I never feel like I quite measure up... In my work; at home; personally.

Don't get me wrong, I believe wholeheartedly in a 'you can do it' positive attitude, in solution finding and gratitude and I work hard to do my best at whatever I'm doing.

However, I often find that I fall short of the mark; I find that I don't quite measure up.

There are not enough hours in the day.

My patience, though great, is not always enough.

My superwoman cape, does not last long enough to do my job well and keep an orderly desk (or house).

And when I'm tired or stressed I find myself giving my worst to the people whom I love the most……..The list could go on.... And, I think, that maybe, I am not alone.

It is possibly at least part of the reason for so many mental health issues plaguing the people I talk to each day. Either them or someone else hasn't got it quite right. We are holding ourselves and others to a standard we can't actually reach.

Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, the Christian belief of a sinful nature is what leads us to the realisation that we can't do it on our own and we need God to rescue us. And He does. He sent Jesus to take our place, to perfect what we can not.

And so...Jesus is truly my Saviour. God's unending love and Amazing Grace is what pulls me through; makes my effort worthwhile; turns hopeless into hopeful. He is my comfort and strength.

Jesus death and resurrection fixed my relationship with God. He perfects what I cannot. His love, grace and forgiveness wipe the slate clean so I can start fresh each day.

Knowing that we are all flawed people, living in a flawed world, but forgiven, gives me the freedom to just keep doing the best I can, to keep trying, to keep loving and caring, to keep forgiving and trying to understand why someone did what they did. Because of God's great love for me, I can try to see the good in others, the person that they are trying to be; to forgive them.

Yes we still strive for excellence, but we do it with God's help, His guidance and His grace. You don't have to worry about giving up something for Lent (although it can be a good discipline). It is far more rewarding to take up Jesus' offer of love and Amazing Grace.

Have a blessed Easter, knowing that you are truly loved - just as you are. Jesus died and rose for you.

The richness and delight of all of that chocolate pales in comparison to the richness of God's love for you.

Romans 3:23-25(NLT)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.

Submitted by Leonie Sheffield

Student Co-ordinator
Dear Parents,

**School and Parish AGMs**

Members of the school community are reminded that the Annual General Meetings of both the school and the Loxton Lutheran Parish will be conducted this Thursday March 17th commencing at 7pm in the Early Learning Centre at the school. The school AGM will be held first with the Parish meeting following at approximately 7.30pm.

**School Councillor Nominations**

At this stage we still require at least one more nomination for a Parish School Councillor position. If there are any parents/friends of the school who are active members of a congregation of the Loxton Lutheran Parish and who are interested in becoming a member of the School Council, we encourage you to contact the school office to put forward your nomination by the close of business on Wednesday March 16th.

**iPads**

Parents of children in Years 3 to 7 are once again reminded to encourage their child/children to charge their iPad at home and, more importantly, bring the device to school each day.

Teachers have indicated their frustration at the increasing number of children in their classes who are forgetting to charge their iPad or bring them to school. Teachers plan lessons where iPads are integral to enriching the teaching and learning process. For children to simply not bring their device to school is similar to them not bringing their books into the class. The last thing teachers want happening is that children are disadvantaged where activities involving the iPad, are central to the lesson.

Your support in this matter is much appreciated.

If parents so desire, they can, upon request, ask for their child’s iPad to be stored at school overnight, thus alleviating the abovementioned problem.

**New Parents Dinner**

The annual New Parents Dinner will be held in the foyer of the LIFE Centre this Saturday evening commencing at 6pm. This event is for all new parents of the school who have become a part of our community since the last time the dinner was held in the early part of 2015. Its purpose is to officially welcome the newest members of the Loxton Lutheran School family while, at the same time, providing an evening of fellowship. They will have the opportunity to meet other members of our community, including staff, as well as finding out a little more about the school.

**Halogen Young Leaders Day**

On Tuesday March 22nd our School Captains and Vice-Captains, Macy Wright, Caleb Schaefer, Jorgia Maczkowiack and Mitchell Koop will be travelling to Adelaide to attend the Halogen Young Leaders Day which will once again be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Accompanying the children will be Tricia Wright and Rebecca Schaefer.

We hope this will be a most fulfilling experience for these student leaders, which will provide them with greater confidence and knowledge in the way they represent the school and carry out their leadership roles.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

As previously mentioned and advertised, the annual parent/teacher interviews will be conducted at the school on Monday April 4th. This is also a designated Student Free Day.

Many thanks to all the parents who have returned their interview time preference
From the Principal..................

sheets. Those parents who have not indicated a preference have been allocated a time.

Parents of children in Anneka Yard’s Year 1/2 class are reminded that your interviews will be conducted on Tuesday March 22nd, as Anneka will be commencing her Maternity Leave as of Friday March 25th.

Loxton Lutheran School Celebration Day

We, at Loxton Lutheran School, have many reasons to celebrate and the school’s Ministry & Care Committee, in conjunction with the P&F, have planned a School Celebration Day to be held at the school on Sunday April 3rd commencing at 2.30pm.

Please keep this afternoon free and watch out for your invitation to attend.

Harmony Day

At Loxton Lutheran School we are blessed to have children and families with a rich international heritage. As we live in a multicultural society we will be acknowledging and celebrating this heritage at a Harmony Day Assembly to be held in the LIFE Centre at 9.30am on Monday March 21st.

Please set this time aside and made a special effort to attend what will be a very special event.

Classes will then be spending time on activities throughout the day which will focus on the importance of valuing the diverse nature of our modern Australian society.

Basketball Clinic

On Tuesday March 22nd and Wednesday March 23rd children in all year levels will be involved in basketball coaching sessions conducted by SA Country Basketball development coach and player Mollie McKendrick. We thank Mollie for making the time to come to Loxton to provide this excellent learning opportunity for our students.

Maundy Thursday Special Chapel Service

All parents are invited and encouraged to attend a special chapel service to be held at 2.30pm on Thursday March 24th in the LIFE Centre.

Each class will be involved by ‘telling’ a part of the EASTER STORY in their own way.

At the conclusion of the service we will be breaking for the Easter break at the normal dismissal time of 3.15pm.

School Carpark

We have been approached by concerned parents regarding safety issues in the carpark, particularly at the end of the day when parents are picking up their children. For safety reasons, all children are to be collected either from the seating area adjacent to the outside basketball courts or from the central quadrangle area. No child is to enter the carpark area without being accompanied by an adult. The zebra crossing should be the only means by which access to the Luther Road side of the carpark is obtained.

People using the zebra crossings have right of way at all times.

Morning ‘Kiss & Drop’ Zone

Parents are reminded that the ‘kiss and drop’ drive-through is a quick and convenient way of dropping off children before school. Spending time in conversation with your children or other parents, slows down the traffic flow and holds up those who wish to make a quick drop off and exit.

Those wishing to spend time in conversation etc, are requested to use the carpark.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
From the Principal..............

Change of Teacher

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, Anneka Yard will be commencing Maternity Leave from Friday March 25th. I take this opportunity to thank Anneka for all her work at school, both as a classroom teacher and in the many extra roles she has undertaken over the years, and to extend the best wishes from the entire school community to Anneka and Stephen for the safe arrival of their first born child.

The Year 1/2 children will be in good hands with Alana Fielke replacing Anneka as the Year 1/2 class teacher from Tuesday March 29th. We warmly welcome back Alana to our teaching staff and hope her time in this class will be both enjoyable and rewarding.

Do have a fantastic next fortnight and a blessed and relaxing Easter break.

Yours in Christ,
Terry Sawade
Principal

News from the Business Manager

A reminder that annual fee payments are due on or before 31st March 2016. If paid by this date, you are entitled to a 5% discount on the fee portion.

Term payments are now overdue.

Invoices for the Year 7 Camp to Canberra, and Year 6 Camp to Lake Cullulleraine were sent home on Friday. Camp subsidies are also available.

Sarah Kruschel
Business Manager

ELC News

Welcome to Week 7. This fortnight we will be exploring Easter and the huge sacrifice of Jesus. We have also set up a “theatre” with box office, snack bar, stage and projection room, which is rich in oral language, literacy and role-play opportunities.

Thank you to Margot Smythe for joining us on Friday to share her love of music with us. The children were mesmerised by Margot’s guitar and we would love any other parents with passions or talents to share them with us.

Thank you to the Nippy’s Gift Committee and Ruth Hall for your donations of flowers and books.

We wish all our families a safe Easter. Our Easter raffle will be drawn next Tuesday. Tickets are available from the front office or an ELC family.

Rachel Hentschke
ELC Director
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
(Normally every Second Friday)

NEXT ASSEMBLY:
Friday March 18th
2:30pm in the LIFE Centre

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

Friday March 18th
Chapel will be led by Pastor Jason Sander and the Year 6/7K class. The theme will be “Jesus is Arrested and Crucified”.

Maundy Thursday March 24th
Chapel will be held at 2:30pm. There will be a whole school Easter dramatization. The theme will be “Jesus is Risen”.

Please join us for a cuppa and catch up after the service.

PRAYER CORNER
This week we are praying for:
- Declan Felder
- Kye Fielke
- Tiarna Flight
- Brady and Shaun Fulham
- Morgan and Ayrton Giles
and Mr. Darren Zimmermann

Grounds/Maintenance

CHURCH SERVICES

St Peter’s Lutheran Church
20th March
8:30am HC
First Communion
10:30am
27th March
6:30am HC
9:30am HC

Concordia Lutheran Church
20th March
10.00am HC
27th March
10.00am HC

SAPSASA News

SAPSASA Swimming in Adelaide
We would like to wish Stefan Kudra all the best as he heads to Adelaide on Friday to participate in the Riverland Team for SAPSASA swimming. Stefan will be swimming in the medley relay in the backstroke leg, freestyle relay, 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke.

SAPSASA Cross Country
This week the note for SAPSASA Cross Country will be going home. SAPSASA Cross Country will be held on Friday 1st of April at Martin’s Bend in Berri.

SAPSASA Netball
This week and next week school trials will be held for the SAPSASA Netball team. A note will go home once the team is chosen. SAPSASA netball will be held on Wednesday 13th of April. If anyone is interested in coaching on the day please let me know.

SAPSASA Football
Information about SAPSASA Football will be going out soon. This will be held on Wednesday the 13th of April at the Berri Oval. Leigh Kruger from Loxton Primary School will be holding trials soon, dates to be confirmed.

Congratulations
A big shout out to everyone that has been involved in playing sport over summer. We have heard that many of our students did very well in their preferred sports. Some being involved in Grand Finals, being MVP or runner up MVP or chosen in country teams. Loxton provides great opportunities for our kids to get involved in a range of sports and it is great to see so many kids choosing to get involved. We would also like to congratulate one of the staff Tricia Wright for winning MVP for her team. Well done Trish!

https://www.facebook.com/LoxtonLutheran
Premier’s Reading Challenge

More students have been bringing in their Premier’s Reading Challenge forms completed. It is great to see so many students branching out and reading books by different authors and genres. We have some achievement thermometers in the library showing the number of students in each class who have completed the Challenge. Watch them rise as more people complete and hand in their record sheets. Thank you to the class teachers who continue to motivate and inspire students in their bid to complete the Challenge.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Challenge in the last couple of weeks:

Molly Wishart  Zoe Hahn  Amber Hundertmark

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club catalogues and order forms were sent home last week. The orders from this catalogue must be handed in By Friday 18th March. Sorry, late orders are not able to be accepted. Also, please ensure that any cash payments enclosed with the order are for the exact amount. A credit card payment option is available on the order form for your convenience. Thank you to the students and parents who continue to support the Scholastic Book Club through our school and earn our school reward points which can be redeemed for the purchase of library books.

You Are Invited to our

LLS Celebration Afternoon

Sunday April 3rd from 2:30pm

Loxton Lutheran School Grounds

Come along and join the fun!

A casual afternoon for families and members of our school community to come together to celebrate who we are.

2:30 pm  Open Classrooms
3:30 pm  Afternoon Tea / Fun and Games
4:45 pm  Thanksgiving Chapel
5:30 pm  Farewell

We look forward to seeing you there.
ICAS Competitions

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 THURSDAY MARCH 24th 2016
Cheques payable to Loxton Lutheran School.
Late entries are unable to be accepted.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

As per the letter that went home with the last Happenings, our parent teacher interviews have been scheduled for:

**Monday April 4th 2016**

*Interviews have been scheduled between 11:00am and 8:30 pm*

*(Interviews will be held in your child’s classroom)*

An appointment card will be sent home today to inform you of your interview time. It will be sent home with your eldest child so please check with them early this week.

Interviews will last for 15 minutes. To help alleviate issues with interviews running over-time, the pager will sound every 15 minutes. If you have a need for a further discussion time, your child’s teacher will arrange a mutually convenient time with you.

**or Tuesday March 22nd 2016 - Year 1/2 class only**

*Interviews have been scheduled between 8:00am and 4:00pm*

*(Interviews will be held in Room 2)*

**THIS IS A STUDENT FREE DAY**
Term 1 2016 Roster

18 March
Amanda Phyllis

25 March
Good Friday

1 April
Rebecca Arnold

8 April
Kylie Smith

15 April
Karen Waechter

For 18th March

Jelly Cup for $1.00
**Please order on a lunch bag.
Available at lunch time only.

For 18th March

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.

Harmony Day is on Monday, March 21, where we will be celebrating Australia’s rich cultural diversity. We plan to celebrate the day, beginning with a special assembly, held it the LIFE Centre starting at 9.30am. There will be a PowerPoint presentation of all the cultural backgrounds associated with our students, as well as a flag exhibit and a display on our outside pin board.

Please note: Thank you to all parents who volunteered to make food, however it is no longer required. Any parents who said they were willing to come and share their story, please contact me via the front office so I can finalise who is to be involved (I neglected to put a name and contact number on the form that went out recently...oops).

Please feel free to come and join us in celebrating this multicultural event.

Yours in Christ
Trudy Battams
School Chaplain

LLS Parents and Friends
AGM
Friday March 18th
Following Chapel (10:30am)
In Room 4

Allocation of funds will be decided at this meeting.
ALL WELCOME!

Basketball Thanks
A huge THANK YOU to the people who helped with the Canteen during the Basketball Grand Final:
Dawn Schwarz, Pauline Hennig, Michael Waechter, Tom Fielke, Karen Scholz, Tricia & Macy Wright and Angela Rollins.
Trudy Battams
Canteen Manager
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Community Noticeboard

LOXTON ARTS & CRAFTS
Kids’ Easter Craft Workshops
Saturday 19th March, 2016
Location: Loxton CWA Hall – Kokoda Tce, Loxton

Easter Card Making
with Kath Gilbert
Time: 10:30am – 11:30am
Create an Easter Bunny or Christ basket and experiment
with flower craft materials to add embellishments.
Workshop cost $5 - Bookings appreciated

Easter Baskets
with Beatriz Travass
Time: 10:30am – 11:30am
Create an Easter Bunny or Christ basket and experiment
with flower craft materials to add embellishments.
Workshop cost $5 - Bookings appreciated

Pottery Egg Cups
with Lina Buntin
Session Times: A.M. 10:30am or P.M. 11:30am
Learn the skills to create or egg cup from clay. Participants
can add their own personal touch to make it unique.
Workshop cost $10 - Bookings essential

Please call Danielle on 0419 950 460 for booklings.

Loxton Arts and Crafts Inc. would like to thank the Loxton Women’s Council for covering the cost of all
materials for these workshops through a Community Grants Program.

LOXTON LUTHERAN SCHOOL

What’s your Profile?
18th – 20th April, 2016
Camp Kedron, Barmera
10 – 13 Year olds

For more information, contact:
Nardine Sepko – 0429 706 693
James Pirzibilla – 0458 047 646

To register, visit:
www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/CLife/

keep the faith
Open Day Wednesday March 16

We’re excited about the future. Come to our Open Day and experience how
we keep the faith. For all the details visit faith.sa.edu.au or call 8561 4200.
**2016 Competitions Entry Form**

**Student Name:** .................................................................

**Class:** .........................  **Year Level:** .........................

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