IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday December 14
Class Parties

Thursday December 15
Final Day of Term 4
Whole School Assembly - 9:30am in the LIFE Centre
Normal Dismissal - 3:15pm
Reports Go Home
End of Year Service - 7:00pm in the LIFE Centre

Friday December 16
STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday January 24
Stationery Collection Day
10:00am—3:00pm

Monday January 30th
Term 1 Begins
Opening Chapel - 9:30am in the LIFE Centre

A Christmas Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem. I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small. I believe in one for whom the crowded inn could find no room.

I believe in the one whom the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.

I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible. I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother’s arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love as its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God’s love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my everlasting need of God: the need for forgiveness for our selfishness and greed; the need for new life for empty souls; the need for love for hearts grown cold.

I believe in God, who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world.

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.
Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.   

Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)

Wishing you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of God’s love at Christmas.

Submitted by Trudy Battams
Canteen Manager/School Chaplain
Dear Parents,

Well here we are at the end of another school year. On behalf of the staff and children, I take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community for your support in so many ways – your encouragement, assistance of teachers in the classroom, your assistance at working bees and the time spent serving on committees and attending meetings.

More-over, I take this opportunity to thank all parents for once again entrusting us with the education of your children. We do not take for granted the commitment you make by having your child(ren) attend Loxton Lutheran School, and sincerely thankyou for doing so.

I wish everyone a very blessed Christmas and happy New Year and hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends.

Year 7 Canberra Trip

The annual Year 7 Canberra trip has, once again, come and gone. From our school’s perspective, thanks must go to teachers, Tom Knauer, Tricia Wright and the parents of the school who supervised and cared for the students. Most importantly, thankyou to our Year 7 students, who proved to be outstanding ambassadors for the school and the town of Loxton.

Next year, it will be Loxton Lutheran School’s turn to organise the trip. That task will be taken up by Year 7 teacher Rebecca Loxton, who, as it turns out, was a student on the first Canberra trip in 1990.

Farewell to Departing Families and Staff

The end of year is always tinged with sadness as we farewell families and staff members who are leaving our school community.

Departing Families

For most families it is because their last child moves on to high school, although some leave the school for other reasons. To those families, I once again say thankyou for your support and commitment to Loxton Lutheran School over the years.

Those parents who are leaving the school as their youngest child moves on to high school are:- Amanda and Victor Kudra, Suzie and Gary Schultz, Kylie and Phil Smith, Chantel Wiltshire, Ryan and Donna Felder, Michelle and Terry Kearney, Melissa and Matthew Maczkowiack, Leah and Mark Neumann and Sonya and Peter Richards.

Also leaving are Vicky and Jason Evans who are moving to Tasmania.

We wish all these families the very, very best for the future.

Departing Staff Members

We fondly farewell Alana Fielke, who in the last two years, has been a Year 6/7 class teacher and a Year 1/2 class teacher, taking over both those roles from teachers undertaking maternity leave. Alana’s ability to ‘hit the ground running’ by adapting her teaching style so very well to meet the diverse learning needs of both upper and junior primary students, is an indication of what a talented teacher we are losing.

Alana, thankyou for your energy and creativeness in all that you do. Moreover, thankyou for the passion with which you teach and the love and care you show towards your students. Congratulations on winning a permanent position as a Year 7 teacher at Redeemer Lutheran School in Nuriootpa. You will be missed.

Pastor Mark Hansen will also be leaving as School Pastor, a position he has held during his eight years in Loxton. We thank Pastor Mark, as well as his wife Anne for their on-going involvement in the school. Pastor has always been on hand to conduct Chapel Services and arrange chapel rosters. He has conducted staff
From the Principal

By Terry Sawade

Bible studies, provided personal support and guidance to many staff members, as well as providing group support for the whole staff. Class teachers have appreciated his willingness to be involved in class activities and to provide a Christian perspective on a range of topics. Pastor Mark has also served on School Council and the Ministry and Care Committee for eight years.

Thankyou Pastor Mark for all that you have done at Loxton Lutheran School. Although you will be missed, we ask God to bless you in your new ministry in Noosa Queensland.

End of Year Arrangements

Class Parties
Wednesday December 14th – please check class newsletters for details.

Final School Assembly
In the LIFE Centre on Thursday December 15th at 9.30am – all welcome

End of Year Service
In the LIFE Centre on Thursday December 15th at 7pm

Student Free Day
Friday December 16th

Parents are also reminded that the dismissal time for the students’ last day on Thursday December 16th will be 3.15pm

School Magazine

This year’s school magazine, which primarily is a visual record of the 2016 school year, will be distributed to families on Thursday with the student reports. Parents are reminded that they have already paid for their magazine via the school fees they have paid.

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As mentioned in the last newsletter, 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.

A Final Word

On behalf of the school community I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and applaud the efforts of the teaching and support staff. Their commitment to providing an outstanding range of learning opportunities for the children in their care is both admired and appreciated. Thankyou for all you have done.

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Stationery Collection Day
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Start of Term
Monday January 30th

Opening Worship
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Arrangements for the Start of 2017

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**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**
(Normally every second Friday)

**NEXT ASSEMBLY:**
Thursday December 15th
Special time of 9:30am in the LIFE Centre

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

**End of Year Service**
Our End of Year Service will be held on Thursday December 15th at 7:00pm in the LIFE Centre.

**Monday January 30th**
Opening Chapel will be held at 9:30am in the LIFE Centre. Please join us for a cuppa and catch up after the service.

**PRAYER CORNER**
*This week we are praying for :-*
- Nyoka Viney
- Blair Westbrook
- Hunter and Yasmin Westbrook
- Charlotte, Molly, Ruby and Charlie Wishart
- Josh Wooldridge
- Macy and Carter Wright
and Mrs. Rebecca Loxton
Year 6/7 AL Teacher

**CHURCH SERVICES**
**St Peter’s Lutheran Church**
December 18 9:30am HC
December 24 7:00pm
Christmas Eve

**Concordia Lutheran Church**
December 18 10.00am HC
December 24 7:00pm Children’s

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**ELC News**
By Rachel Hentschke

Thank you to all of the parents and friends of the ELC for a fantastic year at the ELC. You have entrusted us with your precious children and we have relished watching and supporting them to learn and grow.

To our children going to school next year, we wish you God’s richest blessings as you start the next chapter of your life. You are intelligent and curious and we know you will have so much fun learning and exploring.

To our children going to kindy next year, have a wonderful time doing your most important work-playing! You will learn so many new things and we are very proud of you.

To our children who are continuing with us next year, awesome news! You will be the leaders of the ELC and your important job is to welcome our new ELC children and make them feel welcome and safe. You are kind and we know you will do this job well.

Thank you to all those who have supported the ELC this year (most recently Ruth Hall and Kylie Wooldridge) and told your friends about the Centre. Next year we are opening Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from Term 1 and will be adding Thursdays as of Term 3. This is fantastic for such a new and small Centre.

On a personal note, thank you to Nicole for your knowledge of early childhood care and the kind, genuine way you care for our children. Thank you Dana for joining our team with new ideas and passion. Thank you Leonie and Trish for your support and the beautiful relationships you have formed with each child during our break times. I thank everyone at the ELC and Loxton Lutheran School for your support. It’s a truly special place to work and I will miss you during my leave next year but hope to see you in my capacity as a relief teacher.

I wish Renee Fielke all the best as 2017 Director and look forward to seeing the fresh ideas and vision she will bring to the ELC

I wish all our families a blessed Christmas and 2017.

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**Farewell for Pastor Mark & Family**

**Sunday 18th December**

**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**

**9.30AM FOLLOWED BY A COMMUNITY LUNCH.**

BBQ meat will be provided, please bring along a salad and a sweet to share and your own drinks.

Please RSVP (for catering purposes) by ringing the Ministry Office on 8584 5522 by Wednesday 14th December.
Loxton Community Carols

Angelic singing has been heard, of late, coming from the library. Practices began, last week, for our choir performance at the Loxton Community Carols, to be held on Sunday December 18 from 7:30 pm in East Terrace by the Rotunda (or at the Peace Hall if the weather is inclement). We have an amazing choir, this year, made up of over 20 students from all year levels. Our choir is performing two songs and we urge all from the school community to come along and show their support for our school choir and help celebrate the Spirit of Christmas.

I will meet the choir students at the fountain, outside of 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. They can wear neat, casual clothes for the performance. After our item, parents may collect their children from the fountain.

Returning 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.

Thank you to Mrs Boehm, Liam Wormald, Hayley Inglis and Mrs Miller who have helped with the stocktaking. With over 16,000 barcoded items in our resource collection, all help is appreciated.

Special Presentation Assembly

Yesterday, we held a special assembly for the Year 7s to present their donated books for the Former Students Library. Thank you to all those families who donated books and to the Reception Class who received the books on behalf of all school students. This presentation was followed by the presentation of medals and certificates to all students who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. The presentations were made by Loxton High School Teacher-Librarian, Mrs Denise Wagner, who also gave an inspiring talk about the importance of reading and books in her life. Mrs Wagner was ably assisted by our school captains and vice-captains.

Book Club

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 orders. We hope that you and your children have had many hours of pleasure from sharing the books that you have purchased throughout the year.

Thank you to you, as parents, who keep encouraging your children to ask questions, seek answers and read. By doing so, their understanding of the world grows.

May you all have a Merry, safe and blessed Christmas and may you find some time for some reflective, relaxing reading.

Margaret Wormald
Cook Book
I would like to thank everyone for their support with the whole school cook book. Money raised will go towards equipment for the new facility which will be completed next year. I hope you have enjoyed trying some of the recipes and enjoyed reading about what the students had been doing in health lessons. If you would still like a copy please see Tracy by the end of the week. They are $15.

PE News
Wow! What a year it has been for Physical Education at our school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my role working with the students to improve their health and fitness. We learnt about a number of sports including softball, netball, badminton, golf, gymnastics as well as a range of team games. The facilities at our school enable us to teach a range of sports that wouldn’t be possible at other schools which is a huge bonus for our students.

This year we received a substantial amount of money from Sporting Schools which enabled us to purchase some great equipment for our students to use in lessons and during play time. It also allowed us to go on excursions to Gymnastics in Berri and the Loxton Golf Club.

To all of those students who represented our school at SAPSASA, whether it was for a school team or Riverland team, well done on your achievements. SAPSASA provides a great opportunity for students to excel in their chosen sports and a great way to meet new people. I encourage all students to give SAPSASA a go as it is a great learning experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone back next year in my new role as the 5/6 teacher.

Reminder:
ipad insurance for 2017 needs to be paid by 31/12/2016. cost is $50 per device.
tuition fee option form for 2017 is due back by thursday 16/12/2016.

continental:
there is a small tent from continental that has not been claimed yet. if it is yours, please enquire at the office.
the continental committee is looking for members in 2017. it is a committee where many hands make light work.
some meetings in 2017 will be held via email, therefore reducing night time commitments. if you are interested, please see me for more information.
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**Community Noticeboard**

**Loxton Lutheran School**

Books and Stationery Collection
Uniform Sales

**Tuesday January 24th 2017**
**10.00am - 3.00pm**
**in Room 2**

Cash, Cheque, Credit & EFTPOS accepted.

**Term One commences on Monday January 30th**

Parents and friends are invited to attend our Opening Worship at 9:30am in the LIFE Centre.

[Image: Logo of Loxton Lutheran School]

Loxton Lutheran School continues to welcome enrolments for 2017.
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