



ST ALBERT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOXTON

NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 3
30 October, 2020

Important Dates



Friday, October 30

21 Your Way Fundraiser (8:45am)
Year 3/4 Class Assembly (2:40pm)

Monday, November 2

RAA Street Smart Program

Tuesday, November 3

Year R/1 Class Mass (10am)
Board Meeting (7pm)

Wednesday, November 11

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

Thursday, November 12

Year 1/2 Assembly (2:40pm)
First Holy Communion (5pm)

Friday, November 13

St Albert's Feast Day Celebrations
(Casual clothes)

Monday, November 16

Year 7 Aquatic Day, Barmera

Tuesday, November 17

Year 3/4 Mass (10am)

Wednesday, November 18

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

Friday, November 20

Pupil Free Day (Report Writing)



Emeritus Bishop Gregory O'Kelly with Principals of the Diocese

Farewell

It was a great privilege to attend the farewell assembly for Bishop O'Kelly at St Mark's College, Port Pirie. The principals all met the night before to share in a final mass and then later a delicious meal prepared by former MKR contestant, Lyn Elbourn.

The assembly, however, was something very special. There were several speeches and a well-prepared and entertaining skit called, "What do Bishops Do!?" It was my honour to speak on behalf of diocesan principals at the assembly. I shared some of the collective affection held for the Bishop and his strong advocacy for Catholic Schools and their principals. I spoke briefly of my own experience with Bishop O'Kelly, which began some 25 years ago as a young teacher at St Ignatius' College, Adelaide, where he was headmaster. He had a profound impact on so many young teachers appointed at that time of expansion. For the first time, I truly came to appreciate the dignity and the calling of our profession. He helped us to understand our Catholic tradition where the teacher is a model; a teacher of life not simply the instructor of a subject. Those formative lessons have always stayed with me.

Bishop O'Kelly, has been a wonderful shepherd of our flock. Pastoral, visionary, a voice to the voiceless, evangeliser of the faith, leader and friend. A lived example of the motto on his coat of arms, "To Love and To Serve."

Go gently into retirement, Bishop O'Kelly and thank you.

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 & 4th Sundays of the month - 6:00pm.

LOXTON MASS TIMES - WEEK DAYS

Tuesdays - 10am.

RECONCILIATION

Prior to Sunday Mass or any time by appointment.



CARDS AND GIFTS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

At St Albert's Church

Thursday 12 November, 2020

Please telephone
Barb DeMichelis on
85 847 731 to arrange a time to
see these cards and gifts.

Bishop Karol Installation

Mr Whitelaw, Mr Czechowski and our school captains, Axel Edwards and Indee Drake were fortunate to be one of a handful of guests able to attend the installation ceremony of Bishop Karol Kulczycki in Port Pirie on Wednesday. There were processions and liturgical entrances, the ceremony itself steeped in tradition and broadcast live to a world-wide audience. It was amazing to watch. An apostolic letter of appointment, personally signed by Pope Francis himself, was read approving the installation of Karol as Bishop. Representatives from across our vast diocese participated in various ways, including Axel who led part of the Offertory Procession. We give thanks for the episcopacy of Bishop Karol and pray for his pastoral leadership of the People of God in the Diocese of Port Pirie.

The Installation Ceremony can be viewed by accessing the following link

<https://youtu.be/nPv1-ZXzKx8>



21 Your Way

October is Down Syndrome SA Awareness month with "21 Your Way" their major fundraising campaign. This year each class ran a combined 21 laps of the school perimeter this morning for a gold coin (or paper) donation.

Thank you to families for your kind donations. Well over \$100 was raised!

Uniform Shop



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

Could you please email me in advance, if you will be calling in on a Tuesday or 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
alternatively, direct in the **School Uniform account** –
BSB 105 059 Account 037 078 340.

Jenny Hicks
Uniform Shop Manager

Advance Notice

PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 20 November
(report writing day)

Reminders

NB: ABSENCES

Please advise the school by email, via the Skoolbag app., or telephone the school, if your child is away and the reason for the absence, e.g. ill/family, etc.

It would also be appreciated that if your child/ren will be away at a future date, e.g. will be going on a family holiday, to also let your class teacher know in advance.

If your child is late to school, they should report to the school office, **prior to going to the classroom.** Thank you.

HATS

Due to health reasons, hats will not be loaned, please ensure your child/ren have a clearly named hat for this term.

St Albert's Feast Day

With so many changes and cancellations this year, our traditional feast day, held on Friday, November 13 will look a little different in 2020! There will still be a cutting of the cake and children are able to wear casual clothes, however, we thought to add elements of our Sports Day, which was cancelled earlier in the year. In the afternoon, Mr Whitelaw has organised a 'Mini Olympics' on the school oval. Parents are welcome to come and watch, but will need to register on arrival and socially distance, as per state government regulations. More information soon.

Annual Christmas Concert

Children have been asking lots of questions about our annual Christmas Concert this year...the most pertinent, "is it still going ahead?" The short answer is "yes." At this stage, we are unable to stage the event in the Junior Primary Precinct, as we cannot socially distance all families using the 2sqm rule. Unless restrictions change between now and December 8 we will need to look at an alternate venue. So don't despair, our concert will proceed, we're just not sure how it will 'look' at the moment.

SAPSASA Basketball

Last Friday saw our girls and boys basketball teams participate in SAPSASA Basketball, held at the Loxton Recreation Centre. The weather was kind enough to stay away and allow our teams to play out all of their games. The boys' team played well, finishing sixth in Division 2, with many playing basketball for the first time. While the girls worked extremely well together and got better as the day went on, finishing fourth in Division 1. It was so pleasing to see how both the boys and girls teams encouraged and supported the others throughout the day. Thanks to those parents who came and supported.



Community Notices

NOSTALGIA NIGHT

MARDI-GRAS LOXTON

Saturday November 14, 2020

Limited spaces due to Covid Safe rules so book early.

At the Loxton Historical Village

In the Institute Hall.

Entry open from 7:00pm.

Early films of Loxton shown 7:30-9:00 followed by supper.

Pre-book for \$15 per person – includes admission and supper.

Tickets available at the Loxton Historical Village or at Scarfe's Electronics.

Further information is available on the website: www.loxtonmardigras.org.au

RAP-PUNZEL!

Young theatre enthusiasts (ages 5-16 years old) are invited to be part of 'RAP-Punzel', a fresh, hip-hop spin on a classic fairy tale! Participants will explore acting, directing, stage design and more while immersed in the creation of a production, from the first script reading to the final performance.

Workshops begin October 22 to November 29

Cost: \$120.00

At Renmark Institute.

To find out more –

<http://www.ryt.org.au> or phone 85863437

CIRCLE OF SECURITY

Dates: Mondays, 12 October to 30 November,
Time: 10:30am – 12:00pm.

Where: Relationships Australia, 9 Kay Avenue, Berri.

Cost: Free

Bookings: 85824122 or email –

berri.intake@rasa.org.au

Course ideal for parents, caregivers, grandparents or anyone who is providing care for children.

Understand child's emotional world, support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions, enhance the development of your child's self-esteem.

VACSWIM SA

CHILDREN'S WATER SAFETY LESSONS

Online bookings now open.

<https://www.vacswimsa.com.au>

Book Week Parade

I remember seeing a Facebook meme a few weeks back, which said something along the lines of, "*almost everything cancelled this year due to COVID but Book Week goes ahead as planned – signed, a disgruntled parent!*" You wouldn't have known given the effort our families went to! From the first book week held in 1945 to Curious Creatures, Wild Minds in 2020 - what an amazing display our Book Week Parade was today. Thank you to all the Mums, Dads, and family members who helped to create lots of curious creatures and wild minds! The rain held off and we were able to put on a spectacular display!



Term 4 Assemblies

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

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are able to offer 12 parents a seat at each Assembly this term (on a first form received basis). If you would like to reserve a seat, please complete the return notice sent home earlier this week.