ST ALBERT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOXTON

NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 10
22 September, 2020

Important Dates

Thursday, September 24
Term Three reports distributed

Friday, September 25
Term 3 concludes (2:10pm)
My Team Colour's Day
(casual clothes, gold coin donation)

Sunday, October 4
Daylight Savings commences

Monday, October 12
Term 4 begins

Friday, October 16
World Teacher's Day
Year 7 district school students – Day #1

Monday, October 19
Parent/Teacher Interviews – Day #1

Tuesday, October 20
Parent/Teacher Interviews – Day #2

Wednesday, October 21
Parents & Friends meeting (7pm)

Friday, October 23
Book Week Parade –
Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

Wednesday, October 28
Bishop Karol's installation into the diocese of Port Pirie

Friday, October 30
Year 3/4 Class Assembly

Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is officially called the Sacrament of Penance. In the past, it was also called Confession. These titles are all aspects of the meaning of the Sacrament. Following Baptism, it is the second sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church.

During this sacrament, a Catholic confesses his or her sins to a priest in the spirit of true repentance and receives forgiveness. The priest acts as a visible representative of Christ, who forgives sins through Him, when he says the words of absolution: "I absolve you of your sins in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

We are fortunate today to celebrate this sacrament very differently to perhaps what older generations may remember. It is conducted in the body of the church in an open and transparent way while still respecting the sacredness of the confessional. Fr Paul is just so wonderful with the children making them feel immediately at ease with what is required during the ceremony.

Please offer your congratulations and prayers of support for Georgia, Hollie, Nellie, Ruby, Mollie and Ilse as they continue to grow together in God's love. Following Reconciliation, which they received today, our sacramental children now prepare for the sacrament of Eucharist, which is planned for Thursday, November 12 @ 5pm.

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 of the month – 11am
2nd & 4trh Sundays of the month – 6:00pm.

LOXTON MASS TIMES - WEEK DAYS
Tuesdays – 10am.

RECONCILIATION
Prior to Sunday Mass or any time by appointment.

Uniform Shop

OPENING TIME/S:
TUESDAYS 2:15pm - 2:45pm.

If you are unable to call in during the above time, you may email your order and after payment or proof of payment, your order will be packaged ready for collection, or may be sent home with your child.

jennyh@stalbert.catholic.edu.au

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

Bishop's Ordination

Bishop-elect of the diocese of Port Pirie, Fr Karol Kulczycki has invited the Christian faithful here in Australia to join in his ordination as Bishop. The ceremony will be live-streamed from his home town of Trzebinia, Poland (click to follow a link to Google Maps).

The ordination will be conducted in both English and Polish, next **Tuesday, September 29 @ 6:30pm** (our time); a copy of the service booklet is attached.

To watch the ordination live, please use either of the links below…

https://www.sdsau.com/bishop/

or our diocesan website

www.pp.catholic.org.au

SAPSASA Athletics

Last Wednesday saw St Albert's students across Year 4-7 compete in the Riverland SAPSASA Athletics. Proud is an understatement. The effort and support they gave to one another both in the lead up to the carnival and on the day was so wonderful to see. Everyone persisted and gave it their all, with some individual success coming on the day as well. These individuals will be recognised at the next assembly along with the team.

One amazing highlight was Lisa - Marie Perre breaking the 100m record, which had been standing for 11 years!! Congratulations!

Well done to you all, you did your families, friends, teammates, school, but most importantly yourselves proud and there is one very happy PE teacher. Mr Whitelaw.

Advance Notice

Our Book Week Parade is only just around the corner – Friday, October 23 (Term 4, Week 2). The theme this year is '*Curious Creatures, Wild Minds!*'

Reminders

Please advise your child's teacher or you may contact the school office, via skoolbag, telephone or email, the reason your child is absent from school or notify your child's teacher in advance if your child will be away on holiday, etc. Thank you.

School accounts will be sent home Thursday with reports.

Please ensure your child/ren have a school hat for term 4.

Children are not to attend school if they have cold/flu like symptoms.

Thank you.

Mid-Semester Reports

The third cycle of reporting, our mid-semester reports, are due to be released on Thursday, September 24. The mid-semester report is a 'snapshot' into your son or daughter's learning during Term 3. It is an indicator as to whether your child is working towards the achievement standard for each subject or if there are areas of concern. The report is designed to help facilitate and focus discussion at Parent / Teacher interviews next term, the dates of which are listed below.

Monday, October 19 (day #1)
Tuesday, October 20, (day #2)

A booking form will be sent home Monday, Week 1 of Term 4.

Welcome

Please welcome Year 10 student from Loxton High School, Tony Psarakis. Tony is completing his work experience at St Albert's this week. He will spend a day in each classroom before deciding which class he would like to spend his final day with on Friday. Tony has settled in quickly and the kids are really enjoying his tutelage and his company.

Casual Clothes Day (Friday)

This Friday, September 25 is a casual clothes day. The SRC is running a 'My Team Colours Day'. Students are encouraged to wear clothes or colours of a favourite/ special local, national or international sporting team. Gold coin donation will support our Term 3 charity, LoxCare.

Community Notices

LOXTON HISTORICAL VILLAGE
LONG WEEKEND OCTOBER
Open each day 10am – 4pm.

Our usual interesting historical exhibits
old-fashioned games,
try writing cursive with a dip ink pen, and sausage sizzle.
Art Exhibition by the Loxton Art Group.
COVIDSAFE measures in place.

Sat 3rd Oct:
Hot Doughnuts *(in aid of the Loxton Hospital)*

Sat 3rd Oct:
Children's Paint a Pot classes by Erin Harrald.
½ hour sessions *($5 to be paid at entry)*:
11am, 11.30am, 12 noon, 1pm & 1.30pm.
Bookings preferred.

Sun 4th Oct:
11am – 12.30pm & 1pm – 2.30pm Free Painting: Balloon Smash, String & Flowers

Mon 5th Oct:
11am-12.30pm Free Craft: Critters from Nature

CIRCLE OF SECURITY
A relationship based parenting program.
Objectives – to:
understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem
Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure.
Mondays 12 October – 30 November
10:30am until 12:00pm.
At Relationships Australia SA
9 Kay Avenue Berri.
FREE
Email – berry.intake@rasa.org.au
or telephone 85824122

Walk-to-School day

What a glorious morning for our annual Walk to School Day event! With one of our best turnouts to date, we pounded the pavement along East Terrace and into Tobruk Terrace before arriving at school just before 8:30am. Thanks to all the mums and dads who joined with us, such a great start to the day with a few lessons about road safety along way.

Note from Mr Mittiga

We were delighted to receive a short note from former St Albert's principal, Mr Jason Mittiga concerning his recent health scare.

I am emailing you all to let you know that I am in remission and officially cancer free! It has been a long battle since I was diagnosed in late March of this year and I would like to thank you all for your support via text messages, emails, messenger, and phone calls. Your thoughts and prayers meant a lot to my family. Sincerely, Jason.

Term 4 School Assemblies

Year 3/4	Friday, October 30 @ 2:40pm
Year 1/2	Thursday, November 12 @ 2:40pm
Year R/1	Friday, November 27 @ 2:40pm
Year 5/6/7	no assembly owing to camps, excursions and graduation