Love Peace Hope Joy

Term 4 Week 9

Luke 2:9-11 (NIV)

Advent is the season before Christmas. It is a time of preparation, of getting ready. Imagine if the queen, or someone else important that you admired, was coming to your house.

What would you do? Clean, bake, decorate... How would you feel? Excited, a little worried, special...

That’s what all of this Christmas craziness is all about. We are getting ready for Jesus to come; remembering the baby Jesus born over 2000 years ago, looking forward to Jesus coming again at the end of time and a daily reminder that God is with us each day - He comes to us bringing love, peace, hope and joy.

Emmanuel - God is with us

Love, Peace, Hope and Joy.

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To know the love that comes from being accepted as we are, the peace that comes from knowing we are forgiven and the hope that looking forward brings, all combine together to produce a deep -seated joy; a joy beyond comprehension; a joy that can exist even when we are sad and times are tough; the joy that is found in loving and giving.

These are precious gifts and they are free for all to receive. And if you don't yet have these gifts, ask someone who does, ask me if you like, but don't miss out on the true gifts of Christmas. The best present is His presence.

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

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May God bless you all this Christmas and during the holiday period with love, peace, hope and joy.

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Final Words for 2016........

By Terry Sawade

Dear Parents,

Thank You

I take this opportunity to thank all parents for your support of the school and staff throughout the 2015 school year. There are many, many things that make Loxton Lutheran School an outstanding place to work, learn and play, but it is the support and involvement of you as volunteers which is right at the top of the list. Such continued and wide ranging support is not something you will see in all institutions and it is never taken for granted and is so very much appreciated.

New Staff Member

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Lily Hansen is the successful applicant for the recently advertised Lutheran Support Officer position. Lily will formally start her duties from the beginning of the 2016 school year. Lily’s duties will involve spending Monday of each week at front office as well as managing the student reporting program and other administrative and classroom tasks.

We warmly welcome Lily to our staff and hope that her time at Loxton Lutheran School will prove to be professionally rewarding as well as enjoyable.

Farewell to Leonie Bradtke

The end of each school year is always tinged with sadness when staff members leave so it is, with school assistant Leonie Bradtke, leaving this year. She will be leaving the school as an employee (but remaining as a parent) to complete her teaching degree. Since starting at the school in 2009, Leonie has undertaken a range of classroom based and administrative roles and for the last two years has been responsible for managing the school’s student reporting program Accelerus.

We thank Leonie for her outstanding service and wish her all the very best in her new career as a teacher.

Student Reports

Parents are reminded that student reports for Semester 2 will be distributed on the final student day this Thursday December 10th. The reports are compiled and formatted in such a way so as to comply with the ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) requirements.

Orange Smile Competition

In late August, the day of our school photos, through the suggestion of one of our parents, Darren Pfeiler, the school entered the Orange Smile Competition. Last week we were notified that our entry had been chosen as the Week 10 winner for the competition, thus providing the school with a $100 Sports Power gift voucher, which I’m sure we will be able to put to good use.

Sincere thanks to Darren for his energy and initiative and also to Italo Vardaro for joining in the fun by setting up and taking the photo.

Basketball Coaching

Many thanks to Andrew Tullett who stepped in at the last minute on Friday to take over the basketball coaching sessions for all classes when the coach from Adelaide was not able to make the trip to Loxton.

Andrew’s coaching sessions were very well received by both students and staff. His volunteering at late notice to ensure this educational opportunity took place, is another example of how our school parents are willing to contribute.

Year 7 Canberra Trip

The Year 7 students, their teachers and parent supervisors have returned for what was once again a most successful trip to Canberra. This is
From the Principal..................

8th December, 2015

By Terry Sawade

a very special educational opportunity and I’m sure all involved will take away memories of a very special week and be able to reflect upon the things they did and saw for many years to come.

A special highlight of the trip was meeting the Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove, which is something no other Year 7 group has experienced in the 25 years of Loxton schools going to Canberra.

Premier’s Reading Challenge – Special Assembly

On Wednesday (December 9th) we’ll be conducting a special Assembly at 2.30pm in the LIFE Centre to present the Premier’s Reading Challenge medals to all students who successfully completed this year’s challenge. Our guest presenter will be our former school librarian, Jenny Patching.

Also being presented at that assembly will be the books that outgoing Year 7 students have chosen to donate to the school as a way of saying thank you to the school.

Final School day - Thursday December 10th

Final School Assembly

The final Whole School Assembly for the year will be held in the LIFE Centre at 9.30am. It would be great to see as many parents as possible in attendance.

No Casual Clothes

All children will be required to wear their sports uniform this Thursday. The only variation to this is that the Year 7 students will be allowed to wear their Canberra polo-tops.

Normal Dismissal Time

As Thursday is not the final day of the term for students at other Loxton schools, dismissal will be as per normal at 3.15pm.

End Of Year Service

Our annual End Of Year Service will once again be held at 7pm on Thursday night commencing at 7pm. This is a celebration of the school year and also an opportunity to thank families who are leaving the school for their support over many years and to acknowledge our outgoing Year 7 students, especially the recipients of prizes which are awarded on the night.

Our student leaders for 2016 will also be announced and presented with their Captain’s and Vice Captain’s badges.

All students are to be dressed in their formal summer uniforms and are asked to be at school by 6.45pm at the latest.

School Magazine

I take this opportunity on behalf of the staff, parents and students to sincerely thank school librarian Margaret Wormald for once again coordinating the 2015 School Magazine which will be distributed to families on Thursday. Margaret commits many, many hours to the compiling to this much-loved record of school events for the year.

Important Dates / Times for 2016

Stationery Collection Date

Parents are reminded that the 2016 stationery collection day is Thursday January 21st from 10am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 3pm. The venue for the collection this year has changed from the LIFE Centre to Room 4.

The uniform shop will also be open on this day for parents wishing to purchase new items for their child(ren).

School Commencement 2016

The first day of school for 2016 will be Monday February 1st. Our opening Chapel service is planned for 9.30am in the LIFE Centre. Once again, all parents are
From the Principal

encouraged to attend.

Farewell To Departing Families

This year we have quite a number of families who are leaving the school as their youngest child is moving on to high school or are leaving to attend schools in other areas. To these parents, thank you for allowing us the privilege of educating your child(ren). You will always be a part of our wonderful community and we look forward to catching up with you from time to time.

As mentioned, these families will be formally acknowledged at our End of Year Service.

May you all have a very blessed and peaceful Christmas and New Year, filled with joy in the knowledge that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, has been born.

Yours in Christ,
Terry Sawade

From the Business Manager

Finalisation of funds raised for the Continental are confirmed and the amount is just over $16,000.

Thank you to everyone who helped on the night. This provides us will almost $100 per student for faculty and classroom learning expenses.

If you would like to be a part of the Continental Committee in 2016, please let the school know.

Thankyou to those who have returned your fee and bus forms for 2016. These forms, along with the medical and contact forms, are vital in our planning, during the holidays, for 2016. If you haven’t returned the forms, please do so ASAP.

If you would like School iPad insurance in 2016, please ensure you have paid $50 per device by 31/12/2015. Payment received after this date will not be accepted. If payment is not made, it is assumed that any damages etc will be covered by yourself or your home insurance.

LOST

Size 12 - Loxton Lutheran School winter jacket

Named - Amber Nitschke

Please check that you have the right jackets at home.

You may drop if off at the school office if found. Thanks!

Book Collection Day

2016

Thursday January 21
10:00 am - 12:30 pm
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**You will NOT need to purchase plastic covers for exercise books in 2016.**
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
(Every Second Friday)

NEXT ASSEMBLY:
Thursday December 10
9:30am in the LIFE Centre

SCHOOL WORSHIP
Chapel services are normally held at 9:15am, every Friday in the LIFE Centre. ALL WELCOME.

Thursday December 10
Our End of Year Service will be held at 7:00pm in the LIFE Centre.

Monday February 1
Our opening Chapel Service will be held at 9:30am in the LIFE Centre.

PRAYER CORNER
This week we are praying for:
· Jessie and Josh Wooldridge
· Macy and Carter Wright
· Sienna Uren ELC
· William and Luke Borgas
· Arianah and Jacob Sander
· Ailing Jiang and Isabel Clift
and Mrs. Rebecca Loxton
PE / Health Teacher

CHURCH SERVICES
St Peter’s Lutheran Church
13th December 8:30am
10:30am HC
20th December 8:30am HC
10:30am
Concordia Lutheran Church
13th December 10.00am
20th December 10.00am HC

ELC News
By Rachel Hentschke

Thank you for a fabulous year at the Early Learning Centre.

We wish Lily Loxton, Hannah Hampel, Paulston Kingston, Sebastian Coote and Declan Swart God’s richest blessings as they move on to school next year. Some of our children are starting Kindy and we look forward to hearing about their adventures too!

If you know of anyone thinking about the ELC, please encourage them to contact me on 0401963315 or at rachelh@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au We have a play morning in the holidays just before school goes back (date and time TBC) and I would like to invite existing and potential families to come in and have some fun. We also have scholarships available so please contact me to discuss.

Thank you to Rebecca Arnold, Karen Scholz, the Morena family, Kathryn Flight and Vicki Evans for your donations.

The children have been enjoying making Christmas decorations out of our very own white dough, learning about Jesus’ birth and singing Christmas carols.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas.

ELC Monster Garage Sale
Saturday 13th February 2016
8:00 am -11:00 am.

$10 to set up a table and sell your items or just come along and browse the variety of goods on offer including electrical, bric-a-brac, furniture, kids items, clothing and homewares.

Thank You

My swimming team would like to thank all students for their fantastic participation in our lessons. They were a pleasure to teach and very well behaved. Even when it was cold, they still participated.

We look forward to seeing you all in the pool next year!

Thanks
Paula Nitschke & team
Return Library Books

Thank you to all of the students who have returned their library books. There are still a few books outstanding so prompt return of these would be appreciated as we are in the middle of stocktaking and all barcoded items in the school must be logged before the Christmas break.

Special Presentation Assembly

A reminder that there is a special assembly tomorrow (Wednesday 9th December) at 2:30. All students who completed the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge will receive their certificates or medals at this assembly. The special guest presenter will be Jenny Patching, who was the much loved Teacher/Librarian at LLS for many years.

The Year 7 students who donated a book to the Former Students Library will also present their books at this special assembly.

Book Club

For those who have been asking about the arrival of Scholastic Book Club orders. I have been notified that the order has been dispatched from the warehouse and, all going well, I believe that we should receive the order before the children break up for the end of year.

Thank you to all of those who have supported the Book Clubs this year. Our school library collection is well boosted as a result of the rewards that we receive because of your purchases. We hope that you and your children have had many hours of pleasure from sharing the books that you have purchased throughout the year.

Loxton Community Carols

We have a lovely choir made up of a good mix of boys and girls from all year levels. Practices began last week for our performance at the Loxton Community Carols, to be held on Sunday December 13 from 7:45 pm in East Terrace by the Rotunda (or at the Peace Hall if the weather is inclement). Our choir is performing two songs and we welcome anyone from the school community to come along and help celebrate the Spirit of Christmas and show their support for our school choir.

I will meet the choir students at the fountain by the public library, two songs before our item. Each person attending the carols will receive a program with the song order inside which will make this clearer.

Thank you to all who have offered help and support to the school library and to you, as parents, who keep encouraging your children to ask questions, seek answers and read. By doing so, their understanding of their world is continuously growing.

May you all have a Merry, very safe and blessed Christmas.
Term 4 Roster

December 4  Jayne Wishart

Please sign in at the front office for a 9.15am start. If you are unavailable please arrange a swap with someone else.

Donations of fruit would be greatly appreciated!

CANTEEN NEWS

The following forms have been issued over the last few weeks.
Please ensure they are returned by Thursday December 10th.

- Student Medical Record
- Family Data Check
- 2016 LLS Bus Intentions
- Tuition Payment Option form

Your support with this is appreciated!

From the School Chaplain

Dear Parents/Caregivers of LLS

It has been a busy term with the students participating in a variety of lunchtime activities. Please check out our tree at the Loxton Christmas Tree Festival Display in the CWA hall, in the lead up to Christmas. There were many students involved with making decorations, with the focus being ‘Jesus is the light of the world’. We also helped to spread Jesus’ love to those in need overseas by sending 84 boxes through Operation Christmas Child – an outstanding effort.

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know all your children over the past year. They are all special and unique individuals and have the potential to be amazing if given the opportunity. I ask that you love and delight in them every day, as they are young for such a short time.

I ask that you also try to remember, in the mad rush up to Christmas, that God sent his precious son, as a gift to us, so that we can live with him for eternity.

I wish you all a healthy, happy and blessed Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in 2016.

Trudy Battams
School Chaplain

“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders and he will be called:

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

The KidsMatter Action Team would like to give each child an ice block as an end of year treat. If you don’t wish for your child to have one, please contact the front office.
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Community Noticeboard

ST. PETER’S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LOXTON

Friday, 11th December
Saturday, 12th December
Sunday, 13th December
7pm & 8.30pm
7pm & 8.30pm
4pm Matinee

Friday, 18th December
Saturday, 19th December
Sunday, 20th December
7pm & 8.30pm
7pm & 8.30pm
4pm Matinee

$6 Adult  $3 Child (u16)  $15 Family

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW ONLINE AT:
www.littletown.com.au

For more information email: info@littletown.com.au
or phone Lutheran Ministry Centre 8584 5522
(Wed/Thurs 10am-3pm)
or A/H Leanne: 0427 791 987

JOIN US FOR LOXTON COMMUNITY CAROLS

to be held at the Rotunda, East Tce., Loxt on on
Sunday, 13th December 2015
Prelude singers from 7.15 pm and Carols from 7.45 pm.
Programs and Candles available for a donation.

IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
THE ALTERNATE VENUE IS THE PEACE HALL.