



ST ALBERT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOXTON

NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 5
14 November, 2019

Important Dates



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)

Tuesday, November 19

Year 3/4 Mass
Parents & Friends Meeting (7pm)

Wednesday, November 20

New Reception Transition Day #2 (8:30 – 1:30pm)

Friday, November 22

Pupil Free Day (Report Writing)

Monday, November 25

R-4 Swimming Lessons commence

Friday, November 29

Year Reception Assembly

Sunday, December 1

Year 7 depart for Canberra

Monday, December 2

R/1/2/3 Day Excursion to Mildura

Wednesday, December 4

4/5/6, 3-day camp to Victor Harbor

Tuesday, December 10

Annual Christmas Concert (6pm)

Thursday, December 12

Year 7 Grad Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6:30pm)

Friday, December 13

Term 4 concludes (12pm)



Celebrating Our Feast Day this Friday

Albert the Great

Albertus Mangus, or St Albert the Great as he is known today, was born in Germany in 1206. He was fascinated by the relationship between faith and science. He studied astronomy and biology and loved logic and mathematics. He pored over maps and hiked in the mountains to learn more about geography. He was the kind of student who challenged teachers to prepare lessons that satisfied his need to learn. Albert was a great student and became an even greater teacher!

Albert was made a bishop in Germany, but he resigned after only a few years. He was an adviser to the pope, but asked to return to science, to learning and teaching. Albert died at the age of 74 but left behind a treasury of 38 books on many different subjects. These books help us to better understand the world God created for us to care for and to use wisely.

The people of his time - priests, Church officials, professors, students, and even kings - gave Albert the nickname "the Great." It was a wise choice. The Church honours Albert as both a saint and a Doctor, or great teacher, of our faith. He was made a Saint by Pope Pius XI in 1931 and is the patron saint of medical technicians and scientists.

We celebrate St Albert's Feast Day this Friday, November 15 with a student liturgy, cutting of the cake and whole school photo. From 1:30pm, parents and friends are invited to join with the children in an afternoon of activities, fun and recreation. It is a casual clothes day, too! (no gold coin required).

Brett Czechowski
Principal

Our Lady of the River Parish



Parish Priest

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OLOR Youth, Families and Young Adults

Facebook Group

www.facebook.com/groups/OLORYouth

LOXTON MASS TIMES, SUNDAYS

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month – 11:00am
2nd & 4th Sundays of the month – 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

Barmera 6pm, Renmark 6:30pm, Waikerie 8pm
and Loxton 9pm.

Christmas morning

Morgan 9am and Berri 9am.

CATHOLIC WOMENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Friday December 6, 12 noon, Big River Tavern.
Contact Val on 0466 278 511 by Monday 2
December.



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 **after** payment.

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

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.

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Jenny Hicks
Uniform Shop Manager

Remembrance Day

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.



Year 7 students following the Remembrance Day ceremony

Parent Satisfaction Survey

The annual Parent Satisfaction Survey is a very useful tool for school boards to gauge how successful their strategic planning has been over the course of the year. It also assists with planning into the following year as emerging themes are discussed and responded to. Unfortunately, the return rate of the survey is only around 30%. I would encourage all families to have their say, it's great to see the positives too, and the survey is designed to be completed in around 3min.

I ask the Parent Satisfaction Survey to be return to the Front Office by **Friday, November 29.**

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.

Date Reminders!!

Friday, November 22:
Pupil Free Day – report Writing)

Friday, December 13
(School Closure @ 12pm)

Community Notices

PRODUCTION THREE KINGS

Friday 13, Saturday 14, Sunday 15, Friday 20, Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 December
At St Peter's Lutheran Church, Loxton
Adults \$8, Child \$4 Family \$20.

Tickets: www.littletown.com.au

Helpers: if anyone would like to be involved as ushers, selling programmes, or selling tickets at any one of the shows, please contact Raelene on 0448 874 312 or Leanne on 0427 791 987

Bethlehem Market Place Opens one hour before every show.

If anyone would like to help with making cakes, slices, muffins etc. for the Market Place, please contact Cathy on 85846577.

German Excursion

On Tuesday, our Year 5/6 students explored our town's German heritage at Hahndorf with Frau Rada und Herr Czechowski. They visited an original farm and homestead founded in 1840, and discovered the settlement in Hahndorf is the oldest non-British planning development in Australia. The children learned a little about local farming techniques, lifestyles and architecture before tucking into a traditional German tasting plate at the Hahndorf Inn. The food was absolutely delicious and was clearly a highlight of the excursion. Thank you to the volunteers and guides who made our ancestry come alive and for looking after us so well!



Community Notices

LOXTON LIGHTS UP DAY

Saturday 30 November

Visit Santa
Kids Zone activities & free craft
Food and shopping
Reindeer Road
Main Stage Entertainment
Fireworks at 9am.

ALAWOONA STRAWBERRY FETE

16 November 2019

Alawoona Hall –
From 6:00pm.
All the pizza and strawberries you can eat.
Dancing and fun with the Wild Matildas
Bush Band
BYO drinks.
Tickets essential from Scarfe's Electronics
Free bus available from Renmark, Berri or Loxton – To book phone 0427 874 332

LOXTON CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Theme: "The Characters and Colours of Christmas"
OPENING: Lights-Up Day,
Saturday 30 November
Open 11am to 5pm daily
Until Tuesday 17 December.
CWA Hall Kokoda terrace, Loxton
Gold Coin Appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Sunday 1 December, 2019

10am – 3pm
RSL hall, Tobruk Terrace, Loxton
Christmas Gifts/Cooking/decorations.
Admission FREE

VACSWIM

On line enrolments now open.
January programs close Monday 16 December.

Nursing Home Visit

Our Year 5/6/7 class and School Choir were delighted to accept an invitation to spend time with residents of the Riverview Lutheran Rest Home last week. The choir performed a medley of toe-tapping numbers before we joined together for a few rounds of trivia. It wasn't long before the atmosphere and energy levels were through the roof! We really enjoyed solving the problems; generations of gentle wisdom and unbridled enthusiasm to behold and cherish.



End of Year Concert

Can you believe our annual Christmas Concert is less than 4 weeks away!? Classes have already begun rehearsing their item and the Junior Primary Precinct is looking a treat now with the completion of the Outdoor Sacred Garden. We are in the process of organising a sausage sizzle with soft drinks to sell as well. Parents are asked to bring a salad or sweet to share along with a deck chair, rug etc. The evening commences at 6pm on Tuesday, December 10

Swimming lessons

R-4 Swimming Lessons are due to commence soon, beginning Monday, November 25 (Wk 7) and continuing each day through to Friday, November 29. Families will need to insure all permissions are returned before the first day of lessons. Each day, children will need to bring a separate, water proof bag containing their swim wear, towel, sun screen and goggles (if required). Thank you.