HAPPENINGS

Loxton Lutheran School

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday November 29
Year 7 Transition Day

Wednesday November 30
Reception Transition Visit
8:45am - 1:45pm

Friday December 2
Chapel - 9:15am in the LIFE Centre
Whole School Assembly - 2:30pm in the LIFE Centre

Sunday December 4 - 9
Year 7 Canberra Trip

Wednesday December 7
Reception Transition - All day

Monday December 12
Premiers Reading Challenge
Award Presentation - 11:30am in the LIFE Centre

Wednesday December 14
Class Parties

Thursday December 15
Final Day of Term 4
Reports Go Home
End of Year Service - 7:00pm in the LIFE Centre

Friday December 16
STUDENT FREE DAY

Devotion

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<td>My family, because they looked after me my whole life and I don’t know what I’d do without them. <strong>Zoe</strong></td>
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<td>Family and friends because they care for me. <strong>Ella</strong></td>
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<td>For Keely and Brady because they are great friends. <strong>Bradley</strong></td>
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<td>I am grateful for Brady because he is a good friend. <strong>Shaun</strong></td>
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<td>My Dad because he loves me and buys stuff for me. <strong>Taj</strong></td>
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<td>My brother, because we enjoy playing together and barely fight. <strong>Riley</strong></td>
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<td>Ishleen, because she is joyful and happy all the time. <strong>Gurleen</strong></td>
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<td>My family, because they are always there for me. <strong>Sarah</strong></td>
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<td>For Geck, because he is the only dad figure I’m going to have in my life and he cares for me. <strong>Briella</strong></td>
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<td>My parents, because they always make me happy and love me unconditionally. <strong>Nyoka</strong></td>
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<td>Isaac because he’s my twin and always looks out for me. <strong>Elise</strong></td>
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<td>My family, because they love and care for me. <strong>Mikalya</strong></td>
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<td>My Dad, because he helps me and gives me his old things. <strong>Cooper</strong></td>
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<td>My Dad, for helping me when I get hurt. <strong>Jackson</strong></td>
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<td>My parents, because they care and love me. <strong>Jenaya</strong></td>
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<td>Dakota, because she is a nice, kind and lovely person who makes me smile. <strong>Keely</strong></td>
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Recently I’ve been thinking about how many American traditions we are adopting with Halloween, Thanks Giving and now Black Friday (I’m still not sure what that’s all about).
How great it is that we don’t have to have a special day to tell people that we are grateful for them. The year 4/5s have shared some of the people who they are grateful to have in their lives.

Submitted by Loryn Taylor (Year 4/5 Teacher)
From the Principal ..........  
By Terry Sawade

Dear Parents,

**Year 7 Canberra Trip**

All is in readiness for what will be a school trip of a lifetime for our Year 7 students and accompanying teachers and parents who will be leaving Loxton on Sunday December 4th and returning on Friday December 9th. We wish all those attending the best possible experience while they are away and pray for their safe journey.

**Parent Survey**

Our annual parent survey is now ‘live’ and can be accessed by parents via the link that should have been sent to you via the email address that we have on record.

As mentioned in the last Happenings, we are very grateful for your support in completing this questionnaire.

**End of Year Service – 7pm Thursday December 15th**

It is an expectation that all students attend the end of year service and that the required standard of dress is the formal summer uniform.

The End of Year Service is a celebration of the school year and also an opportunity to formally acknowledge our Year 7 students and families who will be leaving our school community.

The incoming School Captains and Vice Captains for 2017 will also be announced and presented with their badges.

We look forward to seeing all school families at this final school event of the 2016 school year.

**Student Reports**

Student Reports are presently in the editing mode and will be distributed on Thursday December 15th. They should not contain any surprises to parents about their child’s progress.

Should parents require any further clarification or have any questions about the contents of their child’s report, they are encouraged to contact the school so the issues raised can be resolved as soon as possible.

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**Final week of School**

The final week of the year is always rather hectic. The following information will provide you with clarity of what is happening and when.

**Monday December 12th**

Premier’s Reading Challenge Assembly  
11:30am in the LIFE Centre

Children move to their 2017 classes and meet their teachers for next year  
1.45pm to 2.45pm

Year 7 Graduation Dinner  
6:00 pm at the Loxton Club

**Tuesday December 13th**

Canteen Open in lieu of Wednesday which is Class Party Day

**Wednesday December 14th**

Class Party day (NO CANTEEN)  
Class parties take many forms – Please refer to class newsletters and electronic messages to know what is planned for your child’s class.

**Thursday December 15th**

Last day of the school year for the children  
Whole School Assembly – 9:30am

Early lunch - 12:30pm

Normal dismissal - 3:15pm

End of Year Service - 7:00pm in the LIFE Centre

**Friday December 16th**

STUDENT FREE DAY

Do have a superb next fortnight.

Yours in Christ,

Terry Sawade
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
(Normally every second Friday)
NEXT ASSEMBLY: Friday Dec. 2
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 December 2
Chapel will be held at 9:15am and led by Pastor Dean Mills and the Reception Class. The theme will be “An Angel Visits Mary.”

Friday December 9
Chapel will be held at 9:15am and led by Pastor Mark Hansen. The theme will be “Baby Jesus is Born.”

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

PRAYER CORNER
This week we are praying for:
- Taj Singh and Summer Kaur
- Nyah and Quinn Smith
- Tasmin Smith
- Georgia Staben
- Hanna Taylor
- Judd Tschirpig
- Sophie Tullett
- and Mr. Terry Sawade

Principal

CHURCH SERVICES
St Peter’s Lutheran Church
December 4 8:30am HC
10.30am
December 11 8:30am
10:30am HC

Concordia Lutheran Church
December 4 10.00am HC
December 11 10:00am HC

ELC News
By Rachel Hentschke

Welcome to Week 7!
For the last three weeks of term we celebrate the birth of Jesus and all things Christmas! Our home corner is (for once!) an actual "home", complete with a Christmas tree for the children to decorate and re-decorate. We are making Christmas crafts, role playing the Christmas story and will also do some Christmas cooking.

In Week 9 we will be holding splash week, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Friday 16th. Please send sun smart bathers and a towel.

Please note: Friday 16th December is a school student free day but the ELC IS OPEN but no school buses run.

Thank you to Ruth Hall for donations.

Library borrowing has finished for the year - please return any outstanding items ASAP.

With the warm weather please ensure hats are sent to ELC, appropriate clothing is worn and sunscreen applied in the morning (we have sunscreen available if you forget).

Have a wonderful fortnight!

From the Business Manager

Ipad insurance in 2017
If you would like School iPad insurance in 2017, please ensure you have paid $50 per device by 31/12/2016. Payment received after this date will not be accepted. If payment is not made, it is assumed that any damages to your ipad(s) will be covered by yourself or your home insurance.

Thank You
A big thank you to Peter Sheffield and Ken Ellbourn for kindly giving up their time to drive the school buses for swimming lessons last week. It was much appreciated.

Sarah Kruschel
Business Manager
**SAPSASA Tennis**

Congratulations to Jorgia Maczkowiack and Tasmin Smith who represented the Riverland at SAPSASA tennis in Adelaide last week. The Riverland finished 4th overall, which is a great achievement.

**Cook Book**

We have had a great response to the Whole School Cook Book. Year 6/7 AL have done a fantastic job promoting the book with their short movies, which you may have seen on our Facebook page. This tied in with the work we are doing in HAAS.

If you would still like a copy of the cook book can you please get your orders in no later than the end of Week 8 to give us time to get them out before the holidays.

**Canteen News**

Due to class parties being held on Wednesday of Week 9, the canteen will be open on **Monday and Tuesday** (closed on Wednesday) of Week 9. Please note that this change of day is for the last week of Term 4 only.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent Canteen Survey, it was great to get your feedback. Some parents commented about having Friday foods available all week. We adhere to the Right Bite healthy eating policy, which states that the Pies/Pasties/Sausage rolls we offer should only be available once a week. Friday was chosen as the most popular day by parents.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Our uniform shop is currently open on the following days:-

- **Monday** - 2:30pm - 3:00pm
- **Wednesday** - 2:30pm - 3:00pm
- **Thursday** - 2:30pm - 3:00pm

Uniform order forms can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from our website or Skoolbag app.

**BUSINESS MANAGER HOURS**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

**LLL SCHOOL BANKING**

Every Tuesday

**CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4**

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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.

**CAKE Special**

Friday December 2

Ham or Chicken Salad Wrap - $5.00
(lettuce, cucumber, mayo, cheese & grated carrot)

***Please state if a Gluten Free wrap is required***

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Operation Christmas Child. This year we sent 44 boxes to the South Pacific region. If you still have a shoebox at home it can be brought into school, where I will store it until next year.

The Christmas Tree Festival is on again, in the CWA hall and this year the students have created a “Fruits of the Spirit” Christmas tree. They have spent the last three weeks making origami fruit decorations for the display and have done a fantastic job. The following has been created – Orange (Patience), Strawberry (Love), Pear (Peace), Pineapple (Joy), Lemon (Kindness), Grapes (Gentleness), Banana (Faithfulness), Apple (Goodness) and Watermelon (Self-control).

The Kidsmatter Action Team would like to give all the students of the school an ice block as an end of year treat, during Week 9. If you don’t wish for your child to have one, please contact the front office.
**Library and Choir News**

**By Margaret Wormald**

**Returning Library Books**

The return date for **all student loans** is **Wednesday 30th November**. This is so we can do our annual stocktake. No borrowing will be possible after this date, for the rest of the year. It would be greatly appreciated if you would help remind your children to return their books, especially those long-term overdue items. Thank you.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge Awards Presentation**

We are so proud of all the children! Almost all the children have completed the Challenge—what an achievement! Certificates and medals will be presented to the students at a special assembly **in Week 9 on Monday 12th December at 11:30**. The special guest presenter will be **Denise Wagner**, who is one of the teacher-librarians at Loxton High School.

**Former Students Library**

Each year, a number of Year 7 students and their families, decide to donate a book to the school library as a reminder of their years at Loxton Lutheran School. This year the students, who have kindly donated a book, will present the books to the school as part of the Premier’s Reading Challenge assembly on **Monday 12th December**. We sincerely thank those families who have contributed to the Former Students Library and we know that students for many years will enjoy reading the books that the 2016 Year 7s have selected and donated.

**Book Club Reminder**

Brochures for the final issue of Scholastic Book Club for the year, Issue 8, went out last week. Orders need to be placed by **this Friday December 2nd December 2016. SORRY, NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

Thank you to all the parents, friends and students who purchased items from the Book Fair and from the Book Club, throughout the year. Thanks to your generous support and to the generous commissions we receive, we have been able to add substantially to the Library stock.

**CHORUS NEWS**

**Loxton Community Carols**

We will be participating again as a choir in the Loxton Community Carols, to be held this year on **Sunday December 18 from 7:30 pm** in East Terrace by the Rotunda (or at the Peace Hall if the weather is inclement). Thank you to all of those children who have put their names down to be a part of this choir. We will get together briefly, this week, and begin practices in earnest, next week, during school time. If your child would still like to be a part of this choir, they can collect a note from the library.
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<td><strong>Christmas Decorating Party Day</strong>&lt;br&gt;Girls - Sweets&lt;br&gt;Boys - Savoury</td>
<td>Christmas Wind Chimes&lt;br&gt;Come along and make your very own wind chimes to tune up the outdoors for Christmas.</td>
<td>The Amazing Race Christmas Edition&lt;br&gt;Back by popular demand but Christmas style. Can you make it all the way to the end?</td>
<td>Christmas Gingerbread Houses&lt;br&gt;Let's make our own gingerbread houses to take home for dessert on Christmas Day.</td>
<td>Lunch at the Loxton Club&lt;br&gt;To celebrate Christmas we will visit the club for lunch and play on the playground.&lt;br&gt;$10.00 per child</td>
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<td>Make your own Teddy Bear Day&lt;br&gt;Let's make our own teddy bear to keep us company these school holidays. How many different teddy's can we make?</td>
<td>Bubble Bath Day&lt;br&gt;Time to make baths at home fun. We are going to make our own soap and bath bombs for the family to enjoy.</td>
<td>Trolls 3D Chaffey Theatre&lt;br&gt;We will be travelling to the Chaffey Theatre to watch Trolls in 3D.&lt;br&gt;Cost: $20.00 per child&lt;br&gt;Leaving OSHC @12:45pm&lt;br&gt;Returning @ 4:30pm</td>
<td>Mexican Day&lt;br&gt;It's time for a Mexican fiesta. Enjoy craft and activities from Mexico. We will make our own nachos for lunch with your very own toppings.</td>
<td>DIY Board Game Day&lt;br&gt;Think of all those fun board games you have played, now come and create your very own. Can your friends beat you at your own game?</td>
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<td>Make your own library bag ready for school&lt;br&gt;Come along and make your own design on a calico bag that you can use for school, home or when you are out and about.</td>
<td>Tayla's 21st Birthday&lt;br&gt;Let's help Tayla celebrate her 21st with a party lunch, games and more.</td>
<td>Make our own ice cream day&lt;br&gt;What are your favourite flavours that you would like to make? Come and enjoy the flavours we create.</td>
<td>Splatter Paint Day&lt;br&gt;Today we will make our artistic mark with splot paint art.&lt;br&gt;Remember to WEAR OLD CLOTHES and bring a spare change of clothes!</td>
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<td>National Pie Day&lt;br&gt;Let's make our own pies for lunch to celebrate.</td>
<td>Splash Day&lt;br&gt;We are cooling down for the end of the holidays. Bring your bathers, towel and spare clothes. You may also bring water pistols, water bombs etc..</td>
<td>Aussie Day BBQ&lt;br&gt;Come along dressed in your best Australia Day outfit to celebrate with us. We will have a BBQ for lunch and play games.</td>
<td>Chinese New Year&lt;br&gt;Let’s celebrate Year of the Rooster to end the school holidays.</td>
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Student Medical Forms and Family Database Check have been sent home in preparation for 2017. Please complete and return them, to the office, no later than Friday December 2nd.