Dear Parent/s

What a big week we have this week with sports day being the headline act on Friday. The children have been putting a lot of time and effort into preparations and are ready and raring to go. The team captains have been practising their war cries and health hustles and they are getting Specht and Horan into the spirit of the day.

The team Captains for 2011 are:

Horan: Drew Kassulke and Brianna Munchenberg
Specht: Dylan Miller and Jasmine Drake

Details for Sports Day

As parents you have two options on Friday:

1. The children can be dropped at school at 1pm and have lunch and then go to class; or
2. Meet us at oval at 4:00pm

Please ring me if you need to make alternative arrangements.

Last year a lot of parents said it was a long day for their children and said they would have rather given them rest during the day, hence now having option 2.

It promises to be a fantastic day as Brad has put a lot of effort into organising the event and he will be introducing some new activities and events to make it even better and more challenging for the children. Brad has also organised old scholars to come back and help with the running of the day. It is fantastic to see these children giving back to St Albert’s.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will take place on Tuesday 10th, 11th, 12th May for students in years 3, 5, 7. Parents who have concerns about their children participating in these tests for Literacy and Numeracy need to come in and see me this week to discuss alternative arrangements.
Parents have the right to withdraw their children from these tests if they feel it will have a negative impact on their child.

I will discuss the format of NAPLAN in the first newsletter of term 2.

PASSION PLAY

The Years 4/5 class are performing the Passion Play for us this year over three days. They have been practising extremely hard and it is a performance not to be missed.

The main performances will be at Mass tomorrow (12 noon) in the Church and Wednesday night at 7:30 in the Parish Hall.

GRAPE STOMP

Last Friday night, St Albert’s entered two teams in the grape stomp supporting Loxton North School’s major fundraiser for the year.

Congratulations to Drew, Jasmine and Brianna (Sport House Captains) for winning first prize and $150 for St Albert’s. Congratulations also to Jack, Dylan and Alizah for being awarded runners up.

When interviewed on stage after receiving their medals, Drew, Brianna and Jasmine were asked what they would do with the money. Their response was instant, “The money will go towards the year 7 Canberra trip”. This truly shows the values these children have and display in their daily lives and how they want to share their successes with others as it will benefit all year 7 students. I was very proud to be watching and listening to these young leaders of our school and the maturity and in which they showed. Well done!!!

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Next week on Wednesday (the last day of term) the SRC have decided to host a crazy hair day and casual day. Children cannot wear casuals unless they do something different and crazy to their hair and cannot have crazy hair without wearing casual clothes!

See you all at Sports Day on Friday!!!

Jason Mittiga
Principal

Physical Education.....

SAPSASA NETBALL/FOOTBALL

We wish the girls all the best for the upcoming SAPSASA Netball carnival on Monday. A big thanks to Misty Pfeiler for volunteering to coach and to Helen Drake who will be umpiring their games.

Congratulations to Lucas, Drew, Dylan, Ceejay and Zane who have all been selected in the Loxton team to compete in the SAPSASA Football carnival on Monday at Loxton.

SPORTS DAY

Only 3 more sleeps until Specht and Horan resume battle!

The weather looks like it is going to be perfect so it promises to be a great day. The students are going to be very active so please make sure they have a lot of water with them and their hats.

A reminder also that students should wear a shirt to match their team (red for Horan, green for Specht). If students do not have a shirt in that colour they can paint their faces, spray their hair or wear red or green socks.
SAPSASA ATHLETICS

21 students will be taking part in the SAPSASA Athletics carnival this Thursday.

A reminder that students will need to bring their lunch, heaps of water, hats and snacks. We will be leaving school at 8:20am so I need all students here before then ready to go. We will be back at school by 3:20pm, which should not affect students who travel on the bus.

Brad Williams
Physical Education Teacher

Birthdays.....

APRIL 2011
8th – Georgia Williams -5
16th – Dylan Miller - 13
19th – Drew Kassulke - 12
22nd – Amara Benn – 6
25th – Tom Nitschke – 7
26th – Isabella Edwards – 10

MAY
4th – Jed Connelly -7
15th – April Burdon - 13
20th – Lanie Doecle – 5
21st – Abby Hansen – 7
21st – Lucas Size - 12
30th – Shania Siro – 9
30th – Taelah Watkins - 10

Uniform Shop.......

OPEN:
Friday afternoons - 2pm – 3pm.

Jenny Hicks
Uniform Shop Manager - T: 85845898

P & F News.....

The P & F meeting is now in Week 11 Monday 11th April. We’d like to get as many as possible for this meeting as we will be kicking off all the Auction details and task groups etc. We have great feedback from last year to work from, so it should be a breeze this year!!!! If you’d like to add something to the agenda feel free to do so by emailing me or any of the committee members. Really hope to see as many of you there as possible!

If you can’t make it and would like to express an interest in being a task group leader for any of the following or have an idea for MC or Auctioneer, games, or anything please let me know also.

 ✓ DECORATIONS
 ✓ FOOD PREPARATION
 ✓ MUSIC
 ✓ KITCHEN
 ✓ BAR
 ✓ COLLECTING DONATIONS
 ✓ WRAPPING AND ITEM TAGGING
 ✓ FLYER
 ✓ DESIGN/THEME/INVITATIONS/ITEM TAGS/PROGRAMME ETC. (uniform theme for all)
 ✓ SILENT AUCTION

More details will go out next term.
The theme is FLOWER POWER!

Parents and Friends Meeting

◊ Week 11
◊ Monday 11th April
◊ 7:00pm
◊ In the library
ALL WELCOME!

On the agenda so far....

Auction With A Difference date - (September 24th?)
AWAD task groups, coordinators of jobs, eg. decorations, food, music, games etc.

Cheers Lily
M: 0418 800 559

PROVIDING CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN A FAMILY ATMOSPHERE
Canteen……

SPECIAL – 2 days only!!!
THURSDAY 7th and MONDAY 11th APRIL
RECESS ONLY
HOT CROSS BUNS - $1 each.
* Plain or with fruit
* Buttered or unbuttered.
* Warm or cold
BUY OVER COUNTER – ALL YEAR LEVELS

SPECIAL COMING UP!!
WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL
PORT POWER and CROWS decorated Cup Cakes
RECESS ONLY
60 cents each.
BUY OVER COUNTER – ALL YEAR LEVELS

CANTEEN ROSTER (Family name)
 Helpers required 9:45 am until 1:15 pm.

MAY
6th – Francis
Julie Graetz
Canteen Manager

Competitions……

COMPETITIONS
We are again offering students the opportunity to enter competitions run by the University of New South Wales and Mathematics Trust. Participation is entirely optional and payment must accompany entry form (will not be debited to accounts).
Competitions are supervised at school and all participants receive a Certificate and a detailed report of their results.
To enter any or all of the competitions, please complete the return notice with this newsletter by 13th April, 2011.

Community Notices……

ANNA’S HOPE
LITTLE TOWN 2011
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Loxton
Performances:
April 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 7:30 pm. And Matinees: April 17 at 4pm and April 23 at 3pm.
Cost - $5 Adults, $2 children under 16, or $12 family.
Tickets available at the Loxton Visitor’s Centre, Magic FM/5RM, Lutheran Ministry Centre (85845522) or email: info@littletown.com.au www.littletown.com.au

Return Notice–UNSW Competitions

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS

Please enter ……………………………………………………..

In the following competition/s

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Please return entry form by 13th April, 2011. Money to be paid in cash or cheque with entry.
**Community Notices**

**BASKETBALL**

*Holiday Skills camp in Riverland!*

Coaches include
SA Country Development Officer Peter Todd and Riverland Junior State Players.

**When:**
Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st April

**Where:**
Glossop High School Gym
(Middle School campus)

**Time:**
10am – 3pm both Wednesday and Thursday
(lunch break included both days).

**Ages:**
Boys and girls aged 7-16 (any skill level).

**What to bring:**
Sports clothes, drink bottle, basketball and a snack.

**Lunch:**
Sausage Sizzle included in cost.

**Cost:**
$50.00 (plus giveaways and prizes) and includes sausage sizzle lunch and a fruit box.

Camp is a fundraiser for Riverland State Junior players selected for USA tour in November 2011.

To register for the holiday camp:
please contact:
Les Lange on 0414474349 or 85846629
or Terry Eleftheriadis – 0414390572 or email - terry66@gmail.com.

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**School Holiday Activities**

**WETLAND LIFE**
McCormick Centre for the Environment
Ral Ral Avenue, Renmark.
Wednesday 20th & 27th April, 2011.

Two sessions each day:
10:00am to 12 noon and 1:00pm to 3:00pm.
*Have fun with life in our wetland, aquatic macro invertebrates, frogs and turtles. Discover the biodiversity of wetlands and the plants and animals that live there.*
*Enjoy lots of environmental fun and games.*
Bring your own snack and a drink.

Cost: Donation appreciated.

To book: Contact Teresa at the McCormick Centre on 85864777 or email mccormick@auslandscapetrust.org.au

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**GOLF LESSONS**

****Juniors****

- Lessons - group or private
- Junior golf days

*Great opportunity to have a golf professional in the Riverland to teach your son/daughter golf from the start or to take to an advanced level!!!*

**Also.... Ladies & Men ......... All levels!!!**

Great parent and child school holidays opportunity – learn together!!!

Jamie Clutterham
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