From the Principal

Dear Parent/s

Welcome to week three of the new school year. It has been a fantastic start and I am really proud of how well the children have settled back into school life.

Last Sunday was a real highlight to start off the term with around 80 people attending the St Albert’s Family Fun Day. It was fantastic to see all of our new families mixing in and being a part of the St Albert’s culture. *Providing a Catholic Education in a Family Atmosphere* is our motto and this was evident once again on Sunday.

Tonight you will have the opportunity to meet with the teachers and listen to the curriculum outline for the year and the procedures of the classroom. I would encourage every parent to make this a priority. The times are published below as seen in last week’s newsletter.

6:00 - R/1
6:30 - 2/3
7:00 - 4/5
7:30 - 6/7

These sessions will be held in the respective classrooms.
REMINDEERS

As we are all getting into the swing of the new year I have a few reminders to mention:

- **Early arrival:** Please make sure you do not arrive at school before 8:40am (except bus people).
- **Uniform:** Correct shoes and socks should be worn.
- **Birthdays:** Our policy is for no cakes or lollies on birthdays
- **Hats:** All hats must be clearly labelled.

**Sports Day:** Friday 8\(^{th}\) April  
**Camp Yrs 4-6:** 9\(^{th}\) -11\(^{th}\) March

AGM

Next week, Tuesday 22\(^{nd}\), we have our AGM in the Hall. We will be discussing many important issues and would appreciate your input. The night commences at 7:30pm and will conclude by 8:45pm.

We will be providing a crèche for 4 yr olds and up, so please fill out the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and send back to your child’s classroom teacher.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

I am pleased to announce that we have selected our Captains and Vice Captains for the year. These children will lead the school and be role models for all of the children at St Albert’s.

**Captains**  
April Burdon  
Alexander Seiboth

**Vice-Captains**  
Suzie Stivahtaris  
Dylan Miller

SRC REPS

Our School Representative Council has been chosen for 2011. Years R-3 will represent their class for one term each and 4-6 the whole year.

Congratulations to the following children:

R/1 Carl Vowles and Bianca Stasinowsky  
2/3 Wil Miller and Abby Hansen  
4/5 Amalia Polymiadis and Declan Size  
6/7 Ceejay Inglis and Keely Lyons

On Saturday 8 Ball and 9 Volt will be playing at the Loxton Club in the Face the Music Festival. Well done to Karen for preparing these bands.

Have a fantastic week  
Jason Mittiga  
Principal

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**YEARS 4-6 CAMP……..**

Notes for the Years 4-6 camp, to be held at Lake Cullulleraine from March the 9\(^{th}\) to the 11\(^{th}\), were given out last Friday. If your child did not receive the notes please let me know and I will photocopy some more for you.

The important date to remember is February the 25\(^{th}\). This is when the medical and permission consent forms need to be returned. It is also the date when any outstanding camp/excursion levies (part of your school fees) need to be paid.

The camp sounds like it is going to be excellent with lots of fun activities for the students to participate in. If you would like any extra information or have any queries please contact me at school.

Brad Williams  
Camp Coordinator.
SPORT…..

SAPSASA SWIMMING

The SAPSASA Swimming Carnival is being held next Friday the 25th of February at the Loxton Swimming Pool. All students successful in making the team have been handed a note containing further details and information in regards to this carnival.

SAPSASA ATHLETICS

The Riverland SAPSASA Athletics Carnival date has been changed to Thursday the 7th of April. The original date was Friday the 25th of March.

The change of date allows us to use the marquees and other equipment that will already be set up from the Glossop High School’s Athletics Carnival the previous day.

Our own Sports Day is scheduled for the 8th of April, so it is going to be a very busy week.

ST. ALBERT’S SPORTS DAY

Horan Vs. Specht! It is on again!

The St. Albert’s Sports Day is being held at the Loxton Oval on Friday, April the 8th.

It is going to be a twilight event with exact details about starting and finishing times coming out in the next week or two. Please keep this day and evening free as it is a fantastic occasion.

I will again be asking for parental assistance in the form of group leaders for the carnival. If you are interested in helping or want more information, please come and see me at school.

Brad Williams
Physical Education Coordinator.

BIRTHDAYS…..

FEBRUARY 2011

19th – Mia Fitzpatrick - 10
25th – Tiarna Inglis – 8
26th – Jesse May - 11
28th – Kaitlin Francis – 6

MARCH 2011

4th – Tia Drake - 8
11th – Isaac Edwards – 7
14th – Thomas Alm – 9
14th – Zara Nicholson – 11
15th – Suzie Stivahartis - 13
16th – Melody Pfeiler - 11
21st – Declan Morgan – 7
22nd – Arron Nitschke – 7
28th – Riley Stasinowsky - 9

4/5 Class……..

This term in genre writing, our class is focussing on Persuasive Writing. In weeks 1 and 2, we wrote a letter to Mr Mittiga persuading him 'not to close our School Library'.

WRITING TASK:
“Closing the Library. In order to save money, Mr Mittiga is thinking about closing the new school library. Write a letter to him persuading him to keep it open. Give as many reasons as you can to support your position.”

Examples of the student’s Persuasive Writing letters have been included in the newsletter.

Karen Cash
4/5 Class teacher
ASTHMA CARE PLANS…….

The Loxton Health Centre is now able to offer students Asthma Clinics. These clinics enable a half hour long consultation, with both the children and parent/care provider, the opportunity to discuss the management of the child’s asthma and to complete the forms you require.

Please contact the health Centre on 85847321 for a date and a time. This will be trialled on Thursday 24th February from 11:30am.

To optimise patient’s health, Loxton Health Centre will not be able to legally accept the "Asthma Care Plans" to be dropped at the surgery without the child being seen by either a doctor or an Asthma Nurse.

Uniform Shop…….

OPEN: Friday afternoons - 2pm – 3pm.

Regards
Jenny Hicks
Uniform Shop Manager - T: 85845898

Library News…..

It’s been a great start to the year in our new Resource room. The children have a great respect for the lovely quiet place which it provides. Our new borrowing system is working well with children able to borrow 2 books at a time for a maximum of 2 weeks.

I would like to thank the families who returned any readers/library books they found at home during the Christmas holidays.

Overdue notes with payment advice slips were sent home last week for any books still outstanding from last year. Once payment is received, borrowing rights will be returned to your child.

Our new interactive whiteboard has been installed which is a very exciting feature of the library. There are many interactive games, raps, quizzes to help the children learn library procedures and reinforce the importance of reading! I look forward to sharing these with the children in the coming weeks.

- Read, Read, Read
- The more you read
- The more you know
- The more you know
- The more you grow
- So Read, Read, Read!

Happy Reading,
Dionne Kassulke

Music…..

FACE THE MUSIC
FESTIVAL 2011

Our two school bands, 9 Volt and 8 Ball will be performing at 2:30 (9 Volt) and 6:30pm (8 Ball) on the main stage at the Loxton Club on Saturday February 19th.

Come along and support our bands. It is a fantastic family atmosphere and the children would really appreciate the support of school families in the audience.

The Festival is from 1:30 pm until late.
Free entry!!

Sponsored by:
THE MUSIC SHOP (Adrian Winter)
LOXTON NORTH STUDIOS (Ben Petch)
And MAGIC 93.1 FM RADIO
Canteen…

Thankyou to everyone who supported the Cakes for Valentine’s Day and to those parents who made the cakes, a lovely celebratory treat.

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

Canteen Roster (Family name)
Helpers required 9:45 am until 1:15pm.

February
18th – Burdon
25th –

March
4th – Dansie
11th – Davis
18th – De Been

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.

Have a great week,
Kind Regards,
Julie Graetz

Community Notices

Pancakes Galore

ALL WELCOME!
Shrove Tuesday – 8th March, 2011.
Anglican Church, William Street, Loxton.

Pancake Day – from 5:30pm.
Savour and sweet pancakes
Pay $10.00 per adult,
$5.00 per child under 12….
Eat at as many as you can.
Soft drinks available.
Children Under 12:
Decorate a pancake –
best decorated pancake wins a prize!
For children over 12 –
Enjoy pancake racing from 6:00pm.
For enquiries or large numbers attending,
Please RSVP to Louise on 85845743.
(Donations of flour, milk and eggs gratefully accepted).

Combined Churches
Harvest Thanksgiving Service
1:30 pm
Sunday 27th February, 2011.
Followed at 12:30pm with a BBQ
(Meat supplied – please bring a salad or sweet).
At The Loxton Lutheran School
Life Centre Stadium.

Loxton Calisthenics
Ages 4-18
Registration
Wednesday February 16th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Loxton Community Theatre
For more information,
please telephone
Anne Payne on 85844790.
Community Notices

FOOTBALL
Training clinic for all Under 11 and U 13 boys
- to be held at the Loxton Football Club
- on Sunday 20th February
- from 12 noon.
The West Adelaide players will be in attendance.

BERRI DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB
“Registration Day”
- Sunday 20th February
- 11am-1pm
- At the Clubrooms- Wilkinson St, Berri
- Gymnastics for Males and Females
- from 4 years to 40 plus.
Classes run from March to November with breaks over the school and Christmas holidays.
See article in the “Murray Pioneer” on Friday 18th February for more details.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
The South Australian Dental Service provides a range of dental services for children at clinics throughout Adelaide and all major country regional centres.
Dental care is provided by dental teams comprising of Dentists, Dental Therapists and Dental Assistants.
All preschool, primary and secondary students aged under 18 years, are eligible for care with the School Dental Service. Fees and conditions apply.
- All School Dental Service care is free for preschool children (general and emergency).
- Children who are dependents of/holders of Centrelink Concession Cards, Veterans Affairs Pension Concession Cards or School Cards are eligible to receive free dental care (general and emergency).
- For primary and secondary school children who are not dependants of/holders of the above concessions, a fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.
- Students with a Commonwealth Government Teen Dental Voucher are welcome to use it at the School Dental Service. Presenting the voucher along with their Medicare card at a School Dental clinic will entitle them to a full course of dental treatment including preventive care and any routine treatment if required.
- Dental emergencies treated at a School Dental Clinic between check ups will be covered by the fee paid at your child’s most recent check up.
Parents of children with special physical or intellectual needs should contact their local School Dental Clinic to discuss their child’s needs.
For information about appointments and fees, contact your local School Dental Clinic:
- Loxton School Dental Clinic
- Primary School, Pyap Street
- Loxton SA 5333Ph: 85847014
- Open: Every Tuesday and Thursday.
For dental emergencies on the days that the clinic is closed please call the Berri School Dental Clinic on 85821969.
For after hours dental emergency advice phone 8232 2651 (Children only).

JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS
FRIDAY NIGHTS
START – Friday 18th February 4:30 – 5:30pm
Week one will be with Cricket and a clinic program will follow soon.
Everyone welcome and bring a friend along!
Happy golfing to all!
Jamie Clutterham - PGA Member
Renmark Club Professional
PH - 0885951514
www.jcgolf.com.au
Community Notices

BEING MARRIED
Treat yourselves to a Marriage Encounter weekend soon and return from it more in love with each other than ever. The next one is scheduled for 13-15 May, 2011. To find out more about this powerful weekend see [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or call Malachy & Geraldine on 0437388513

Return Notice – AGM Creche

AGM – CRECHE
I will need crèche facilities for:

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(4 yr olds and up)

Family name.................................................................................

Return Notice – Mardi Gras

My child/ren would like to be involved in this year’s Mardi Gras St. Albert's School float.

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I would like to be involved with setting up/walking on the day – please contact me on

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Name..........................................................................................