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

It amazes me just how quickly children settle back into both the routine of learning and the many nuances of social play. As I have moved through each class it is clear to me that our students are here not because they have to be, but because they want to be. They are excited by learning and they are thirsty for knowledge. They want to learn how to do things well and are naturally curious about almost everything. Around the yard, children demonstrate a highly developed sense of fair play and natural justice and teachers have to be alert to that, just as our parents are. Our discernment around the responsibilities of educating the young is an awesome one. There are many places we can draw inspiration but it is the Gospel that is the well spring of it all. We are called to follow the example of Christ, the first teacher. ‘Our Schools / Parish recognise and practise human dignity coming from each person as being made in the image and likeness of God’ – this is a key message in a letter soon to be released from Fr Paul and the four Riverland Catholic Principals on Parish Stewardship and Renewal. The letter asks us to consider our ongoing relationship with Parish and how we might strengthen that relationship in the years ahead.

WEDDING BELLS
On behalf of the Saint Albert’s community, we wish Brogan Whitelaw every happiness as he joins with Jordan Armes in holy matrimony this weekend. The ceremony will be conducted in the beautiful Barossa Valley by Fr Paul Bourke and the weather forecast looks to be just perfect. Congratulations, Brogan and Jordan and may God bless you both now and all your days.

Mr Whitelaw practising his happy dance!
PASTORAL CARE
Our new Pastoral Care Worker, Erin Harrald, has been very busy visiting classes, working with children and meeting with our SRC. Erin is very enthusiastic about what she can contribute to our teaching and learning teams at St Alberts. In time, she will develop programs around social outreach and also look at conducting small group experiences around building social and emotional resilience. Erin brings a wealth of knowledge to the role as she also holds similar positions at Glossop and Monash Primary Schools. We are very grateful to have Erin join with our community.

PUPIL FREE DAY – CHANGE OF DATE (re-advertised)
With your permission, I need to move our scheduled pupil free day (Friday, November 6) back to Friday, November 20. The original placement of the day was to align with the pupil free day of Loxton High School, however, as it is a scheduled report writing day, it is much too early to be effective as assessments have not yet closed. I do apologise if this is the cause of any inconvenience.

COLA
There has been a further delay to the installation of our new COLA surface. The new date for works to commence is now Monday, November 2. This would mean ripping up the old surface on Friday, October 30 (Week 3) from around 2pm. Please let me know if you are able to assist. Families are welcome to take home pieces of the old COLA surface for private use at no cost.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM FOUR
Tuesday, October 20       Voluntary Parent / Teacher interviews
Wednesday, October 21    Parish Working Bee (from 10am in Parish Hall)
Monday, October 26       Scholastic Book Fair “Under the Sea”
Friday, October 30        Year 6/7 Assembly
                          Ripping up the old COLA surface (from 2pm)
Tuesday, November 3       Year R/1 Mass @ 2pm
                          Melbourne Cup

Sincerely

Brett Czechowski
Principal

Like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stalbertsloxton
Dont’ forget our BINGO Fundraiser at the Berri Hotel on November 1. I hope to get lots of people there to raise some much needed money to purchase some equipment for Little Albees.

Bingo, Bingo Bingo!

Come along and support Little Albees at their only fundraiser for the year.

When: November 1, 2015
Where: Berri Resort Hotel
Time: 1:30pm for eyes down at 2:00pm

If there is enough interest we will take the school bus. There will also be some delicious home-made afternoon tea and a raffle. It should be a fun afternoon.

*Bring your friends!

UNIFORM SHOP

TERM 4

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.

UNIFORM PRICE CHANGE
Summer skirt $40.00

Jenny Hicks
Uniform Coordinator.

MEETING

NEXT P & F MEETING – TONIGHT!!!!
TUESDAY OCTOBER 20
7pm in the Staff Room

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CREDIT UNION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Adelaide
Saturday 14 November 2015
9:30AM SATURDAY
Please contact the school office for a program of the day.

Just a reminder that we have a Facebook page called ‘Little Albees Playgroup’. Please ask to join and feel free to invite your friends or family. The more the merrier.

Kind regards
Joanne Hondow
From the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities

The latest edition of Federation e-News has been posted on its website www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au
The direct link to e-News is here

In this jam-packed edition focussing on family engagement in children’s learning, find out more about:

- The inaugural Parents in Education Week
- School Start Buddy – helping young children learn to read and write
- Learning Potential app for parents
- Family support during Year 12 exams
- Our new Federation Ambassador Initiative
- Welcome Pack for new families

And so much more..... Be connected. Be informed. Be heard.

BOOK FAIR

Opening times
Monday  26 October 8.30– 4pm
Wednesday  28 October 8.30-9.30am & 3-4pm
Thursday Little Albees Playgroup visiting

If you wish to look at the books out of these times, please see front office staff.

**EFTPOS facility available.

Look forward to seeing you all at the fair....... Come and see our ‘Ocean of Books’!

Yours in Reading
Dionne Kassulke

Our Lady of the River Parish
Loxton Sunday Masses
YEAR OF THE FAMILY
Sunday 18 October – 11am
Sunday 25 October – 9am