



# ST ALBERT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOXTON

## NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 1  
15 October, 2019

### Important Dates



**Monday, October 21**

Parent/Teacher Interviews, Day One

**Tuesday, October 22**

Parent/Teacher Interviews, Day Two  
P & F Meeting (7pm)

**Friday, October 25**

World Teacher's Day

**Tuesday, October 29**

School Board meeting (7pm)

**Friday, November 1**

Year 3/4 Assembly (Parish Hall) (2:40pm)

**Sunday, November 3**

School Liturgy at 11am Parish Mass

**Tuesday, November 5**

Year Reception Class Mass (10am)

**Monday, November 11**

Remembrance Day ceremony (10:30am)

**Wednesday, November 13**

Reception Transition Day #1 (8:30 – 11:30am)

**Thursday, November 14**

Year 1/2 Assembly (-please note change of date)

**Friday, November 15**

Feast Day of St Albert the Great  
(parents welcome from 1:30pm.)



"The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be ignited." Plutarch

## Student Wellbeing

An old Cherokee chief was teaching his grandson about life...

*"A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.*

*"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.*

*"One is evil -- he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, self-doubt, and ego.*

*"The other is good -- he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.*

*"This same fight is going on inside you -- and inside every other person, too."*

*The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather,*

*"Which wolf will win?"*

*The old chief simply replied, "The one you feed."*

As the 'Two Wolves' proverb eludes to, allowing ourselves to be grateful for positive interactions will enhance our ability to have a holistic approach towards all that we do. If we dwell on the negative, we will always view the glass as half empty. Start feeding the good wolf, to see and feel that sense of fulfilment. This proverb leads me into St. Albert's focus for all of our students learning and wellbeing. We have been placing a strong focus on student wellbeing, creating an inclusive environment for all students to benefit from. We are educating students on developing strong, supportive relationships and building a more engaging atmosphere for learning.

Through a variety of strategies and resources, we have begun equipping and educating our students with a means for them to access their individual learning goals. Creating an atmosphere that will support learning and increase engagement is something that we are really trying to develop within the school and classrooms.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

Brogan Whitelaw

# Our Lady of the River Parish



## Parish Priest

Father Paul Bourke  
Phone 0409 994 756

## Riverland Priest

Father Cletus Mloka  
Phone 0484 562 612

## Office email

olor@bigpond.com

## Pastoral Care Worker and Contact

Barb DeMichelis – 8584 7731

## OLOR Youth, Families and Young Adults

### Facebook Group

[www.facebook.com/groups/OLORYouth](http://www.facebook.com/groups/OLORYouth)

## LOXTON MASS TIMES, SUNDAYS

20 October – 11:00am

27 October – 6:00pm

3 November – 11:00am

School Liturgy in Parish Mass

10 November – 6:00pm

## LOXTON MASS TIMES, WEEK DAYS

Tuesdays – 10:00am



## Uniform Shop



Please note opening time.....

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

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@stalbert.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jennyh@stalbert.catholic.edu.au)

Jenny Hicks  
Uniform Shop Manager

## From the Board Chairperson

It's been a very busy 2019 but it isn't finished yet! We are on the home stretch now with the start of Term 4 but there is still plenty to do.

In Term 3 we saw the Year 7's have their Confirmation with a lot of "behind the scenes" organisation from Mr Czechowski and the St Alberts teachers.

They can look forward to graduating Primary School and of course the end of year trip to Canberra – very exciting! The Year 7 mums and dads have been working very hard all year, and I think the funds raised for their trip, is going to make the cost of the trip very helpful.

The NAPLAN results saw St Alberts achieve very well with their scores, something St Alberts can be very proud of.

The Board was very thankful of the work from Parents and Teachers, creating one of the best *Auction With A Difference* to date – very well done indeed!

The Board had, and still have a lot to discuss with decisions weighing heavy on the future of St Alberts's structure, such as the big decision to transition Year 7's to high school in the year 2022, and what that will mean for St Alberts.

Currently we are discussing the class structures for 2020 and we hope to have a decision early in November to see what the classes are and who the teachers will be...stay tuned!

Domenic Perre

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

The second opportunity to meet formally with teachers to discuss your child's education journey occurs this coming **Monday, October 21** and **Tuesday, October 22**. 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 were sent home yesterday with your child(ren). If you wish to book an interview time with your child's teacher, please return the booking sheet by this Thursday, 17 October. Final interview times will be notified Friday, 19 October.

## Pastoral Care



### Charity

This term the SRC will be selling ice blocks each Monday at lunch time to raise money for charity.

Quelches – 50 cents  
Frozen Yoghurts \$1.50

### Pastoral Care

Remember, if you need to speak with me about anything, I am at school every Monday. You may contact the school to make an appointment to call in or speak to myself direct on the phone on a Monday.

Thank you for your support.  
Erin Harrald  
Pastoral care Worker.

## From the Literacy Coach

### Talk for Writing Program

Last term, Karen Cash and I attended a two-day workshop on a program called Talk for Writing. This is a popular writing program that has been used in schools in the UK for a long time, and because of its successful results, lots of schools in Australia are now using it. The Talk for Writing program helps children become better speakers, listeners, readers, writers and thinkers. Here is a very brief overview of how a four week unit of the Talk for Writing program would work:

**Imitation Stage** – This stage is centred around getting the children to learn a particular type of text orally which enables them to internalise the particular pattern of text so that it is added to their linguistic repertoire.

**Innovation Stage** – This stage involves manipulating the learned text from the imitation stage so that children focus on key features and intended learning from the text.

**Independent Application Stage** – This stage involves children using all the key learning from the unit to have a go at producing their own piece of writing.

We are trialling the program with the Reception to Year Two students this term.

Sharona Edwards,  
Literacy Coach

## 2020 Staffing and Class Structure

At last term's board meeting, I presented a model for our 2020 class structure. 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. Class size is also a very important consideration, along with ESO support. The board meets again on October 29 to approve the final model after which time Brett will write to the community to advise of the outcome.





# Community Notices

## LOXTON SWIMMING CLUB

Learn to swim classes registration day

Saturday 19 October

Limited places available.

Attendance and payment at registration day is compulsory to secure a place.

Lessons commence week of 11 November

New Competitors Registration

Saturday 19 October.

11am to 12 noon at Loxton Swimming Clubrooms.

Land training starts Monday 21 October.

Email: [loxswim@gmail.com](mailto:loxswim@gmail.com)

Phone: 0409 154 331

## LOXTON TENNIS CLUB

ANZ HOT SHOTS TENNIS

Saturdays 9:15-10:00am

At the Loxton Tennis Club starting 2 November, 2019.

Please register by 25 October.

For more information:

Contact Phil via email -

[psm11254@bigpond.net.au](mailto:psm11254@bigpond.net.au) or telephone

0487425968.

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

For 0-5 year olds & Parent/Caregiver

Mondays 9:30am during School term

Gold coin donation

Fun/play/balance/mobility/socialisation/motor skills development, etc.

Followed by a simple morning tea and play time.

At Zion Lutheran Church Hall, Berri

Corner Marshall St & Vaughan Tce

Contact Glenys Leske 85822317

## LOXTON LITTLE ATHLETICS

2019 - 2020 SEASON

New and returning athletes welcome!

Register online - <http://salaa.org.au/>

Little Athletics is a modified program for children of all abilities aged 3 - 17 years.

Season runs Term 4, 2019 and Term 1, 2020

For more information, contact

Craig Simes 0400 670 593

# World teacher's Day

Next Friday, October 25 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

# Sport Shed

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I announce our new Sport Shed is complete and stocked with all of our sports equipment. The re-location of the shed is so valuable and accessible for both Teachers and Students, with the new sports shed being located next to the COLA. The sport shed is a welcome addition to St. Albert's and I personally am super excited for this new phase of sport at St. Albert's. The shed meets all of the sporting needs for our students and is equipped with all the Bells and Whistles. A big thankyou to Creative Pools and Landscaping, Riverland Sheds and Ash Monty Electrical for delivering the school a wonderful resource that is truly valued.

# Awards – Assembly Week 9 Term 3

## RECEPTION

**Pride** – Grace

**Respect** – Hudson

**Compassion** – Lacey

**Persistence** –

Imogen

Poppy

Victoria

## YEAR 1 2 CLASS

**Respect** - Lucy

**Persistence** - Levi

**Compassion** - Ivie

**Pride** -

Henry

Lila

Riley

## YEAR 3 4 CLASS

**Respect** – Alexis

**Compassion** – Piper E

## YEAR 5 6 7 CLASS

**Gratitude** – Indee

**Compassion** – Ryder

**Respect** –

Axel

Marc-Antoni

**Persistence** -

Jack

Kaila

Zoe F

  
**Congratulations!**