Dear Parents/ Caregivers and Friends of the Saint Albert’s Community

On a glorious Sunday morning, Fr Paul Bourke confirmed five St Albert’s students as ‘adults’ of the Catholic Church. Confirmation is a sacrament of maturity and coming of age. Each candidate came forward with their sponsor, their confirmation name was spoken and Fr Paul anointed each with Chrism Oil thus strengthening their faith and completing the sacrament of Baptism. St Albert’s students combined with candidates from Our Lady Of the River in a joint ceremony. We congratulate Laura Alm, Seth Fitzpatrick, Eleni Fogden, Brodie Milich and especially Ehiaghe Oyugbo who returned with her family especially to be confirmed with her fellow classmates. Bishop O’Kelly was unable to officiate as he is convalescing in Adelaide having successfully undergone quadruple heart bypass surgery. Please keep Bishop O’Kelly in your prayers as he continues his speedy recovery.

STAFF
We wish Mrs Raelene Edwards every blessing as she takes in the beautiful vistas of Canada and Alaska with Lyndon over the next month. Raelene returns during the school holidays but will spend the first two weeks of Term 4 as Acting Principal of Our Lady Of the River.

My thanks to Leonie Westbrook who completed a four-week teacher practicum with Year 4/5 last Friday. Leonie responded well to the demands of our diverse profession and is looking to complete her teacher training by the end of the year. Congratulations and best wishes, Leonie.
AWAD
It was a strange coincidence that Pirates of the Caribbean screened on television not long after our own swashbuckling adventure last weekend. The Loxton Football Club decks were scrubbed and then the room transformed into an island getaway complete with ropes, sails, cobwebs, skulls and numerous treasure chests! I wanted to say thanks for supporting our major fundraiser in such a spectacular way. The costumes were amazing, donations exceeded expectation and we achieved our fundraising goal of $15,000 once again. On behalf of our community, I thank Jenny Hicks and the Parents & Friends for all their hard work, attention to detail and camaraderie. The P&F will meet this evening to debrief the event, which includes looking over the evaluation forms, as we look to commence planning for the Auction’s 20th anniversary in 2016.

NAPLAN REPORT
In May this year, National Literacy and Numeracy Assessments were administered to students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 throughout Australia. A report indicating your child’s achievement in those assessments has been sent to the school from the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority. The information contained in the report should be considered together with school-based assessments and reports. Your child’s NAPLAN report summary will be sent home on Wednesday.

40th Anniversary
Fr Paul Bourke is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his priestly ordination on Sunday, September 6. The parish is planning a Mass at St Joseph’s School, Barmera to help celebrate this in The Year of Consecrated Life and also the Year of Family. Please bring a chair and shared picnic lunch.

PROTECTIVE PRACTICES FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS
Included with this week’s Newsletter is information relating to protective practices behavior guidelines for staff and volunteers working with children and young people. This brochure explains guidelines with which staff and volunteers in schools must comply. It describes appropriate behaviours and also behaviours which are not appropriate as staff and volunteers interact with children and young people. The attached brochure is distributed to all schools this week.

BOOK WEEK (please note change in venue)
The theme of this year’s Book Week is, A Book that lights up your world! I’m thinking this could be a character, person, place or object from any book your child has taken an interest in. Our Book Week parade is scheduled for this Friday, August 28 @ 9am in the Parish Hall.

SAPSASA
Congratulations to students in Years 4-7 who represented our school in Riverland SAPSASA Athletics last Tuesday. We had students who placed in a wide range of events and some will go on to represent our district in future competition. I thank Melissa Leach and Brogan Whitelaw managing our team so well; it was a most rewarding day.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE
You may have noticed the team from Creative Pools and Landscaping have completed the majority of capital works as part of the Junior Primary development. We just need to wait for the lawn to regenerate itself and the steel work for the stage to be erected before opening the area to general traffic.
IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM THREE

Tuesday, August 25  
P&F gathering @ 7pm (staffroom)

Thursday, August 27  
Year 2/3 excursion to Planetarium  
St Albert’s bus run cancelled

Friday, August 28  
Book Week Parade @ 9am (Parish Hall)  
Parents and Friends Gathering (7pm)

Friday, September 4  
R/1 Excursion to Historical Village  
Father’s Day

Sunday, September 6  
40th Anniversary of Fr Paul’s Ordination

Friday, September 11  
Pupil Free Day (DECD Schools and St Albert’s)

Sincerely

Brett Czechowski
Principal

Our Lady of the River Parish
Loxton Sunday Masses
YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Sunday 30 August – 9:00am  
Sunday 6 September – 11:00am

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

International Night
September 5, 2015
For Loxton Hospital Complex
3 course served meal - 6:30pm
Cost: Adults $35 Children $15
Where: at the Loxton Golf Club
Specialist Auctioneer
Please bring an unwrapped item to be auctioned.

Bookings:
Please book your table by August 28
by telephoning 85848549.
Tickets available from
the Administration office at the Hospital

THE GREAT OUTBACK ADVENTURE
When: Sunday 13 September
Time: Starting from 12pm
Where: Loxton Uniting Church
Live entertainment by local artists!
BBQ lunch
Billy Tea with Damper
$10 per person with proceeds going to
Frontier Services.
A community event – ALL WELCOME
Enquiries: 85847622 or 85845338

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2015

Until Tuesday September 8,
Simply collect stickers at the checkout,
place stickers straight into the St Albert’s collection box at Woolworths
(near the front window); OR
send in your collected stickers to our
school office.
THANKYOU!

TENNIS
REGISTRATION FORMS
ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
FOR.....
ANZ Hot Shots Community Play
(5 years and over) - AND....
Riverland Junior Tennis Competition.
Forms are to be completed and
returned by 11 September to Phil Smith
Email: psm11254@bigpond.net.au
Enquiries: 0487425968

TONIGHT
SHELL QUESTACON
SCIENCE CIRCUS
RENMARK
Tuesday 25 August
5pm – 8pm
Riverland Indoor Sports and Fitness
Centre, Fifteenth Street, Renmark
Adults $6
Children/Concessions $5
Families $18
Children under 5 – Free
Tickets only available at the door.
Science toys for sale.
Cash only.
Children under 12 must be accompanied
by an adult at all times.
Enquiries 0439499700 or visit
www.questacon.edu.au

The Shell Questacon Science Cir5cus is a
great opportunity for parents and
children to share, discover and investigate
together.
Explore the portable science centre with
hands-on science and technology exhibits.

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