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SCHOOL VALUES
Respect
Honesty
Trust
Pride
Support

Parish
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Mass Times
Sunday 6th – 8am
Sunday 13th – 8am
Sunday 20th – 8am
Sunday 27th – 8am.

School Diary
Sunday 13th – School Bowls Day 4pm
15th – Parent Information Evening
18th – Assembly in Hall, 2:40 – 3:15pm hosted by Years 6/7 Class.
22nd – AGM 7:30pm.
28th – Swimming R-3 commences
4th March – Schools Clean Up Day
4th – Assembly in hall 2:40 – 3:15pm hosted by Reception/Year 1 Class.
9th March – Mass 12 noon prepared by R/1 & 2/3 Classes.
9th – 11th – 4-6 Camp
18th – Students Leaders (Year 7s) Adelaide.

From the Principal………..

Dear Parents

I trust you all had a good break with family and friends and are ready for a big year at St Albert’s in 2011.
The staff at St Albert’s are refreshed and ready and roaring to go for another action packed school year.

I would like to welcome three new staff members to St Albert’s. Jenny Mittiga will be teaching in the years 2/3 class for the first term as Raelene is taking Long Service Leave. Sherri Scordo will be working two days a week with special needs children and Claire Dalzell will be running our Little Albees playgroup.

We also have a number of new students commencing at St Albert’s this year. In Reception we have Shayne Rogerson, Lianni DeBeen, Cooper Morgan, Blake Davis, Lanie Doecke and Ryan Bertram.

I would also like to welcome the Polymiadis, Gready, Formby and Bertram families to St Albert’s. Amalia Polymiadis is in year 4/5, Emelia Gready, Seth Formby and Ryan Bertram are all in year one.

We will welcome all families on Sunday 13th February with a family fun day at the Bowling Club at 4pm. Please lock this date in your diary, more details later this week.

TIMETABLE CHANGES

Late last year I published the change of times for the school day for this year. Below are the changes as listed last year.

8:40 classrooms open
8:45 Lessons commence
10:50 Recess
1:00 Lunch
3:15 Dismissal

If you have any questions please feel free to come in and see me.
STAFF ROOM

Parents are asked not to enter the staffroom as this is a place for the staff to have their private time and discuss issues which may be confidential about students or families. If you need to see a teacher in the morning before the class is open please ring the bell in the front office and we will attend to you. The school office opening hours are 8:40am – 4:00pm. Thankyou for your understanding on this matter.

BRAINFOOD

Research tells us that children learn best when they are energised and engaged on the task at hand. A nutritious breakfast is paramount and the most important meal of the day. Brain food is also extremely important and at St Albert’s we have this at 10am. Children are to bring some fruit or vegetables for this brain food, not chips or chocolate bars. I would also like to remind families when packing snacks for children that St. Albert’s has a ‘No Nuts’ policy. Please make an effort to ensure the brain food is nutritious and healthy for your child, therefore providing your child with maximum learning opportunities for the whole day.

TERM PLANNER

The term planner will be handed out Friday with all of the dates you need to know for term 1. This term all schools in the Port Pirie Diocese are having two pupil free days at the end of the term on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th April. All staff from Catholic Schools in the Port Pirie Diocese have been requested by the Bishop to attend.

Other days you can lock in your diaries are:

Parent Teacher night Tuesday 15th February
R/1 6:00pm
2/3 6:30pm
4/5 7:00pm
6/7 7:30pm

AGM Tuesday 22nd February 7:30pm
Mardi Gras Sat 26th February
Years 4-6 camp 9th-11th March
Twilight Sports Day: Friday 1st April 4:30pm

FAMILY MASS

During February Fr Medard will be away on a well deserved holiday in Darwin and consequently, there will not be a Family Mass this month. All Masses in February will be at 8am.

Have a great week.
Jason Mittiga
Principal

Birthdays…..

FEBRUARY 2011
3rd – Cooper Morgan – 5
3rd – Hayden Nitschke – 11
3rd – Amalia Polymiadi - 10
6th – Blake Davis – 5
11th – Brianna Munchenberg -13
12th – Laura Alm - 7
19th – Mia Fitzpatrick - 10
25th – Tiarna Inglis – 8
26th – Jesse May - 11
28th – Kaitlin Francis – 6

Uniform Shop……..

UPDATE ON NAVY SKIRTS...

The new skirts will be the same style as the winter skirt, with a pocket and adjustable waist, in a middle weight material. We are soon hoping to soon have skirts in to try on for size. An order will then be placed, with delivery a few weeks after.

Please note the uniform day is changed from Thursday to Friday afternoon
2pm – 3pm.

Regards
Jenny Hicks
Uniform Shop Manager - T: 85845898
Come and join us at Little Albees Playgroup
A place for children and parents to come along and enjoy playing in a social, safe and fun atmosphere.

- Outdoor play both free and structured.
- Music and movement
- Story telling
- Craft
- Excursion per term.

  St. Albert’s
  Thursdays 9:00am – 10:30am
  Commencing 10th February, 2011.

Contact numbers:
School 85845110 for bookings; and/or phone Claire direct 0407716105 for more information.

First session – just come and try.
Claire Dalzell
Little Albees Coordinator.

Parents and Friends……..

Welcome back everyone and a special warm welcome to our new families! I hope you all had a fabulous summer break and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

This week families will be issued the updated Buzz Book along with our new Parents and Friends Association Handbook. The Handbook is designed to give you more information as to what the Parents and Friends is and does. I hope that you find it helpful.

Also, over the next few weeks you will receive nomination forms for committee positions. Nominations are an annual thing and I really do encourage you all to take the time to fill this form in and return it. Our school’s P&F is only as good as we make it, together, as we are all “on the same team”! So if you would like to volunteer your skills as a secretary, treasurer, president or vice president, please let us know by filling out this form. It may give someone else a well deserved break from their position. I personally haven’t found my position difficult at all and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience! Having said that I cannot see myself “not” being involved in some way with volunteering my time at St Albert’s as I believe it to be a major contributor to my overall happiness!

You also may have an idea about who may be excellent in these positions, but they may not nominate themselves...nominate them, surprisingly, they may thank you later!

Canteen…….

Special this term:
Banana Milk (in place of Iced Coffee). Same price as Nippys large strawberry or chocolate milk drinks.

ROSTER (Family name)
Helpers required 10:15 am until 1:15pm.
February 4th – Atkinson
February 11th – Alm
February 18th – Burdon
February 25th – Bye

Years 4-7 students may purchase snack items, ice creams and drinks ‘over the counter’ until 1:30pm Mondays and Fridays.
Remember to put an ‘L’ or ‘R’ beside food ordered for recess or lunch.

Kind Regards,
Julie Graetz

SPORTS DAY BBQ

CALLING ALL DADS, CALLING ALL DADS, I REPEAT, CALLING ALL DADS!!!
And mums too, if you like! We will be looking for volunteers to cook our sports day BBQ on Friday April 8th. We’ll also need a few people to take money and serve etc. We were slightly inundated last year and need more than what we had, so please let me know via email or the return slip.
No-one cooks a snag like a Dad!

Kind Regards,
Julie Graetz
BENEFITS OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT AS A PARENT AT ST ALBERT’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Improves your understanding of schools and education
- Improves your child’s attainments
- Enables you to share the knowledge of your own children with our teaching staff
- Provides practical help for our busy teachers
- Helps develop new strategies for talking, reading and writing with your child
- Helps many parents gain confidence in helping their children and their school community
- Gives you opportunity to form new friendships and strengthen existing ones
- Enables your child’s performance, attitudes and interests to be enhanced
- Assists our teachers to gain a greater understanding of children
- Assists our teachers to gain a greater understanding of parents and their role, and parents hopes and dreams for their children
- Promotes a positive culture of partnership between school and home

Lily Hansen
P & F President

Community Notices

MILO in2CRICKET Program
MILO in2CRICKET is a fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It provides children with an enjoyable and safe environment where they can learn skills and play games.
At Loxton Primary School, this Program will run for another 3 weeks for the children who participated during Term 4, 2010. The Program will start on Saturday 5th February from 8:45-10:15am

Community Notices

Riverland Youth Theatre
For a copy of the 2011 program, please email info@stalbert.catholic.edu.au.

The Terrace Gallery
Local Loxton Artist Rodney Flavel will be having his unique artwork on display until Friday 25th February 2011 at The Terrace Gallery inside the Visitor Information Centre, Opposite the Loxton Roundabout.
Opening hours 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday, Saturdays 9am - 4 pm and Sundays 10am -4pm. Everyone Welcome.

Little Town Easter Production
“Anna’s Hope”
AUDITIONS
Sunday, 6th February, 2011
2pm – Kids Roles
3pm – Adult Roles
Role Descriptions available from the Lutheran Ministry Centre, or Leanne on 8584 1420.

CAN YOU HELP????
If anyone has any large stuffed sea creatures they can lend Aiden for his Mardi Gras Junior Ambassador float, your help would be most appreciated. We would need the items only for the day.

Please leave a message at the school with Jenny on 85845110 or telephone me direct on 0413524592

Thankyou very much - Julie Graetz.

Meditation/Relaxation Classes
Contact Sheree Cameron
0439349701