Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Last Sunday, we celebrated the third of the three sacraments of initiation, the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Catholics believe the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, is both a sacrifice and a meal. The sacrament of Eucharist brings to completion the Christian process of initiation. In this sacrament we remember what Jesus did for us in his life, death and resurrection. We remember particularly the Last Supper, that final meal Jesus shared with his disciples. At that meal Jesus gave us the Eucharist so that we could remember him in a special way. When we receive Communion, we believe that we receive the person of Jesus into our very beings. We become one with him, and we become one with each other. As a community we become ‘the body of Christ’.

We congratulate Elleanah Aggeletos, Zoe Formby, Maddison Munchenberg, Nicole Rogerson, Francesco Perre, Marc-Antoni Perre, Harrison Seiboth, Raamah Size, Axel Edwards, Harry Lipman, Caicee Lehmann, Jessica Ridley and Hayden Rosenzweig on receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Special thanks to our APRIM, Mrs Raelene Edwards, for all her work in preparing these candidates for initiation into the Catholic Church.

RESPECT • HONESTY • TRUST • PRIDE • SUPPORT
SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
At the beginning of the year, St Albert’s had negotiated a contract arrangement with an external agency to place a part-time counsellor at the school on a weekly basis. The counsellor’s ultimate goal, however, was to work full-time and this opportunity became available to her not long after the initial appointment. To date, we have been unable to secure a replacement. Should you wish your child, or indeed any member of your family, to access a counselling service then please contact either Jenny Ling or myself directly and we will make the necessary arrangements.

REPORTS
Our teachers are currently working towards completion of the Semester One report writing cycle. The process itself is a time consuming one; we want to ensure each report is an accurate reflection of your child’s academic and pastoral achievement. At this stage, I am looking to release reports on or around Tuesday, June 30.

CALENDAR
You will be pleased to know a first draft of our Semester Two calendar is currently with staff. We still need to confirm a few more dates and finalise some activities before releasing to the community in the final week of term.

STAFF LEAVE
Attached to this Newsletter is a letter from our Director, Brenda Keenan, advising I will be taking a week’s Long Service Leave in the last week of term. The leave was initially granted at my former school just under a year ago so I am grateful to the School Board for honouring this existing arrangement. Raelene Edwards will be the teacher-in-charge during my absence.
In a curious coincidence, Brogan Whitelaw is also on leave at the same time. I thank teacher Meagan Rudd (mother of Kaila in R/1) who will be looking after the 4/5 class during this time.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Please note two-thirds of the annual amount invoiced is to be paid by 20 July, 2015 and the balance is to be paid in full by 12 October 2015. If a regular direct repayment plan is in place, this may continue until December to clear the account. Please contact the school if you feel you are unable to meet these time lines, so that an alternative mutually acceptable repayment plan can be discussed.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM TWO

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Sincerely

Brett Czechowski
Principal
**R.E. NEWS**

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday. We pray that they come to know Jesus more deeply through this Blessed Sacrament. I offer my sincere thanks to every family for bringing your children to Mass on this beautiful occasion; journeying with them as they continue their walk of faith. Thank you also to Fr Paul for leading the Celebration of Holy Communion Mass as our inspiring Shepherd.

Whilst reading an article about the Mass recently, I felt compelled to share a few thoughts with you. The article suggested that although many of us choose to skip Mass when the children are young, it is not necessarily the most productive strategy. The article advocated that children need to acclimatize to the Mass from a young age, a bit like reading. Ideally we should be reading to our children well before they are capable of reading themselves. It’s because we want them to develop a deep love for books and a hunger to participate and to learn to read for themselves. The most potent age to form attachment bonds is in early childhood. By providing your child with positive and regular exposure to Jesus through the Mass, you facilitate the formation of a deeply rooted attachment bond to the God who loves them. What greater gift can we give our children?

*God bless,*

**Raelene Edwards**

Assistant Principal in Religious Identity & Mission

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**Our Lady of the River Parish**

**Loxton Sunday Masses**

**YEAR OF THE FAMILY**

- Sunday 21 June – 11:00am.
- Sunday 28 June – 9:00am.

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**LITERACY NEWS**

**READING SESSION**

“How you can help your child/ren to read, write and spell.”

**When:** 25 June, 2015

**Time:** 9:00am – to approximately 10:00am.

**Where:** In the Library.

**Facilitator:** Sharona Edwards

Parents of students in any year level, but particularly Junior Primary year levels, are invited to come along to the above reading session. Parents who attended the last session are encouraged to attend as a follow up. School students will not be accompanying parents at this session, however if parents are unable to come along due to having pre-school age children to look after, you are invited to bring them along.

**Registration:** Please complete the return form with this newsletter.

*Sharona Edwards*

*Literacy Coordinator.*
SPORTING NEWS

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS’ ATHLETICS DAY
SANTOS STADIUM – MILE END

Last Friday, a contingent of 21 St. Albert’s Students braved the early morning chill, to travel to Adelaide to compete at the annual Catholic Athletics Carnival held at Santos Sports Stadium. The students arrived at the stadium, thanks to the skillful driving of Brett Munchenberg, tired but ready for action. The weather was turned on for the kids, with bright blue skies and not a cloud to be seen. The kids were absolutely amazing in their efforts during events and their efforts in supporting other students participating.

We had some wonderful results on the day, with most students receiving a ribbon. The students battled their little hearts out, displaying wonderful sportsmanship, respect for others and manners. All in all, it was a very successful day, with St. Albert’s receiving the percentage pennant (as we are a school of about 70 competing against some schools of about 300). I would like to make special mention to Brett Munchenberg for taking the time out to drive us down on the bus, Jason Hughes for taking on the role as team doctor/and for travelling on the bus, to Karen Inglis, Helen Drake and Isabella Edwards for helping with timing and scoring on the day, and to all those parents that drove their children down, a huge thank you for supporting your children and school.

Brogan Whitelaw
P.E. Coordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUM
Attached is a flyer regarding a free information forum on the drug issue of ICE. This forum will be held at the Chaffey Theatre on Tuesday 21 July 2015 at 6.30Pm. The forum will no doubt be very popular, please note that this is a non ticketed event, and our advice is to arrive early to ensure you get a seat, as seating capacity is for only 492.
Community Development Officer
Loxton Waikerie District Council.

A TASTE OF GREECE
with a hint of Australiana!
Saturday July 4
Lutheran Peace Hall
6pm – 12 midnight
Eat, Drink and Dance!
$40 per adult $12 children under 12
2 course dinner
Delicious Style Spit Roasted Meat
BELLY DANCER
Authentic Greek Music.
Fundraiser for Loxton Hospital Complex
Tickets available from Lesley
Loxton Hospital Complex 85848549
Bar facility provided – NO BYO.
**LITTLE ALBEE’S PLAYGROUP**

**THURSDAYS**
9:00am – 11:00am.
All welcome

We have been having lots of fun over the last few weeks at Little Albees. We have been threading pasta, painting rainbows, playing with sports equipment and last week we played with magnets and made puffy paint pictures. Last Wednesday there was also a write up in the Loxton News with some cute photos of the kids in action.

I would like to thank the families who have donated toys and equipment to Little Albees. I really appreciate it. If anyone else has any toys, costumes, books, bikes, puzzles etc that they no longer need please leave them at the front office or drop them to the playgroup room on Thursday mornings.

This week Little Albees are going on an excursion to the Loxton Public Library. We will be meeting at the library at 9:30am where Karen will read us a story followed by a craft activity. If there is time we could grab a coffee and head to the playground.

Just a reminder that we have a Facebook page called 'Little Albees Playgroup’ where I keep in touch with everyone about what we are up to. So please ask to join and feel free to invite your friends or family. The more the merrier.

Kind Regards
Joanne Hondow
Playgroup Coordinator

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**TERM 2**
Fridays – 2:00 – 3:00
or by appointment
between 9am – 2:00pm on Fridays.
Please email –
jennyh@stalbert.catholic.edu.au

Uniforms are to be paid for prior to collection.

Jenny Hicks
Uniform Coordinator.

**BUZZ BOOK**

The Buzz Book will be distributed this week.
Please advise school by email if any detail is incorrect or if details change.

*Thank you.*

**N.B. LUNCH ORDER SYSTEM**

1. Please ensure a NAMED clear snap-lock bag (containing lunch order form and money) is enclosed in a brown paper lunch bag. If there is more than one child in a family money for all children may be placed in one bag, but there should be a brown paper lunch bag containing an order form for each child.

OR:

2. Orders may also be written on the outside of the brown paper bag with money enclosed in a NAMED clear snap lock bag inside the brown bag.

**ATTACHMENTS - FLYERS**

Community forum – ICE facts – 21 July.
A Taste of Greece – 4 July
Vacation Care program & enrolment form
Kids Obstacle course day - 20 & 21 June
SA Football Academy School Holiday Clinic.
ENTRY FORM BELOW IS TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY **22 JUNE, 2015.**

Listed below is information for entry into the UNSW Global Australia student English and Mathematics competitions. Entry is optional and cost is to be borne by each family.

The English competition is scheduled for Tuesday 28 July and the Mathematics competition for Tuesday 11 August.

They are not school competitions but are offered for your interest and will be administered through the school. Comprehensive reports are provided to parents and achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels; from Participation to High Distinction.

For more information about ICAS go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

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**RETURN NOTICE – ENTRY TO UNSW COMPETITIONS**

I would like my child………………………………………………..to be entered into the following competition/s:

- [ ] Mathematics
- [ ] English

Cost $8.80 per student per competition (incl. GST) if 3 or more students enter.
Cost $13.20 per student per competition (incl. GST) if only 2 students enter.
Cost $26.40 per student per competition (incl. GST) if only one student enters.

*You will be advised of the cost, depending on entries received, prior to formal entry into a competition.*

Signed………………………………………………… Date…………………………………

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**RETURN FORM – READING SESSION**

I will be attending the Reading Session at 9:00am on 25 June 2015.

Name:..........................................................................................................................

Contact number:............................................................................................................
AWAD

Theme: PIRATES

Saturday August 15

All bookings for a Table (10 people) OR individual bookings can be made through the school office.

Ph: 8584 5110
Email: info@stalbert.catholic.edu.au