From the Principal

Dear Parent/s

The AWAD is rapidly approaching and all the behind the scenes work is falling into place. Please remember to send donations in and book your tables as we only have 25 tables and bookings are coming in already.

It promises to be a really good night and there are already holidays and bus tours donated. The theme this year is designed to make it easy for you to dress up - ‘Colours of the Rainbow’. Simply pick a colour or colours on the rainbow and wear something that represents this.

ELECTION

As the election looms, we have been asked by the Director of Catholic Education to put the following in the newsletter about Government funding.

“Catholic schools achieve quality outcomes with less

In partnership with families, Catholic schools have been providing a high quality education for South Australian children and young people for over 165 years.

There are 103 Catholic schools in South Australia, with over 48,000 students. In fact one in five South Australian school students is educated in a Catholic school.

However when all Government funding is considered (that is, both Federal and State), Catholic school students receive substantially less funding per student than Government school students.

Even when parent contributions are taken into account, on average, SA Catholic schools operate at about 85 per cent of the resourcing level of Government schools.

This means parents and parishes have to contribute more through fees and levies despite Catholic schools striving to keep fees low so that they remain accessible to all.
Any claims that Catholic schools get more Government funding than public schools are transparently wrong and should be challenged.

But these claims keep being made and that is why we need your local Federal Member of Parliament and other candidates in the Federal election to know that you expect their support and commitment to guaranteed indexed funding for Catholic schools.

Speak up for the future of Catholic education in Australia. Let our voice be heard.

Welcome Fr Medard

It is with great pleasure I welcome Fr Medard to our school community.

Fr Medard has already been around to all of the classes and has shared his story with the children. Please make Fr Medard feel welcome to St Albert's Loxton. With the newsletter is a letter from Mr Medard.

Welcome

We also welcome Andrea Schmaal to St. Alberts this term for her final university teaching placement. Andrea will be spending time in the years 6/7 class with Reanna Arthur and Brad Williams.

Family Mass

11 am
Sunday 1st August

Our school family is invited to welcome Fr Medard to St Albert’s this Sunday. Please join in the celebration! It would be wonderful to see everyone there!

Please complete the tear off form at the back of the newsletter if your child would like to participate in the Mass in a special way.

Blessed Mary MacKillop (1842 -1909)

Mary MacKillop will become Australia’s first Saint on October 17th 2010. As a school community, we patiently wait for this most special day and ask God to teach us how to love one another as Mary loved.

Mary’s motto for life was -
“Never see a need without doing something about it”

“God gives me strength for what is necessary”

Raelene Edwards
Religious Education Coordinator
Physical Education……

SAPSASA BASKETBALL

The SAPSASA Basketball carnival is this Thursday at the Loxton Basketball Stadium. We have a number of years 5, 6 and 7 students representing three teams. Selected students have been given a copy of the program and carnival rules.

Thanks again to Les Lange, Jason Hughes and Shane Phillips who have all given up time to coach the teams. Without their assistance we would not have been able to enter as many teams as we have.

Just a reminder that parents of year 7 students are cooking a bbq at the stadium as a fundraiser for Canberra. Please see Marg Phillips if you are able to help on the day.

Brad Williams
P.E. teacher.

Thunderbirds……

ANZ Adelaide Thunderbirds Coaching Clinic

The 2010 ANZ Netball Premiers, the ‘Adelaide Thunderbirds’ will be conducting a free coaching clinic at the Berri netball courts on Sunday 8th August. There are two sessions:

8-10 years (born 2000-2002) - 11:00-12:30pm
11-15 years (born 1995-1999) - 1:00-2:30pm

All are welcome.

It is a great opportunity to learn netball skills from the best. If you are interested please pick up an enrolment form from Jenny Ling. Forms need to be posted before July 30th, 2010.

Any questions please come and see me.

Kind Regards
Joanne Hondow

Birthdays……

JULY
23rd – Keely Lyons - 11
27th – Thomas Fogden – 9

AUGUST
2nd – Shyla Lange – 10
3rd – Alizah Fogden - 11
3rd – Brodie Milich – 7
10th – Wil Arthur - 8
12th – Carl Vowles – 6
15th – Ocea Kassulke - 7
22nd – Shanyyn Atkinson – 6
22nd – Jasmine Merkx – 11
26th – Bronte Phillips - 12
27th – Eleni Fogden – 8
27th – Ben Rogerson - 8

Veggies……

McCain Veggie Patch Challenge

Just a reminder for everyone to keep collecting the barcodes from all McCain vegetables and purely potato packets. Please talk to your friends and family to see if they can help out St. Albert’s as the more barcodes we collect the more equipment we will be able to purchase to start a veggie garden at our school. There is a box in the office where you can deliver your barcodes. If you have any questions please come and see me.

Happy collecting!

Kind Regards
Joanne Hondow
Canteen……

ROSTER - FRIDAYS
9.30am to 1:30pm

If you are unable to make your rostered day, please arrange a swap with another family. (Contact details will be in your Buzz Book.) If you are unable to arrange a substitute, please advise me via the school office and when possible, well ahead of your rostered day. Thankyou for your support.

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Kind Regards,
Julie Graetz

Music………

FOR SALE...
CD – “Sounds of the Riverland”
Featuring Overdrive, 8 Ball and Nine Volt in addition to other Riverland artists. Produced by Loxton North Studios. Available for sale from school office @ $10 per CD.

Parents and Friends………

18 DAYS TO GO!
Our Auction With A Difference is in just 18 days time. We do need to get an idea of table numbers for catering so please don’t wait to book your table. Also, we are still in need of family donations. Some families have already donated, thank you! Ideally the sooner we know what families are donating the better for getting the program organised. Some parents have jumped on the phone, called businesses outside the Riverland and obtained some fabulous donations already, WELL DONE, truly commendable! There is still plenty to do before the night, so if you can simply get your table booked or bring in your donation that would help tremendously! To book your table please notify the school.

PARENT WORKSHOP – SUPPORT YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING

We will be holding a Parent Workshop on Supporting Your Child’s Learning on Wednesday 25th August 2010. These workshops are FREE and always well worth attending. Many parents do take time off work to attend so we like to give you plenty of notice. The benefits to YOUR CHILD and YOUR FAMILY in attending these workshops are invaluable and we thoroughly encourage all parents to attend. Please fill in the notice attached to this week’s newsletter and return to the school.

Lily Hansen
P & F President.

Uniform Shop………

**Uniform Shop** open from 2:00 pm to 3:00pm each Thursday or by appointment.

Jenny Hicks
Uniform Shop Manager.
T: 85845898
GUITAR LESSONS
There are currently some vacancies for guitar lessons during school hours. To book or for more information please telephone THE MUSIC SHOP on 8584675.

IDENTITY DIRECT
Pamphlets were sent home last week for Identity Direct. Any orders are entirely optional, and families are to make orders direct on the order form in the catalogue. On the back of each catalogue is a identifying number which will direct any commission from orders to St. Albert’s School. From 1-9 orders the school will receive 10% of order value and for 10 or more orders, the school will receive 20% of order value.

JUNIOR DISCO
Friday 30th July
$5 per child includes drink and sweet.
4-8 yrs 6:00 -7:30pm
9+ yrs 7:30 -9:30pm
at the Senior Citizens Hall.
○ Giveaways
○ All welcome
Fundraiser for Loxton Calisthenics Club.
Enquiries to Tracey Reichelt on 85845929.

HYMNFEST
Sunday 8th August, 2010
2pm
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
If you enjoy singing and if you love the sound of a pipe organ, come along and join in!
Organists: Winifred Hansen & Margareta Hampel
Stay and enjoy and ‘cuppa’ afterwards.
Arranged by The Loxton Inter-Church Co-ordination Team.
Supported by The Christian Ministers’ Association.

Copies of order form are available from school office.

Carlee Vowles
On behalf of the Centenary Committee
Community Notices….

**QUIZ NIGHT**
7th August, 2010
At Loxton North Club rooms.
Eyes down 7:30 pm.
$5.00/head.
All welcome.
For Loxton North Junior Football.

**SCRAPBOOKING WORKSHOPS**
1st FRIDAY OF MONTH
Time…..7 pm – 11 pm
St. Albert’s Hall, Owen St, Loxton.
Bring your own projects or learn as you go!
Products available to purchase if need.
For New and old! For young and old!
All Welcome
$15.00 - $10 IF PREBOOK
CONTACT – CARINA 0414841693

Return Notices….

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**P & F RETURN NOTICE**
FREE PARENT WORKSHOP
I/We will be attending the Parent Workshop
on Supporting Your Child’s Learning on
Wednesday 25th August 2010.
Name………………………………………………..

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Family Mass - 11 am
Sunday 1st August

Please return this notice by Thursday morning, 29th July.

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(An individual acknowledgement note will go home Thursday with your child.)