



ST ALBERT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOXTON

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 8
19 March, 2019

Important Dates



Tuesday, March 19

Year 5/6/7 Class Mass
St Albert's Multi-Cultural Day (casual clothes)
Primary Schools' Musio Festival Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, March 20

Year 7 Halogen excursion, Adelaide.
SAPSASA Athletics (4-7)

Tuesday, March 26

Pupil Free Day
Twilight Sports Day (3pm @ Loxton High School)

Friday, March 29

Year Reception Assembly

Tuesday, April 2

NET Ministries Youth Leadership Day (Year 3/4)

Wednesday, April 3

NET Ministries Youth Leadership Day (Year 5/6/7)

Friday, April 5

Term One Student progress report distributed.

Monday, April 8

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Day #1

Tuesday, April 9

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Day #2

Wednesday, April 10

Term One concludes (3:10pm)
Chrism Mass, Port Pirie.

Thursday April 11 & Friday April 12

Staff Training & Development – Trauma Sensitive
Schools
Both Thursday and Friday are pupil free days.



Students love doing the health hustle as they prepare for Sports Day

School Board

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

Our newly elected board met officially for the second time this year and we welcomed Melanie Steele to our team, however, there was no time for idle chat as there were many items that needed to be discussed! The new school board consists of myself as Chair, Fr Paul Bourke (President), Brett Czechowski (CEO), Prue Sinoch (Secretary), Tom Edwards, Pat Perre, Sheree Cameron, Lynley Seaman, Melanie Steele and Brogan Whitelaw.

The Principal and Staff report highlighted how busy everyone has been; both teachers and students settling into a routine, getting used to their classes now.

The new fairy garden is a big hit, the book fair was very popular this year, a few new data projectors, another great Mardi Gras, the buddy system is going great and a hot topic of the night was the area where the chook shed was – stay tuned for some great ideas for that area. Easter and the end of Term 1 is fast approaching but we still have a lot to do like Sports Day and SAPSASA – and you have to fit in homework as well!

We say farewell to Emily Munchenberg and wish her all the best, and thank Dani Formby for stepping up to do quite a few more challenges around the school – a true inspiration.

Good to see the parent feedback from the surveys that went out, it really helps us as a Board so every response is vital.

We hope you are sticking to your Lent challenges; Easter and the holidays will be here in no time.

Stay safe and don't forget your homework!

Domenic Perre

Chair, St Albert's School Board

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

March 24 – 6:00pm

March 31 – 11:00am (5th Sunday)

April 7 – 11am

April 14 – 6:00pm



Uniform Shop



Please note opening time.....

OPENING TIME - TUESDAYS, 1:45 - 3:00PM

Please also check your child's winter uniform needs over the next week.

If you are unable to call to the school during the above opening time, please email me to arrange an appointment or you may email your order and it will be packaged ready for collection upon payment.

Please note: As I assist in the classrooms I am not available at a time other than the opening time above unless I have prior notice.

Payment of uniforms – Cash, cheque, EFTPOS or direct in the School Uniform account – BSB 105 059 Account 037078340.

jennyh@staibert.catholic.edu.au

Jenny Hicks
Uniform Shop Manager

Loving thy Neighbour

A parent has recently contacted me to share a story of her child who discovered they were the only one in their class not to be invited to a peer's birthday party. Whilst it is not the position or the business of schools to be directly involved in such matters, invariably we are often a source of guidance and support when it does. I genuinely believe all our parents are sensitive to the needs of others, especially when it comes to the needs of other children. It's what drives our community and it's at the core of what we do. Parents organising a party outside of school should refrain from giving out invitations during school time, particularly if not all children in his or her class are invited. The outcome of such a decision leaves children and families feeling confused, anxious and unnecessarily distressed. I appreciate this is not a common event and ask parents to exercise discretion if their decision to exclude is the exception, rather than the rule.

Marine Discovery

Last Tuesday the Year 3/4 class headed to the Marine Discovery Centre at Henley Beach. With a Science topic focused around living and nonliving things, and a HASS topic around oceans, it seemed like the perfect place to go. Students had a great time combing the beach with their 'find it guides' and using the VR goggles to swim with sea life. They also spent time looking at the aquarium tanks and finding many of the creatures they have been learning about. A big shout out to all of our wonderful parent helpers who came along on the day helped transport students either by car or bus (Especially new Dad, Daniel Halupka for driving the bus and supplying the photos below). Melissa Leach.



Pastoral Care



Hi everyone,

I hope you are having a great week.
Congratulations to everyone who played in a grand final last weekend!

This term I have been busy helping out in classrooms, helping with SRC, selling ice-blocks at lunch times, working with individual students needing support and running a girls group with the Year 2 students. This has been a really positive time of thinking about what makes each of us unique – with the special gifts, talents and interests we each have. It's so important to embrace those special talents and not to try and copy someone else's. The world really does need you to be you!

I have purchased for the school library some great books about ordinary people who have done extraordinary things, such as "Amazing Australian Women (who shaped history)", "Stories for Kids who Dare to be Different", "Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls" and "High Five to the Boys (A Celebration of Ace Australian Men)". These books are full of stories about people who have followed their passions, used their talents and done something a little different to what society expected of them to change the world. I hope these books help to inspire our students to do the same!

If you need to see me for any reason, I am at the school every Monday.

Many blessings
Erin Harrald
Pastoral Care Worker.

If you're
always trying
to be normal
you'll never
know how
amazing
you can be.

Maya Angelou

Sporting Success

Basketball

U12 Div 1 Supercats girls and boys winners...

Division 1 Boys - Ryder and Axel

Division 1 Girls - Elise, Eira and Lisa-Marie



Basketball

U12 Div 2 Supercats winners...

Division 2 Girls – Nyah, Abbey & Anwen



Sports Day

Tuesday 26 March
From 3:00pm to approximately 6:00pm
Loxton High School Oval
Sausage sizzle available.

Teams

Horan - Blue
Specht - Yellow
Caffrey - Red
Murphy - Green

With newsletter – return notice asking for volunteers to help out in the area of catering. Please return this week. Thank you.



Sporting Successes contd...

Family basketball winners

Nyah Division 2 Girls and
Division 2 Women, Ali Uren



Congratulations

Tennis

Jack's Loxton tennis team won their grand final on Saturday morning which ended in a 4-4 tie. They managed to take victory by being just 1 game ahead.



Sporting Diversity

Jack and Harry's Futsal team finished on top for their season. They also won the top 4 cup, after an exciting final that finished in a 1-1 tie and required a penalty shoot out to claim victory.



Community Notices

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 REGISTRATION NIGHT LOXTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Invite all current & interested players from U9s, U11s, U13s & U15s – for registration at the Loxton Oval – 4:30pm. Free BBQ, meet the coaches and have a kick.

For more information contact Paul Campbell on 0401130497 or email – camslfc@inet.net.au

STARTING 26 MARCH CIRCLE OF SECURITY

A Relationship Based Parenting Program. Cost – Free

Tuesdays 26 March, 2 and 9 April, 2019. 10:30am – 12:30pm.

9 Kay Avenue Berri SA

Enquiries – Chelsea 08 85824122

or email – berri.intake@rsga.org.au

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH LOXTON UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Training for all juniors – 4pm.

2019 season starts 14 April.

Soccer caters for teams for U6's, U8's, U10's, U12's, U14's, U16's and seniors.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 LNPS HARVEST FESTIVAL

5:30pm until late.

Food stalls, Grape Stomp.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 EASTER CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

9am – 12:30pm.

For primary school aged children.

Living Waters – 14 Edwards Street Loxton.

RSVP 85845044 by April 15 (for planning purposes)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bop till you Drop

2 days from 9am – 3pm.

16 & 17 April, 2019.

Singing, dancing, drama, craft, cooking & science. \$60 per day.

www.boptillyoudrop.com.au

Enquiries & Bookings –

tiffany@boptillyoudrop.com.au or

0437712383

Around the grounds

As Domenic alluded to in his report, there has been significant development with respect to Grounds and Maintenance. This has long been an area identified by the community as in need of improvement. The COLA Cubby House has been relocated to the area between the Fairy Garden and Music Room, which has now been paved. The space left by the cubby house has been ear-marked for the construction of a new Sports Shed. This will not only assist PE lessons on the COLA but will help to create some extra storage, which is so desperately needed. In consultation with the Parents and Friends and the School Board, the old chook yard will be converted into an outdoor sacred/meditation space. We have many busy, played-based areas around our school, however, we recognise that children also need a place to be still, to reflect, to connect with nature and be in communion with God. If you happen to see me out in the yard and would like to know more about the development of this space, feel free to approach me and I would be delighted to walk you through the initial concept map which includes a water feature, planting of more trees, water misters, dedication of the statue of Mary in a small nature grotto and timber pine partitioning to create a recycling area.

Sports Day – next week!

A reminder our Sports Day is also a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be engaged in Professional Learning in the morning before heading to Loxton High School to help set up the event. Sports Day commences at 3pm and usually concludes around 6pm. The Parents & Friends also have a Sausage Sizzle planned which is of great help to families who are eager to feed the hungry ones after a good busy afternoon of competition.

Advance Notice –Pupil Free Days

Term One

Tuesday, March 26

Twilight Sports Day
(meet at **Loxton High School Oval @ 3pm**)

Thursday, April 11

Staff Training – Trauma Sensitive School's Project

Friday, April 12

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