Dear Parents/ caregivers

It is hard to believe we are in week 8 of the school term already. We have had so much on and the children have been the beneficiaries of quality programs that have taken place.

It has been a big week with the election of Pope Francis. It is with great optimism we will all move forward and support the new pope for bigger and brighter things.

Today I am in Port Pirie with some of our school captains for the Port Pirie Diocesan Assembly. We will be a part of the Chrism Mass where the Holy oils used for Sacraments will be blessed by the Bishop for the year ahead.

SPORTS DAY

Next week we have Sports Day on Wednesday 27th March at 5.00pm at the Loxton Football oval. The children have been working hard on their activities and the day should be a lot of fun culminating with the running events under lights.

The Parents and Friends are catering for the event with a barbecue and drinks. Please invite your family to come and support your children. By making the day at 5:00pm we feel we are providing an opportunity for those parents and family members who work and would normally miss out on such events.

There is no school on Sports Day.

HOLY WEEK

Next Thursday begins Holy Week for 2013. Each class will be performing their interpretations of Holy Week for you.

Tuesday 26th March:
R/1 and 1/2 - Palm Sunday at 2:50pm

Thursday 28th March:
Year 3/4 - Last Supper 2:15 (please note change of time)
Year 5/6 - Passion Play 2:35 (please note change of time)

Tuesday 2nd April
Year 7 Resurrection story 2:50pm.
LITTLE ALBEE’S

On Thursday Little Albee’s are having their food stall at recess to raise money for their new cubby house. There will be lots of goodies for the children to buy. Thanks Claire for organizing this for the children at St Albert’s.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Last week I presented Principal awards for two of our students who really made the effort to support others in need. I was fortunate enough to attend camp on Thursday and see these children in action.

At night a few of the children missed their parents and Riley Stasinowsky and Arron Nitschke were so supportive and caring towards these children and really tried hard to make them feel like they were at home.

I was touched to see these two boys really genuinely want to help these individuals and sacrifice their own free time.

At St Albert’s it is evident that the children all look out for each other and that is why we are such a tight knit school community that makes a difference day in day out.

Thank you to Riley and Arron for displaying such great school values, it did not go unnoticed!

HOLY THURSDAY

Next week
School will finish
at normal time
of 3:10pm
on Holy Thursday.

Have a good week
Jason Mittiga
Principal
St Albert’s Catholic School

A NEW POPE FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

White smoke poured from the Sistine Chapel chimney at 5:05am (Eastern Daylight Saving Time) on Thursday last, signalling the cardinals had chosen a successor to retired Pope Benedict XV1. At 8.12pm (Rome time), French Cardinal Jean-Louise Tauran, the senior cardinal, appeared at the basilica balcony and announced: I announce to you with great joy: We have a pope! The most eminent and reverend, Lord Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who has taken for himself the name, Francis

The Latin American Pope, a Jesuit, was chosen by at least two thirds of the 115 cardinals from 48 countries, who cast their ballots in secret. He is the 266th pope of the Church and was elected in the fifth conclave.

We rejoice with Catholics, Christians and people of other faiths throughout the world on this historic day and ask for the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the intercession and protection of Mary, mother of the Church and St. Francis for our new Holy Father.

R.E. News….

Project Compassion
Thank you to everyone who has supported Project Compassion. Please have your boxes ready to return next week.
Palm Sunday
Next Sunday, we celebrate Palm Sunday and the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

During the days of Lent we have journeyed along the way with Jesus. We have been challenged to look at our lives; to think about ways we are best able to live close to Christ.

During Holy Week (next week), all classes are gathering each day to re-enact a part of the Easter story, culminating with with the Stations of the Cross on Thursday and the Resurrection story on Easter Tuesday.

26th March
R/1 & Yr 1/2 Classes - Palm Sunday
28th March
Yr 3/4 Class - 2.15pm Holy Thursday
Yr 5/6 Class - 2.35pm Passion Play
April 2nd
Yr 7 Class - Resurrection Story

ST JOSEPH’S DAY
March 19th
As a carpenter Joseph would have spent many hours quietly working with wood, creating and building with his hands. In those times, Joseph no doubt pondered the mystery of God’s call in his life. He must have wondered what it all meant and doubted at times if he could trust God.

Joseph found strength in his faith to remain faithful to all that God asked of him, even when he struggled to understand. Let us pray that we too will find strength in our own lives through our faith and trust in God.

Support Project Compassion
Each year, Project Compassion runs during Lent. Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of the Catholic congregation and caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace.

For this week’s Mass we are asking students to please bring a dollar coin to show their support for Project Compassion.

Reception/Year 1 Mass:
Thursday 21st March 9 am

“FUN STALLS” AND “DISCO” FUNDRAISER

The Mini Vinnies are holding a “Fun Stalls and Disco Day” to raise money for Project Compassion.

This will take place during the lunch break on Tuesday, 26th March.

The Stalls will be:-
Spider Drink Stall; Honey Crackle Stall; Guess the Lollies Competition; Lucky Paddle Pop Stick Competition; as well as a Disco in the Hall.

Each stall will cost 50 cents except the Spider Drink which will cost $1.00. Entrance into the Disco will be 50 cents.

The Mini Vinnies are hoping that all the students will take part in this fun day.

MY FORGIVENESS PROMISE:
Think good thoughts;
No Hurt;
Gossip Never;
Friends Forever

GAIL PAGE
Pastoral Support Worker
Years 4 – 6 Camp….

The year 4-6 students had a fantastic time at camp back in week 6. The students went to Adelaide and were treated to many excellent activities, food and weather.

We visited the Port Power headquarters at Alberton Oval and were lucky enough to have a chat with Brett and Brad Ebert. The tour of the facilities was hosted by none other than Football Legend, Russell Ebert.

On Thursday the students had a cracking time at West Lakes Aquatic Centre, where they learnt how to surf and spent time in the sailing boats. They also went to the beach when back at the Caravan Park.

Friday was fun day, with a visit to the Beach House, where students went on water slides, dodgem cars, played games and finished with lunch outside on the lawn.

I would like to congratulate the students on their wonderful behaviour. They were fantastic over the three days and which made the camp very enjoyable.

I would also like to thank the all the staff and adults who attended the camp. Without their dedication and willingness to give up their own time camp would not happen. Each staff member went above and beyond what is expected of them and it was nice to get one or two ‘thank yous’ on our return.

Brad Williams
Coordinator.

Sport……

Sports Day is nearly here!

Just a couple of quick reminders. Make sure that your child wears a piece of clothing that will allow them to be easily identified in their team. Also, please make sure that your child brings their hat, plenty of water and a snack to eat during the short break. Student’s need to be at the oval no later than 4:50pm as we will be beginning the proceedings at 5:00pm.

I would like to thank the many former students of St. Albert’s who have volunteered to help on the night with Challenge Groups.

At the back of this newsletter is a copy of the Challenge Groups and Leaders. Programs were included in the Week 6 Newsletter. If you need a copy, please ask for one at the front office.

Brad Williams
Physical Education Teacher

Canteen……

EASTER TREAT!!!!
HOT CROSS BUNS
$1 each
Monday 25th March

Available at both recess and lunch times.
Choc Chip/With fruit/Without Fruit/
With or without butter/Fresh or toasted.

Please complete the slip in this newsletter for orders.

Help:
If anyone would like to help in the Canteen from 10:00am until 1:00pm on Mondays, please return the notice with this newsletter or ring the school office and leave a message with Jenny.

Julie Graetz
Canteen Manager
Community Notice....

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS
Netball SA Stadium
15th & 16th April.
www.netballsa.asn.au

Cake and Yummy Food Stall......

Recess time
Thursday 21st March
Fundraiser for Little Albee’s Cubby House.

Birthdays....

MARCH
19th – Marc-Antoni Perre – 6
21st – Declan Morgan – 9
22nd – Arron Nitschke - 11
24th – Jenna Vowles – 7
28th – Riley Stasinowsky – 11

From camp...lost property....

Cap
Pillow
Blue water bottle
Green water bottle
Red & white sock (1)

Uniform Shop.......

The Uniform Shop will be open Fridays from 2:15 until 3:00 pm.

Due to my commitment assisting teachers and students in the classrooms I am not available for uniform sales at other times. Please send me an email jennyh@stalbert.catholic.edu.au or leave a message at the school office for orders if you are unable to come in Fridays from 2:15 to 3:00pm.

Uniforms are to be paid for prior to collection. Thankyou.

Jenny Hicks
Uniform Coordinator.

Community Notices....

SOCCER
COME 'N' TRY AND FIRST TRAINING
Under 6, 8, 12, 14
Wednesday March 20th.
4:30-6:00pm.
Contact: Mark Kershaw – 0419844868.

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Friday 5th April
5:30 pm till late.
Loxton North Primary School

LOXTON HOCKEY CLUB
Registration Day
Tuesday March 26th
4pm – 7pm
Loxton hockey grounds.
Previous and new players – all welcome.
Free sausage sizzle.

MEDITATION
Every Monday at 7:30pm
At St Albert’s Cghurch
All welcome - Free.

BREAKFAST
Our next breakfast is this Saturday morning 23rd March at 7am.
We are blessed to have as speaker Steve Marshall, the ‘new’ Headmaster at Loxton High School. He will be bringing an interesting testimony that will encourage us all.
I look forward to seeing you there (at the Senior Citizen’s Hall, cnr Anzac and Tobruk Tce) if you can make it.
Hope you are having a good day.
Peter Magarey

GALA NIGHT
Friday 22nd March
ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL BARMERA
6 – 9pm
Food, Drink, Cheese and Wine, Market stalls, high tea, fashion parade, pony rides, jumping castle, lucky dips, face painting, crazy hair, show bags, side show alley, glow sticks, photo booth, and lots more.............
Free Entry.
Community Notices....

PONTIUS TICKET VOUCHERS

Have you thought about purchasing a Pontius ticket voucher to give away as a gift to a neighbor, friend, family member or even to donate to Loxcare for them to give to someone in need? This would be a great opportunity to invite someone along to one of our Pontius Easter productions. Ticket vouchers are available for purchase from the Lutheran Ministry Centre or the Loxton Tourist Centre, and can be purchased for either an adult $6, Child $3 or Family $15.

P & F Notice - Sports Day BBQ

Helpers are required on the 27th of March for manning the BBQ and food/drink stall. This year we are trialing the use of tokens/tickets instead of money to try and reduce the congestion around the food stall.
Help will be required for cooking the BBQ, manning the token booth and serving the food. Please write your name in the area and time slot where you would like to help and return the slip to the school office.

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@ $1 each

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As usual please put an ‘R’ or a ‘L’ beside your order for lunch or recess. Thankyou.

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Assistance in Canteen

If you can help in the Canteen on any (or many) of the days below, please write your name in the space provided and return the notice to the school office.
Volunteers are needed on Mondays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. Thankyou.

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