. Here at The Excellence Centre we have a suite of Leadership activities and events to assist you in raising leaders and caring for leaders in your community. We would love to talk to you about how you can achieve this. Contact us without delay for your free consultation.

*"According to Scripture, virtually everything that truly qualifies a person for leadership is directly related to Character."*

*~ John Macarthur*

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## ANTITHESIS by Jo Lapointe

We recently had the pleasure of being lead in

Devotions by Faculty Head Teacher (English), Jo Lapointe. She lead us in a fantastic devotion on ***Antithesis***. It is is a word used a lot in the Stage 6 English syllabus - a word that we hope students know, and use in their essays! It's not a new word, but it is one rarely used in common conversation.



Antithesis basically means 'opposite'. Jo shared with us that in class, they discuss the word's use in Hamlet's soliloquies - particularly his ideas of life and death, it also arises in different novels, poems and so on.

Funnily enough, the Bible is full of antithesis – the opposition of sadness and rejoicing, being wise and foolish, weeping and laughing, sin and redemption, life and death, mourning and dancing.

As Christians we are caught in the 'now', but also the 'not yet', and we live our lives knowing that the God of love and life sent his son to die for us. As we are made in the image of our Creator, we can both mourn and feel distressed by the wrongs of this world, yet delight in this life and the life to come.

This message truly blessed us and so we have included the article here for you to enjoy and share with others. We hope you are truly blessed.

**[Read the full devotion here.](#)**

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## **ROMANIA 2018**

### **Save the date**

The Global Christian Schools Network (GCSN) has a gathering every two years. This network is a gathering of people from different Christian Schools from across the globe. It's focus is on encouraging and empowering cross-cultural mission programs. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and collaboration, and importantly, encouragement for all. This is a not to be missed event. So block the dates out in your calendar now. The GCSN 2018 destination is Romania, a place of history and tradition, a place culturally stimulating.

DATES: 14-20 October 2018

One of the exciting aspects of the GCSN Gathering is the overlapping students'

mission from 7-20 October 2018.

We hope to see you there!

[More info here...](#)

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## COACHING VS. MENTORING - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

**By Sonya Hemsley**

I'm always inspired and challenged by conversations about Mentoring and Coaching. I am a strong proponent of both being vital in life, work and faith. I had the privilege of attending the 5<sup>th</sup> National Coaching in Education Conference in Melbourne recently. This was a fantastic time of learning and discussion with some outstanding presenters. It got me thinking though....there is still much debate about what the terms Coaching and Mentoring mean and how they differ. For me Coaching is about motivation and Mentoring is about Inspiration, but both should always be about growth.

I thought it would be good to put it out there to our readers....what do you think are the differences between Coaching and Mentoring? Send you thoughts to me at [shemsley@theexcellencecentre.org](mailto:shemsley@theexcellencecentre.org) and we will share the discussion next month.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

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**15 – 16 June**

[TEC Executive Principals Gathering, Sydney](#)

**23 & 24 June**

[Mentoring for the Mentors Retreat with Peter Hudson \(MET\), Gold Coast](#)

**3 – 7 July**

Hillsong Conference

**11 - 12 August**

[Aspiring Leaders Retreat, Sydney](#)

**17 - 19 August**

Australian Christian Higher  
Education Alliance (ACHEA)  
Conference, Sydney

**23 August**

Schools Learning Together Seminar:  
Dr David Smith, Sydney

**25 - 26 August**

[Equipping Leaders Retreat, Sydney](#)

**25 October**

Schools Learning Together Seminar:  
Dr Don Roy, Sydney

**17 - 18 November**

Mentor the Principals, Sydney

There is much happening in the life of TEC so keep a watch on our website

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Ted Boyce:**

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