



ST ALBERT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOXTON

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 7
10 March, 2020

Important Dates



Tuesday, March 10

School Board meeting

Friday, March 13

Year 3/4 assembly (2:40pm)

Sunday, March 15

11am Parish Picnic/Mass @ Kingston-On-Murray

Monday, March 16

PSMF rehearsal at Loxton Lutheran School

Tuesday, March 17

Multicultural Day (casual clothes)

Year 5/6/7 class Mass

Thursday, March 19

Harmony Day

Friday, March 20

Year 5/6/7 visit Riverview Nursing Home

Tuesday, March 24

Pupil Free Day

Twilight Sports Day (3pm – Loxton high School)

Friday, March 27

Year R/1 Assembly

Thursday, April 2

Term 1 Reports distributed



Elise, Ilse, Harper and Adelin supporting our children's liturgy

Liturgy

Water talk in the Bible is always significant, because the Middle East is one large desert with a few important rivers running through it. Water determined everything biblical: where cities were built, if the people prospered or languished, who would win a battle, whether life could go on. The best way for the enemy to defeat you was to destroy your well or cut off your access to it. Then victory was only days away.

Jesus and the woman at the well both know, better than we do in a land where water is on tap, that water means life. We know that the woman drinks deeply of the message Jesus gives her when she leaves her water jar behind at the well. She experienced exactly what he told her: that if she listened to him, she would never be thirsty again (*parables for Catholic Schools*).

How fortunate are we at St Albert's that so many children live and celebrate the living waters of faith at the Sunday children's liturgy. Held twice per term, the children's liturgy is a very popular event on our parish calendar. It's a voluntary commitment by the children, they rehearse during their lunch time with Mrs Cash and come in great numbers on Sunday. *"If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water"*.

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 Sunday of the month – 11:00am
2nd & 4th Sundays of the month – 6:00pm



Outdoor Mass & Picnic

Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish
Outdoor Mass and Picnic

Sunday 15 March, 2020

THIS SUNDAY!!!

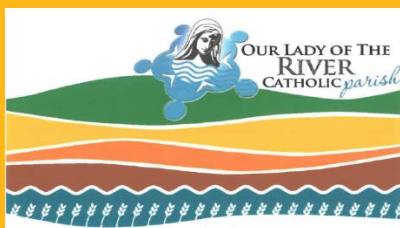
- At Kingston-On-Murray Riverfront
- Mass commencing at 11:00am

Theme: 'Bring Fire to the Earth'

BYO food and drinks

BYO chair, sunscreen and hat

Games after mass for all to join in.



Mardi Gras

A huge thanks to all the parents, staff and children who supported our themed float as we paraded to support the 63rd annual Mardi Gras! The theme of *Play* really captivated the minds of the young as our float became an 'all-star' representation of sport enjoyed here in the Riverland. I especially wanted to thank our staff who arrived early to decorate the float and to Mark Cash for loaning the trailer. The Mardi Gras is a wonderful example of community as presented in so many and spectacular ways with the incredible floats on display.



School Captains Indee and Axel leading the way

Literacy – a whole school approach

Research shows that the most proficient readers are “active” readers. They actively engage with the text using a number of strategies to gain meaning.

The reading strategy that your child will engage this week is:

Visualising

When authors write, they use word to describe things. The words make a picture in your mind. Creating a picture in your mind or drawing the picture on paper can help you understand what you are reading. This strategy is called visualising.

Uniform Shop



OPENING TIME/S:

TUESDAYS 8:30am - 9:00am

TUESDAYS 2:15pm - 2:45pm.

Winter Uniform

In Term 2 Winter uniform will be worn so now is the time to prepare, e.g. by trying on last year's Winter uniform now and sending in in your Winter order as soon as possible. We do have a limited amount of second hand Winter uniform items for sale.

Please note: As I assist in the classrooms I am not available at a time other than the opening times above, however you may email your order and it will be packaged ready for collection **after payment**.

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Payment of uniforms -

Cash, cheque, EFTPOS

or direct in the School Uniform account -
BSB 105 059 Account 037 078 340.

Jenny Hicks
Uniform Shop Manager

Administration

Please ensure you have returned your child/ren's 2020 Emergency Form/s. If you have advised on the form that your child/ren have a medical condition, e.g. asthma, an allergy, etc., please ensure the school is provided with a current medical plan and a current supply of medication if required.



New arrival

Congratulations to Carly and Jakob Philp on the happy, healthy arrival of Kyah Paige, baby sister to Tayte and Rylan! The boys couldn't wait to tell everyone of their news when they arrived back at school and our community shares in the excitement and joy in welcoming the newest addition to the Philp family.

2020 Twilight Sports Day - pupil free day

Planning is well underway for our annual Twilight Sports Day to be held at Loxton High School main oval from 3pm on Tuesday, March 24. Children can wear casual clothes in the colour of their House or their PE Uniform. The Parents and Friends Association will run a sausage sizzle & soft drinks stand as part of their annual fundraising campaign. If you are able to assist with the stand, please contact Jenny Hicks at the Front Office. Thank you.

A reminder it is a pupil free day until 3pm, staff will be working with consultants from the Catholic Education Office on the new 'Personalised Plan for Learning' document which replaces our Independent Education Plan for students who need support in accessing the Australian Curriculum.

Multicultural Day

Multicultural Day has been a feature of our calendar for several years now. We have strategically linked it to the national celebration of Harmony Day, as the overarching themes are quite similar. It is a day to celebrate cultural diversity and the richness our varying customs and traditions bring to a global community. Although Loxton was largely settled by German immigrants (my Grandfather among them), there are a range of cultures and countries represented at St Albert's School. Multicultural Day is an opportunity for children to share and celebrate their ancestry. They are invited to wear casual clothes, perhaps bring an artefact to 'show and tell' and to share their family story. Multicultural Day is celebrated next **Tuesday, March 17**.



Community Notices

LOXTON NORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Contact:
Phone: 0409823859 Matthew Hutchinson

DANCE SA - Classes in Loxton

Jazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop and Ballet fundamentals – for ages 3 and up.
Loxton Anglican Church Hall, Edward St.
Book your FREE TRIAL – 0408 988 483
info@dancesa.com.au
No costume making, no need to join multiple classes.

LOXTON NORTH NETBALL CLUB

Junior trials
Start 5:30pm
Thursday 12 March, Tuesday 17 March
and Thursday 19 March
Visit facebook page for more
information
info@loxtonnorthnetballclub.com.

LOXTON FOOTBALL CLUB

U9s and U11s Training
4:30pm Thursday march 26
At the Loxton Oval.
For more information, contact
Tom Edwards 0407 398 153 or
Jane Evans 0415 728 760
Loxtonjuniorfootball@gmail.com

SA DENTAL

All children are welcome at SA Dental
To request an appointment online, go to:
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment
For clinic locations, go to:
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/findyourclinic

Social Justice

Jayne from St Vincent de Paul (“Vinnies”) visited with our senior class last week to play an interactive game called, *The Cost of Living*. Constructed around the context of Social Justice, it was an excellent way for students to realise just how hard Mums and Dads have to work to support families and how easily people can fall below the poverty line. They also learnt a little about what charitable organisations like Vinnies and LoxCare are doing to support families in our community and how important it is we continue to support them with our fundraising initiatives.



Little Albee's Playgroup

Little Albee's Playgroup

Thursday mornings

From 9-11am.

Cost – gold coin donation.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/686171461493066>

Coordinators:

Lauren Lynch, Carlee Vowles and Charmaine Hicks



Change to PE Uniform Days

As advised via email, our PE Uniform days have changed to Monday and Thursday this year.