Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Jodie, Brad, Georgia and Sam Williams on the safe arrival of their new baby daughter and sister; Ellie Kate Williams. Ellie was born on Friday 28th October weighing 10 pounds. We are all very happy for you.

Remembrance Day

On Friday our Year 6/7 class will be attending the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cross of Sacrifice. To acknowledge and remember those who died in war. Our senior students have been listening to talks from Howard Hendricks about his life story and they have been inspired about what Howard has had to say to them and are now more aware of what this day means to Australians.

2012 Classes

I am pleased to announce the staffing for 2012. As I mentioned last newsletter, we will be having five classes next year due to an increase in enrolments. The five classes and teachers will be:

Reception: Joanne Hondow
Years 1 and 2: Lisa Hardbottle/Raelene Edwards
Years 3 and 4: Jenny Mittiga
Years 5 and 6: Karen Cash and Julie John
Years 6 and 7: Brogan Whitelaw and Brad Williams

As you can see we have three new teachers and I am excited about what they have to offer to St. Albert’s.

Lisa is an experienced teacher who has been teaching for ten years in Adelaide. Lisa comes to us highly credentialed and will be the perfect teacher for the Years 1 and 2 class. Raelene will be teaching every Friday in the class.
Brogan Whitelaw also come to us for Adelaide and has just graduated from university. Brogan is an outstanding graduate and will be a real asset to our school. Brogan will teach Monday to Thursday and Brad will teach the class every Friday in addition to the specialty teaching areas of Physical Education and Numeracy.

Julie John comes to us from Renmark and will be working two days in the Years 5 and 6 class with Karen Cash. Julie comes to us with a wealth of experience and is looking forward to working with us at St Albert’s.

UNIFORMS

Tonight at the Board meeting we will approve our new sports shirt for 2012. I will send a letter home tomorrow to let you know the final decision.

CONCERT

Concert practice is in full swing and the children are rising to the occasion and learning all of their roles in readiness for the big night. Claire Dalzell is doing an amazing job and I am sure you will enjoy the concert at Living Waters on Thursday 17th November at 6:30pm.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

The Sports Committee met last week to discuss various sports and carnivals for 2012. Next year we are going to continue with the same sports and will have try-outs for Athletics, Netball, Basketball and Swimming. All parents will receive a program of sporting events for the year for both Catholic and SAPSASSA Carnivals.

A letter will be sent home next year informing parents of the carnival sports and year levels that are eligible. Attached with this will be a calendar for all sporting events; both in the Riverland and Adelaide.

St. Albert’s Sports Day will be on Friday 30th March and will once again be a twilight event with novelty and athletic events.

Once again we will conclude the Sports Day with sprints and some long distance races. Please lock this date into your diary.

Sport is a very big part of Loxton and we have produced many talented sport people over the years and we will continue to do so with the excellent Physical Education program we offer.

Sport is so important for the health and wellbeing for all of us and it is fantastic to see the Sports Committee up and running and aiming to provide the best outcomes and opportunities for the children of St Albert’s.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Just a reminder that our pupil free day is on Friday 2nd December. The staff will be planning for 2012 and working on the new Australian Curriculum.

All the best
Jason Mittiga
Principal, St Albert’s Catholic School

RE News……..

YEAR 4/5 CLASS MASS
WEDNESDAY 12 NOON

Please join our school for Mass in the Church led by the Year 4/5 Class.

THANK YOU EVERYONE

Thank you to all families who so generously gave to CARITAS, Children’s Missions and LoxCare last week. This money and our prayers will be given to those in need.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

In our Catholic church, the month of November is especially set aside to pray for those who have died. Last week our school celebrated Mass together to pray for those in our families who have died. As a church we believe that after death there is a period of time in which our souls are purified in Purgatory.
The Holy Souls in Purgatory can no longer pray for themselves so it is our privilege to pray for them during this time. (John 9:4) It is especially beautiful to offer the Mass for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. A special prayer that we use in the church is:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Remembrance Day**

Remembrance Day this Friday (11 November) marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. Remembrance Day, 11th November fits in very well with the Church’s care in this month to remember the dead.

Our school leaders will go to the ‘Cross of Sacrifice’ at 11am on behalf of all at St Albert’s School Community.

**First Sunday of Advent**

First Sunday of Advent starts on Sunday 27th of November. Its length varies from 22 to 28 days, starting on the Sunday nearest St Andrew’s Day and encompassing the next three Sundays, ending on Christmas Day.

**RIVERLAND CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

The Mini Vinnies will be co-ordinating donations for the Riverland Christmas Appeal. The students are hoping that all classes will get behind this worthwhile cause and ask their families to donate non-perishable food and new toys. These donations can be dropped off at the school until the end of November. The following items have been requested by the Christmas Appeal Co-ordinator:-

- Christmas Cake and/or Pudding
- Fruit Mince Pies Pkt 6
- Custard - Long Life 1 - litre.
- Coffee 100gm
- Teabags – 50gm
- Juice – Long Life – 1 litre
- Tin Ham and/or Tuna – 425 gm
- Tinned Sweetcorn, Vegetables or Peas
- Tin Fruit
- Jelly Crystals
- Pasta – 500 gm
- Rice – 500 gm
- Pasta Sauce
- Spread – Jam/Vegemite
- Sweet Christmas Biscuits
- Savoury Biscuits
- Christmas Lollies/Fruit Bars
- Sultanas/Almonds
- Toys for children aged from birth to 12 years old.

Last year 550 hampers and children’s gifts were distributed to homeless families and those in the community who are less fortunate. Monetary donations are also accepted, and donations of $2 or more are tax deductible.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

“Don’t compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about”.

**GAIL PAGE**
P & F News….

Hi fantastic parents!

Terri Judd from The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities will be visiting our school to hold a Parent Leader Network Session. Parents from our school and other Riverland Catholic Schools are invited to attend to build relationships, share and discuss different ideas. All families of St Albert’s are invited to attend the session and shared lunch on Wednesday 23rd November at 10:00am.

She is also holding another 2 sessions in Berri with a Wine and Cheese night, please see the attached invitations. I am looking for parents to car pool for this one… so let me know if you are interested in going. It’s on Tuesday evening 22nd November at 6:00pm. It looks like an informative evening.

ABOUT THE FEDERATION
The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities is a federation of our Parents and Friends Association. The Federation represents ALL PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN in South Australian Catholic schools. Their vision is to be an active VOICE FOR FAMILIES with children in South Australian Catholic schools.

THE FEDERATIONS ROLE

- Advocates the right to choose Catholic education
- Encourages and supports family engagement in education
- Promotes and supports Catholic Education
- Builds valuable partnerships
- Contributes to the shaping of educational policy and practice

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities newsletter called the “Federation News”. This newsletter is produced four times a year and is issued at the beginning of every term. It is attached to this weeks’ newsletter. You can also access their website at www.fedparents.adl.catholic.edu.au for further information.

NEXT PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING IS
IN WEEK 7 - MONDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2011
At 7:00PM In the Library!

Lily Hansen
President.

Birthdays….

NOVEMBER
10th – Aiden Formby - 12
12th – Elissa Unferdorben - 11
18th – Emelia Gready – 7

Canteen……

Menu change: Frozen Yoghurts not available.

Helpers required 9:30 am until 1:15pm.

CANTEEN ROSTER (Family name)
November 11th – Natalie Davis
November 18th – Natalie Davis
November 25th – Watkins
December 2nd – PUPIL FREE DAY
December 9th – Zimmermann
December 16th – Wormald.

If you are unable to come in on your rostered day, please leave a message at the school office (85845110) the week prior, so that I can organise a fill in. Thankyou.

Julie Graetz
Canteen Manager
Book Club……

Items from previous order are expected this week. Orders from pamphlets sent home this week are to be back by Monday 14th November. Thankyou. Dionne Kassulke Book Club Coordinator.

Uniform Shop……

While Jenny Hicks is on leave this month, Julia Dansie will be available to assist with the purchase of any uniform requirements on -

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS - 2pm – 3pm.

Community Notices……

PUPPIES FOR SALE
Beautiful MAREMMA Pups for sale. Great guardians for your stock, including poultry, sheep, goats or to have as a family pet. Parents on view. Pups will be ready to go 30th November. $350.00 Phone 0427790064 for more information.

VACSWIM
4th – 12th January 2012. Students aged 5-18 years. Cost $22 enrolment fee per child for 7 x 45 minute lessons. Enrol on line available now: www.vacswimsa.com or collect an enrolment form at the school office.

Community Notices……

FOOD ALLERGIES
Do you know how many children suffer from food allergies in the Riverland? Don’t know/neither do we!!

That is why we are conducting a survey to find out. We would like to hear from EVERY parent who has a child at school, even if your child does not have a food allergy, we want to hear from you. Together we can provide schools and doctors in the region with information about the occurrence and effects of food allergies in the Riverland!

Survey letters have been sent home today with this newsletter. Please return by Monday 7th November.

Rachel Byrne
Second year Medical Student at Flinders University riverlandfoodallergypj@gmail.com Ph. 82044711.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN
CHURCH LOXTON
Concordia Lutheran Church Loxton is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of its current place of worship on Sunday, 13th November at 10.00am, Followed by a luncheon and fellowship afternoon. All past members and friends are cordially invited to attend. RSVP Trevor Wurst: Email loxwurst@bigpond.com or Telephone 08 8584 7078 / 0427 847 078

SOUL SURFER MOVIE EVENT
Presented by Living waters Christian Community PG Mild themes. SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2011 6:30PM. 14 Edward Street, Loxton. Ticjets are a gold coin donation for Samaritan’s Purse. ALL WELCOME.