March 4
Year 7 Aquatics Day
Lake Bonney, Barmera
Chapel - 9:15am in the LIFE Centre
No Assembly this week

March 14
Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

March 17
LLS AGM - 7:00pm in the ELC

March 18
P & F Meeting
10:00am (following Chapel) in Room 4
Whole School Assembly
2:30pm in the LIFE Centre

March 19
New Parents Dinner

March 21
Harmony Day

March 22
Halogen Young Leaders Day

April 3
LLS Celebration Afternoon

April 4
Parent Teacher Interviews
STUDENT FREE DAY

IMPORTANT DATES

I feel like this year, more than any other, I have been able to relate to students’ feelings of anxiety and excitement as they face the changes that come with a new year. My year looks a whole lot different to those that I have experienced in the past. While students are settling into new classes, new friendship groups, new teachers, new expectations and new experiences, I am experiencing those changes too in my new role as a Year 1/2 teacher as well as thinking about how I too, will cope with my new role as a mum.

There are times where I have wished (as I am sure some of your children and even you have) that time could just stand still...so I could stay in the familiar, a place where I feel comfortable and confident.

However, as I read the Bible, God reminds me again and again that we do not go into the unknown alone. He is always there with us. “God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5. How much easier is it to face new things when we have someone there beside us?

It helps not to focus on all the changes but rather on the never-changing face of God. “I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.” Genesis 28:15. We can face new challenges with excited anticipation of the great things God has in store for us. “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you ... plans to give you a hope and a future’” Jeremiah 29:11.

My prayer is that God would give you, your children (and myself!) the peace that comes from knowing him and his amazing love for us.

Submitted by
Anneka Yard (Year 1/2 teacher)
A few words ........

By Terry Sawade

Dear Parents,

Mardi Gras

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to making our school’s participation in Saturday’s Mardi Gras Parade such a wonderful experience. In my 15+ years at the school, this experience would have to be one of the most significant when it comes to staff, children and parents working in partnership.

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Parents Required as Members of Sub-committees of School Council

To assist with the efficient operation of the school, School Council has a range of sub-committees mainly consisting of volunteer parents who meet at regular intervals (usually at least once a month) to make recommendations to School Council about specific school operations.

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- Grounds and Maintenance
- Promotions
- Continental (fundraising)
- P & F
- Ministry & Care
- Nutrition (currently in recess)
- Uniform
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From the Principal

Any parents who may be interested in being involved in any of these committees, or who would like to know more about the function and operation of each committee, are asked to contact the school office.

Grounds & Maintenance, Promotions and Continental Committees, in particular, are looking for new members.

School Prospectus

We are pleased to announce that the school’s updated Prospectus has recently been completed, with a copy being distributed to all school families for your information and promotion of the school. Besides an improved presentation format, this upgraded document includes our Strategic Plan and information about the ELC. All feedback about any aspects of this brochure is welcomed and appreciated.

Special School Assembly

Last Friday a special assembly was conducted at school. Our special guest was local identity Mr Bill Ebert OAM, who spoke to the children about commitment and service to the community. Bill later presented the Year 7 students with Student Parliament certificates and the Sports Team Captains and Vice Captains with their certificates.

School Sports team Captains

We congratulate the following senior students who have been elected by their peers to be the respective sports team Captains and Vice Captains.

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As mentioned previously, our school Sports Day will be held on Thursday May 12th (the 2nd Thursday of Term 2).

Student Parliament

The Year 7 students have been allocated the following responsibilities:

Member for Taylor

Hudson Hearn

Member for Williams

Hayley Inglis

Member for Wright

Macy Wright

Member for ELC

Declan Felder

Member for Yard/Fielke

Lily Gunn
From the Principal

Member for Klose
Morgan Giles

Technology Ministers
Tasmin Smith
Caleb Schaefer
Jorgia Maczkowiack
Mitchell Koop
Brady Fulham
Will Schultz

Community Affairs Ministers
Jasmine Richards
Mercedes Phillis

Art & Environment Ministers
Corneileus Payne
Jordan Kearney
Declan Morgan
Logan Schulz

Activities & Sports Ministers
Jake Neumann
Judd Tschirpig
Stefan Kudra
Zachary Nitschke

Congratulations
On behalf of the school community I’d like to congratulate our uniform shop manager Bianca Miller and her husband Steven on the safe arrival of a baby daughter Makenna Shae.

May God’s precious gift to both of you be a source of continued joy and celebration.

Parent Interviews

Term one parent interviews for all classes, except Mrs Yard’s Year 1/2 class, are planned for Monday April 4th which will also be a student free day.

As Mrs Yard will be commencing her maternity leave a week prior to the interviews taking place, her interviews will be conducted on Tuesday March 22nd.

Attached to this newsletter is a note giving parents the opportunity to nominate their preferred time for interviews. This needs to be returned to school by Friday March 11th. Parents who do not return a note by that date will be allocated a time.

Do have a great next fortnight.

Yours in Christ,

Terry Sawade
Principal

SAVE THE DATE

New Parents Dinner
Saturday 19th March
In the LIFE Centre

LLS Celebration Afternoon
Sunday April 3rd
from 2:30 pm
(more info to come)
ELC News

By Rachel Hentschke

Dear Parents and friends of the ELC,

This week you will receive an Easter Raffle book containing 10 tickets @ $1 each. Please return these books (sold or unsold) by Friday 18th March. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 22nd March. Thank you in advance for your support.

This week I would like to inform you about our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP). Our QIP is written and updated by the ELC educators, with input from the children, ELC Committee and families. The QIP outlines the strengths and areas for improvement at our Centre. These are identified within The National Quality Standard (NQS): a key aspect of the National Quality Framework (NQF), under which all services across Australia are assessed and rated. The NQS consists of seven quality areas, each containing standards and elements. The seven quality areas covered by the National Quality Standard are:

1. Educational program and practice
2. Children’s health and safety
3. Physical environment
4. Staffing arrangements
5. Relationships with children
6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
7. Leadership and service management

Each service chooses a few Quality Standard Areas to focus on at a time. This year at the ELC we are focussing on the following Quality Standard Areas: (our goals are written in italics)

NQS 2: Children’s Health and Safety:
1) Review all policies
How families can help: read the policies emailed to you and comment if you wish.

NQS 3: Physical Environment:
1) Make changes to our indoor environment so that it is a calming, inviting space with quality resources that support and prompt inquiry
2) Continue to increase the range of natural resources to the children in both the built and natural environments. Critically think about how these resources can be used in multiple ways in our program and practices.
How families can help: Donate "real" household items you no longer require, support ELC fundraisers, collect natural items such as seeds, pebbles, gumnuts, uniform collections of sticks etc. - resources to count, sort classify, pattern etc.

NQS 4: Staffing Arrangements:
1) Educators to allocate time working together to reflect on current practice and increase our understanding of the national regulations.
How families can help: provide us with feedback on what you like about our practice and suggestions for improvement.

NQS 5: Relationships with Children:
1) Our small class sizes mean that we have strong relationships with the children in our care, but how can we continue to best support them in their social/emotional development?
How families can help: keep us informed about what’s going on at home - verbally, or through text message or email. Share with us your child’s celebrations (ie. your child sharing, packing up without being asked, identifying numbers on the letterbox, writing in a birthday card etc.) and disappointments (parent away from home, pet died etc.), send in a photograph of your family for us to frame and display.

Thank you for being partners with us in your child’s education. May God bless your family as you learn and grow together.
Premier’s Reading Challenge

A reminder to all students to keep filling in their Premier’s Reading Challenge reading record and return it to the library when they have completed the Challenge. A good place that many children keep the record sheet for safe keeping is in the back of their diary or Home book. If your child is due to get a Hall of Fame Honour this year, please note there is a section on the Record sheet asking if you do or don’t give permission for their name to be printed on the Honour Roll on the website. Please complete this section before returning the completed form to school. Thank you.

This year, several staff members have also decided to attempt the challenge of reading 12 books and to share their progress with the students to help further inspire the students to “keep reading”.

Some students need very little additional inspiration to read as they have already completed the Challenge. Congratulations to:

Ella Harvey  Lily Gunn  Caitlin Andrews  Gurleen Kaur  Hayley Inglis

Library Lessons

Each week in Library lessons students develop their appreciation for reading and literature as well as their research skills. Work that students complete in Library Lessons is often displayed in the library, so please feel free to pop in and have a look whenever you may be visiting the school.

Reminder: Library Lessons are held every Wednesday for Junior Primary classes and students are asked to bring a library bag if they wish to borrow… which we hope they will.

Choir News

Choir rehearsals for our school choir have commenced for this year and we have a very dedicated and enthusiastic group of songsters who are practising not only every Monday at school but also throughout the week at home. We will join with other Riverland Primary School choirs for the Riverland Primary Schools Music Festival to be held at the Chaffey Theatre in Term 3.
ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)

Every year our school participates in this program run by the University of New South Wales. Competitions are open to all students from Years 3 to 7. Students are encouraged to have a go at the subjects that are of interest to them. Every student who participates receives a certificate acknowledging their participation and is eligible for awards, including UNSW Medals and High Distinction, Distinction and Credit Certificates.

**English, Maths and Science Competitions are open to Year 2s.**

Please complete ONE form (at back of newsletter) for EACH student and tick the subjects selected.

Queries regarding these competitions may be directed to Terry Sawade at school. Entry forms are to be returned to school with the money in a clearly marked envelope.

BY FRIDAY MARCH 25th 2016
Cheques payable to Loxton Lutheran School.
Late entries are unable to be accepted.

Basketball Grand Final

I desperately need some help over the weekend, even if you can only do one hour it would be appreciated. Please contact me asap.

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Please consider helping out as it is a great fundraiser for our school. Please return this form to the school by **Thursday 3 March** and include your name and phone number.

Thank you in anticipation for your help

**Trudy Battams – Canteen Manager**

Name: ___________________________

Contact number: ___________________
## CANTEEN NEWS

### Term 1 2016 Roster

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Any donations of fruit or eggs would be greatly appreciated.

Trudy Battams Canteen Manager

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## SAPSASA Swimming

Last Friday, eight of our students participated in SAPSASA Swimming at the Loxton Swimming Pool. I was lucky to be able to attend on the day and was very impressed with the students’ commitment, behaviour and support towards each other.

The students all did very well in their individual events, many receiving personal bests. Stefan Kudra had a great backstroke swim, receiving a record, which was an amazing effort. This will qualify him for the Adelaide competition, for which we wish him all the best.

Thanks go to Larissa Cockshell and Amanda Kudra for time keeping on the day and Kristy Reid and Michelle Hearn for helping to supervise.

Kind Regards,

Joanne Hondow

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## Mardi Gras Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated and helped create our amazing float.

- Riverland Cabinet Makers (Brendan Cockshell) – supplied the trailer, made the butterfly, donated wood
- Berri Elgas/BOC – donated helium
- Neil and Sally Thiele – made frames for butterfly, mounted butterfly, helped on the morning with balloons.
- Creative Gardens – supplied artificial grass
- Leonie Sheffield – prepared sets
- Tricia Wright - hours and hours of painting

A special mention to all of the staff, students and parents who were involved on the morning. We had an outstanding turn out with over 70 people joining in. It was so nice to see everyone so excited and having fun on the day.

We won the ‘Most Outstanding Float’, receiving a prize of $500. The school captains will be talking about how we can best spend the money and we will announce it at the next assembly.

Once again thank you very much to everyone involved.

Kind Regards,

Joanne Hondow, Tricia Wright and Tom Knaur

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### Fruit Hot X Buns will be available until Easter for $1.00 each.

Please sign in at the front office and be at the canteen for a 9.15am start.

If you are unavailable at your rostered time please arrange a swap with someone else.
Mardi Gras 2016
Gratitude

Use gratitude activities and hold regular brief discussions as a means to help your child/children develop the habit of being grateful. Refer to habits of happiness and benefits of gratitude at www.growingwithgratitude.com.au

Discussions
- Discuss with your child/children what gratitude is and what it means to be grateful/thankful. Refer to the website for information on gratitude.
- Give examples of what you are grateful for and ask your child/children to share some things they are grateful for.
- Emphasise to your child/children when they are feeling down or something hasn’t gone the way they expected to think how lucky they are.
- Teach your child/children this would be the time to reflect on something they are grateful for and realise that many kids do not have that privilege. Very powerful in moving on from a negative moment.
- Daily, highlight things in your child’s/children’s lives they should be grateful for. Such discussion will help develop habits of grateful thinking.
- Below are suggested short activities that can help develop gratitude

Activities
The gratitude activities are short and designed to help your child/children and yourself as parents/caregivers form habits of gratitude. (Refer to the Habits of Happiness Wheel for Attitude of Gratitude activities). The positive impact in your home will be immense. Below are 2 bonus gratitude activities:

Gratitude Sprint
- At any stage during the day whether it be at home or in the car call "Gratitude Sprint"
- It is a 30 second activity
- With your child, your children together or as a family share something you are grateful for
- Can be anything your grateful for or you could give a topic. For example: "Share something you are grateful for at school" or "Share something about a reason you are grateful for your family"

Gratitude Showdown
At any stage during the day whether it be at home or in the car call "Gratitude Showdown"
- It is a 30 second activity
- With your child, your children together or as a family
- On "GO" you have 30 seconds, taking it in turns to see how many things you can say that you are grateful for. For example: Person 1 - "I am grateful for my shoes", person 2 - "I am grateful for having full use of my arms", back to person 1, then back to person 2, etc, etc.
- Create a challenge by seeing who can say the most and next time see if you can beat your last score

Habits of Happiness Wheel
- Refer to the Habits of Happiness Wheel for Attitude of Gratitude activities.
Community Noticeboard

**FASTEST 12 YEAR OLD BOY & GIRL IN SA?**

The 2016 Australian Little Athletics Championships (ALAC) are being held in Adelaide on Sunday, 17th of April 2016.

As part of this major event, Little Athletics SA—with the proud support of Nova—are in the search for potential 12-year-old champions to compete on the national stage! Your application to nominate your best 12-year-old boy and girl must be to be a part of this significant event.

**DATE:** Sunday, 17th April, 2016  
**LOCATION:** SA Athletics Stadium, 1415 Railway Terrace, Marden, SA 5070  
**TIMES:** Heats 8:30am / Finals 1pm 1:30pm

APPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE EVENT ENTRY FORM AND RETURN TO ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM BY FRIDAY, 1ST APRIL 2016

TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY, FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
Little Athletics SA on (08) 8369 1000 or via www.littleathleticssa.com.au

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**1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching**  
**For Parents and Families**

A three-session program for parents and carers

**Date:** Friday, 1, 8 and 15 April  
**Time:** 10.00am to 1.00pm  
**Where:** Relationships Australia SA, 9 Kay Ave, Berri

We will discuss with you ideas about:

- Understanding Behaviour
- How To Handle Challenging And Testing Behaviours
- Choosing Your Strategy, The Three Choices
- Using Emotion Coaching To Encourage Good Behaviour
- 7 Ideas For Encouraging Good Behaviour

Parents will receive a 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook  
Please contact Chelsea, Relationships Australia SA, Berri - 8582 4122 to book.

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**Foster Carer Information Day**

Local kids need local foster carers

Have you ever thought about becoming a foster carer?

Learn about the different types of care that might be right for you. Find out what is involved in being a foster carer.

**Information Sessions**

Drop in for a chat with one of our foster care workers

**Date:** Wednesday 9th March  
**Time:** 10.00am to 1.00pm  
**Venue:** ac care, 7 William Street, Berri

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[Contact Information]

ac.care

Engagion Community Care Inc.  |  (08) 8446 4444 | Charity Reg: CCF1916

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LOXTON NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB
Registration Night and First training
Tuesday 8th March 4:30 pm

A President’s talk will follow training with a BBQ sausage sizzle and drink provided at the conclusion, for all children who register.

Coaches:
U11’s Brendan Cockshell
U13’s Gary Schultz
U15’s Damien Battams

Future trainings will be as follows:
U11s: Thursday 4:30pm – 5:45pm start date TBA by Coach
U13s & U15s: Tuesday 4:30pm start for the month of March

For further information please contact Lisa Nitschke on 0427 090 632

18th – 20th April, 2016
Camp Kedron, Barmera
10 – 13 Year olds

For more information, contact:
Narelle Fielke – 0427 706 093
James Przibilla – 0458 047 646

To register, visit:
www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/JCLife/
# ICAS COMPETITION ENTRY

## 2016 Competitions Entry Form

**Student Name:** …………………………………………………………………………………………………

**Class:** ………………………  **Year Level:** ………………………

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