



ST ALBERT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOXTON

NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 11
16 October, 2018

Important Dates



Friday, October 19

World Teacher's Day

Monday, October 22

Parent/Teacher Interviews (day one)

Tuesday, October 23

Parent/Teacher Interviews (day two)

Year 2/3 Mass

Parents and Friends Meeting (7pm)

Saturday, October 27

Year 7 Canberra Fundraiser – Car Boot Sale

Wednesday, October 31

Year 7 Transition Day #1

Friday, November 2

Year 4/5 Assembly (2:40pm)

Tuesday, November 6

Year R/1 Mass (10am)

Friday, November 9

Remembrance Day Ceremony (10:30am)

Wednesday, November 14

Reception transition day #1 (8:30am–11:30am)

Thursday, November 15

Feast Day of St Albert the Great

Friday, November 16

Year 2/3 Assembly (2:40pm)

Sunday, November 18

11am Parish Mass with School Liturgy

Tuesday, November 20

Year 4/5 Mass (10am)

Wednesday, November 21

Reception transition day #2 (8:30am–1:30pm)

Friday, November 23

Pupil Free Day – Report Writing



At the site where Christ was baptised by John the Baptist

Pilgrimage

Dear Parents / Caregivers and Friends of the St Albert's Community

We ascended Mt Nebo and saw the land God had promised Moses, the land of milk and honey. As humble pilgrims we walked in the footsteps of Christ and came to better understand his mission and ministry. We carried the cross in the streets of Jerusalem and prayed the Stations of the Cross before touching the very rock upon which he was crucified and died. Our pilgrimage to the Holy Lands was a deeply moving and profound experience. We came to appreciate the context of many gospel stories which have forever been re-imagined in our minds. Important also was to learn of the people of Palestine and Israel; we listened to bereaved parents and met with youth to discuss their hopes and wishes for the future of their respective countries. There were times to reflect on the enormity of our undertaking, none more so than when we had the opportunity to pray at the garden of Gethsemane and draw water from Jacob's Well.

Our little band of 13 pilgrims quickly forged a wonderful fellowship; we delighted in each other's company and were a great support to one another. No doubt you had been following our adventures on the school Facebook page, a small taste of a rich encounter. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers as we travelled through the ancient lands of Jordan, Palestine and Israel. We all look forward to sharing our experience and evangelising the mission of the church through the teachings of her son, Christ Jesus.

Brett Czechowski
Principal

Our Lady of the River Parish



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OLOR Youth, Families and Young Adults

Facebook Group

www.facebook.com/groups/OLORYouth

LOXTON MASS TIMES, SUNDAYS

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays – 11am
2nd & 4th Sundays – 6pm

LOXTON MASS TIMES, WEEKDAYS

10am Tuesday



Little Albee's Playgroup



Who: 0-5 year olds

ALL WELCOME!!

When: Tuesday mornings 9am – 11am
(during school terms)

Where: Playgroup room
(transportable at the end of the outdoor court)

Bring: A piece of fruit and hat

Cost: \$2.00 per child or \$4.00 a family per week

For more information:

Please contact the school
Phone 8584 5110

Chelsea Gutsche
Playgroup Coordinator

Parent/Teacher Interviews

The second opportunity to meet formally with teachers to discuss your child's education journey occurs this coming **Monday, October 22** and **Tuesday, October 23**. Discussions are usually focussed on information from the mid-semester report distributed in the last week of Term 3 and are most helpful as we now move into the final assessment period. Booking sheets will be sent home with today's Newsletter (please note Brogan Whitelaw is unavailable for Parent/Teacher interviews on the above dates).

World Teacher's Day

This coming Friday, October 19 we celebrate World Teacher's Day. It's a special day, akin to Father's/Mother's Day; a time to reflect and to say thanks for the amazing work our teaching and support staff do here at St Albert's. We use the term 'teacher' more broadly to include education and support staff as their influence cannot be understated. You may like to discuss with your child what they might like to do to make their class teacher feel special this Friday ☺

2019 Staffing and Class Structure

At last term's board meeting, I presented two models of possible class structures for 2019. When considering such things, there is consultation with staff and a draft model(s) constructed using the following tenets: learning needs of the students; social/emotional/behavioural needs; family/sibling/friend combinations and the available resources of the school to accommodate the aforementioned. Given the steady increase of enrolments over the past few years, class size is also a very important consideration, along with ESO support. The board meets again on October 30 to approve the final model after which time I will write to the community to advise of the outcome.

Date reminder

Parent / Teacher Interviews this Monday, October 22 and Tuesday, October 23

Pastoral Care



Hi everyone,

I hope you have a wonderful term!

MONDAY MORNINGS – 8:30AM

Served from the Canteen

Free – Cold milo or orange juice and toast

If you need to speak with me about anything, I'm at school every Monday. You may contact the school or email me at the address below. Also there are help lines you can call if you would like to stay anonymous and talk to someone who is trained in supporting people.

One help line is Lifeline Australia – 13 11 14

This is a 24 hour support service for crisis support and suicide prevention.

Beyond Blue is another support service. They have a website full of really helpful information: www.beyondblue.org.au

You can also use these services if you are supporting someone else.

Blessings

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Pastoral Care Worker

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Addresses collection

Attached is an Australian Government 2018 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice.

It is therefore important that if any family has changed their residential address during the last twelve months, please email the school this week.

The outcome of this collection will contribute to assessment of Government funding to our school.

Pilgrimage



Sailing the 'Jesus Boat' on the Sea of Galilee



Visiting the Holy Child School, Palestine



An opportunity to pray at the Western Wall.

Community Notices

LOADED CAR BOOT SALE - OCTOBER 27

The Year 7 students, along with their families and St Alberts will be hosting a car boot sale, with a sausage sizzle, bake stall and car wash on Saturday October 27th, 9 til 2pm, at the school.

We are still seeking people interested in being site holders, who want to sell garage sale type items, plants, home produce, collectables and lots more. Sites are still available on the school oval (with or without using your car) as well as some undercover sites on the school COLA. This is a great way to do a clean out and make some cash out of things in and around your home. Feel free to spread the word; anyone is most welcome to have a site. Please contact Jos Vowles 0400 259 683 for more details on booking a site. Please see the attached poster too. Thank you, Jos Vowles (on behalf of the Year 7 students and families).

JUNIOR MARDI GRAS - MEETING TONIGHT

Would your child like to be a Junior Mardi Gras Ambassador entrant? Meeting new friends, fundraising with other children, building confidence, communication and leadership skills. Whilst having a life changing memorable experience.

MEETING TONIGHT at Loxton Hotel 6pm.

To know more, please ring Pauline Johnston now on 0427874332.

TENNIS - STARTS 1 NOVEMBER

Loxton tennis Club registration forms are now available from the school front office for the 2018/2019 season.

Hotshots will be held Thursdays 4:15 to 5pm at the Loxton Tennis Club starting 1 November.

For more information:

Contact - Phil - psm11254@bigpond.net.au or 0487425968.

STRAWBERRY FETE - NOVEMBER 10

Alawoona Hall - 6pm

Entertainment by The Wild Matildas

Pete's Mobile Woodfired pizzas.

Strawberries, ice-cream, pizza, tea and coffee
BYO drinks.

Adults \$25/ 7yo-13yo - \$15/ Under 7yo Free.

Fundraiser for Loxton Mardi Gras Committee

Tickets essential - available from Scarfe's

Electronics.

Free bus from Loxton available.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

From 11am Tuesday 6 November

\$25 per person - two course meal.

\$4 per ticket donated directly to Royal Flying Doctor Service.

At Loxton Club

Sweeps/Raffles/TAB facility/prizes for best hat, best fascinator, best dressed/Fashion parade by Frankie and Dandelion.

Children's meals available.

Pilgrimage



Karen Cash reads the parable of the Good Samaritan, Judean Desert



Tom and Sharona Edwards as part of the Stations of the Cross, Jerusalem.

