Monday February 20th
Parent information evening on Homework Policy — 7:30pm in Room 12

Wednesday February 22
Casual Day - Its Party Time!

Friday February 24
Chapel—9:15am in the LIFE Centre (Will include: Staff Blessing, New Staff Installation and Bible Presentations)
Camp Expressions of Interest due

Saturday February 25
Loxton Mardi Gras

Friday March 3
Whole School Assembly following worship

Thursday March 9
Student Leader Installation and Blessing

Friday March 10
Student Free Day

Monday March 20
ICAS Competition Entries due

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**Year 7 Inspirational Bible Verses**

**Term 1 Week 3**

In the first week of school the Year 7 students were asked in Morning Devotion to think of an inspirational Bible verse to help them this year. The students were given Bible verses to read and choose one that “speaks to them”. It could be inspirational, helpful, something to think about or help them to grow. We shared these in class and the students talked about why they chose that Bible verse. Year 7 Bible verses for 2017.....

Mrs Loxton and Hudson—be strong and courageous for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Mrs A, Kye and Ashton—“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Ruby—Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

Harmony and Darcy—I CAN DO ALL THIS THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH. PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Caitlin and Braam—The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18

Tiahli and Nyah—“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father”. James 1:17a

Tayla—God walks with you. Isaiah 41:10

Hanna—‘A real friend warms you by his presence, trusts you with his secrets and remembers you in his prayers. Author Unknown

Aimee—Serve the Lord with gladness. Psalms 100:2

Lucas—The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

Esther—“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” 2 Corinthians 9:15

Elin—A happy heart makes the face cheerful but a heartache crushes the spirit. Proverbs 15:13

Zane—God loves us with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3

Sam—We love because God first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Amber—“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” John 11:25-26

Jess—Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus. Ephesians 1:2

Bailey—Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Ephesians 6:10

Blair—The Lord will hear when I call to Him. Psalms 4:3b

What bible verse would you choose for 2017?

As Christians, we gratefully acknowledge that God is good. He lovingly creates and gives us all things. We can always be thankful for the things God gives to us, including each other, because we are His amazing creations.

Submitted by Rebecca Loxton and the Year 7 students
Dear Parents,

It has been a great start to the year with all children settling in to their new classes and teachers really well – even with the erratic weather of one day wet and the next extremely hot. Augurs well for a fantastic year.

New Student/Family

Sincere apologies to one of our new students Layla Moore and her parents Nicholas Moore and Tamika Brown who were not acknowledged and officially welcomed to our Loxton Lutheran School community in the first Happenings of the year. We hope your time at our school is one of joy and fulfilment.

Casual Day

The school’s first casual day will be held on Wednesday February 22nd. The theme for the day is Birthday Party. For a gold coin donation children may come dressed in birthday party or casual clothes. All money raised will be donated to the Mardi Gras, which this year is celebrating its 60th birthday. Please see the attached flier for further information.

2017 ICAS Competitions

For parents interested in entering their child(ren) into the ICAS competitions for Spelling, Maths, Digital Technologies, Science etc, you are asked to have these nominations and payments made by Monday March 20th so that we able to enter at the 2016 pricing.

Enquiries should be directed to Tracy or Lily at Front Office.

2017 Chapel Services & School Worship

This year there has been a slight change to the format of our weekly Chapel services and school worship. This is an attempt to make our weekly Chapel/Worship times more engaging and relevant to the children. We are encouraging them to take a greater responsibility and involvement, by classes delivering the message, rather than always relying on the Pastor.

Each fortnight a ‘normal’ Chapel will be conducted with a Pastor, assisted by a class. On alternate Fridays a whole school worship will take place with an assigned class responsible for delivering the message based on one of the Lutheran School Values of – courage, quality, humility, justice, appreciation, compassion, forgiveness, love, service & hope.

It is envisaged that the delivery of the message may come in a variety of forms such as the re-enactment of a traditional parable, a liturgical dance or contemporary play. It is hoped that with each class integrally involved, there will be enhanced engagement and understanding by all children, with regards to the Christian message being delivered. Hopefully this will translate to a greater impact in their daily lives.

Whole School Assemblies

A short Assembly will be conducted on a fortnightly basis. However, this year these will be held following School Worship (not on Chapel weeks), normally on a Friday morning.

In the main, these will be gatherings where awards are presented as well as birthdays acknowledged and other various announcements made.

Twice a term, about halfway through the term
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By Terry Sawade

and one at the end of the term, a longer assembly will be held, where classes are rostered to put on an item.
As always, parents are invited to attend all assemblies, Chapel and worship times.

Parent Information Session – Homework Policy

Next Monday, February 20th at 7.30pm in Room 12 at school, a parent information session will be conducted on the school’s new draft Homework Policy.

At that session, information will be shared explaining the reasoning behind the changes. Parents will also be asked to contribute in a question and answer session.

Tricia Wright, who has a wealth of knowledge about reading and the types of activities that parents can use at home with their child(ren), will be present to discuss these.

All parents are encouraged to attend.

Special Chapel – Induction of New Staff / Blessing of Whole Staff / Presentation of Bibles

On Friday February 24th of February (9.15am) we will be having a special Chapel service where

- new Staff Members will be officially installed
- the whole staff will be blessed
- Bibles will be presented to Year 3 students and those students in other year levels who are new to our school.

This is a most important occasion and we hope as many parents and members from the wider school and Lutheran communities are able to attend.

Installation and Blessing of 2017 Student Leaders

Due to a clash of dates involving our student leaders, the installation of our Captains and Vice Captains will be held separately from the installation of new staff and blessing of all staff.

The date for this Chapel Service is Thursday March 9th, commencing at 9.15am. This service will be on Thursday as the Friday will be a Student Free Day.

Student Free Days for 2017

At its first meeting of the year, held in week one of the term, the school council ratified the following dates as Student Free Days for 2017:

- **Friday March 10th**
  Staff Professional Development
- **Monday April 10th**
  Parent Interviews
- **Friday June 9th (All Loxton Schools close)**
  Staff Professional Development
- **Friday September 8th**
  Staff Spiritual retreat
- **Friday December 15th**
  Last day of the designated school year

Parent Volunteers

Parents and friends are reminded if you wish to work in classrooms and assist with child related activities in 2017, you will be required to have –

- A current National Police Certificate (NPC)
- Read the volunteer handbook and signed a volunteer declaration
- Completed an online Valuing School Communities (VSC) awareness training session

Parents and friends who have completed the three abovementioned requirements in 2015 or
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By Terry Sawade

2016 are not required to update their status.

If you are unsure of what you need to do to become eligible to be able to be involved as a volunteer this year, please contact the school office for clarification.

If you need to complete the online VSC training, also please see Tracy or Lily at the front office for information about login details.

Camps & Excursions

We remind all; parents they are invited to express an interest in participating in class camps and excursions for 2017. Your interest will be documented, and as the times for excursions/camps approach, you will be contacted by the organising teacher(s) as to your availability for an event/activity.

While it is our intention to provide the opportunity for as many parents as possible to participate in these activities, an expression of interest does not guarantee involvement. Criteria, such as that listed below, will help teachers determine which parents are involved in an activity.

- Previous involvement in camps & excursions
- Special talents (eg bus driver)
- Supervisor gender balance
- Specific needs of individuals

School Councillor Nominations Required

The School Annual General Meeting, and that of the Loxton Lutheran Parish have been set for Thursday March 16th at 7pm in the Early Learning Centre at the school.

Several long standing Councillors have indicated they will be either stepping down or not seeking re-election. We need to replace these people.

Members of the school Community, who are interested in being a part of the School Council, are encouraged to contact the school office to discuss their possible nomination. There are some conditions (as stipulated in the School Constitution) for various positions, and these need to be explained to those people who may be interested.

Do have a SUPER next fortnight!

Yours in Christ,

Terry Sawade
Swimming
The Riverland District SAPSASA Swimming Carnival is being held next **Friday 24th of February** at the Loxton Pool. We have eight students from LLS competing and wish them all the best for the upcoming event.

Netball/ Football
On Monday of Week 10, the **10th April** is the Riverland District SAPSASA Football and Netball Carnival held in Berri. More information regarding trials and selection will be distributed shortly.

New SAPSASA website
The SAPSASA website has recently been upgraded as the program is now linked with the department system (DECD). The website can be accessed via the following link or through our schools Facebook page.


Riverland SAPSASA Facebook page
To keep up to date with the latest events and information regarding Riverland SAPSASA, join the Facebook page (Riverland SAPSASA). You can find it at the following link or through our schools Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/Riverland-Sapsasa-1666225263610583/?hc_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf

Lunch Time Activities
Lunch time activities in the LIFE Centre have been a huge success. With the upper primary students having some hard fought Matt Ball battles on Tuesday. Whilst the Junior Primary students’ have enjoyed having the LIFE Centre to themselves on Thursdays. Stay Tuned for more activities as the term progresses.

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**CONTINENTAL - Save the date**

Our annual Continental is on **Friday 28th October 2017**.

We are looking for volunteers to join the Continental Committee.

It is a case of many hands make light work.

This year we are trialling that most communication will be via email therefore minimal night time meetings.

Please speak to Sarah if you require more information.
Dear Parents,

What a fantastic start to the year we have had at the ELC. We have spent the last two weeks learning routines, getting to know each other and having lots of fun learning through play.

Over your time at the ELC we may post photos to you on Seesaw, put photos in your child’s portfolio or send pages of photos home, like we did on your child’s first day. These photos are for the personal use of your family. If there are photos of other children in these photos please do not post them on Facebook or anywhere else on the internet.

Just a reminder:
- We would love a framed photo of your family to display at ELC.
- If you have not yet brought in your child’s birth certificate and copy of immunisation records can you please do so?
- Please ensure your child has sunscreen on when they arrive at the ELC ready to start the day.

Car Park Safety: The car park can be a very busy place before and after school. Please ensure your families safety by using the crossing and walk way between the sports shed and basketball court (oval end of the court) to get to and from the ELC.

Donations Wanted: We are seeking donations of cot sheets. If anyone has any cot sheets they no longer need, we would be happy to have them.

ELC Committee meeting – Friday 17 February 2017 at 4pm
If you would like to be on the committee please let us know.

Kind Regards,
Nicole, Dana and Renee

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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
(Normally held twice per term)
NEXT WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Friday March 3rd
Following Chapel in the LIFE Centre

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

Worship - Friday February 17
Worship will be held at 9:15am in the LIFE Centre. It will be led by the Year 7 Class focusing on the core value ‘Love’.

Chapel - Friday February 24
Chapel will be held at 9:15am in the LIFE Centre. It will be led by the Year 2/3 Class. The theme will be “Jesus Chooses His Disciples.”
Please join us for a cuppa and catch up after the service.

PRAYER CORNER
This week we are praying for:-
- Jenaya Biele
- William, Luke and Nathaniel Borgas
- Isabel Clift
- Lucas and Eamon Cockshell
- Mikayla and Tilly Drake
- Grace and Harry Eatts
and Mrs Nicole Drake

ELC Committee meeting
Friday 17 February 2017 at 4pm
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LOXTON LUTHERAN SCHOOL
EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

CHURCH SERVICES
St Peter’s Lutheran Church
February 19 8:30am HC
10.30am HC
February 26 8:30am
10:30am

Concordia Lutheran Church
February 19 10.00am
February 26 10:00am HC
(Harvest Thanksgiving)
DECD STUDENT TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

Attention: Parents of bus children who are approved to travel on Department Buses.
The Government of South Australia allows families who live more than 5kms from their closest bus stop to make a claim for car travel to their bus stop. If you think you may qualify for this and do not already claim, forms are available at the front office.

NUT POLICY REMINDER

Loxton Lutheran School has a duty of care to provide a safe work and play environment for all, by catering for the unique health requirements of ALL members of its community. The following guidelines are in place to minimise the risk to those allergic to nuts or nut products.

PLEASE NOTE: Foods which contain the manufacturer’s statement on their packaging: “May contain traces of Nuts”- ARE PERMITTED

Many foods contain traces of nuts, therefore it is important for you to become familiar with reading labels.

NOT PERMITTED

♦ Nuts: All varieties - tree nuts and peanuts
♦ Nut butters e.g. peanut butter, hazelnut spread (i.e. Nutella)
♦ Prepared commercial foods containing nuts or nut ingredients, such as biscuits, muesli bars, nut chocolates and chocolate bars etc.

ICAS Competitions 2017

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 MONDAY MARCH 20th 2017
Cheques payable to Loxton Lutheran School.
Late entries are unable to be accepted.
A note for new parents
Please write an ‘R’ next to your child/ren’s recess order and they collect their items from the canteen. Ice creams and slushies that are ordered on a lunch bag (either recess or lunch) need to be collected from the canteen and if they want their items at lunch time are to bring their lunch bag with them so that I know what particular ice block/size slushie has been paid for (I only keep a record of recess orders and not ice blocks/slushies that are ordered for lunch). Any questions please contact me at school.
Thank you

CANTEEN SPECIAL
Friday 17th February – lunchtime only
FRUIT SALAD AND ICE-CREAM
$3.00

UNIFORM SHOP
Our uniform shop is currently open on the following days:-
Monday - 8:45am - 9:15am
Tuesday - 8:45am - 9:15am
Thursday - 8:45am - 9:15am
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

CANTÉEN ROSTER TERM 1
17 Feb Julie Biele
24 Feb Rebecca Arnold
3 March Susan Ellbourn
10 March Student Free Day
17 March Sonya Altschwager
24 March Kathryn Flight
31 March Kirsten Freer
7 April Sport’s Day
14 April Good Friday
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.

Donations of fruit are most welcome at this time of year
The Loxton Mardi Gras is fast approaching. **Saturday 25th February.** The theme is ‘Celebrating 60 years of the Loxton Mardi Gras’. Our float is going to be a big Birthday party. We are going to have a big cake, lots of balloons, streamers, music and lots of fun and laughter. We would love as many students, siblings and parents to join us for this fantastic community event.

We are asking everyone to dress up in something they would wear to a Birthday party. You also have the option of dressing up as something that represents the many themes of the Mardi Gras over the 60 years. Here are some examples:

1990 - German Theme  
1997 - '40 Live 'n Jumpin'  
1998 - Cultural Togetherness  
2001 - Year of Change  
2002 - Running Wild  
2003 - Year of the Outback  
2004 - Running Water  
2005 - International Year of Rice  
2007 – 50 Golden Years  
2008 – Festival of Fun  
2009 – A Carnival of Colour  
2010 – Festival of Theme  
2011 – Disney Comes to Town  
2012 – Year of the Farmer  
2013 – Let’s Recycle  
2014 – All Stars  
2015 – Back to the Future  
2016 – Tell Us Your Story  
2017 – Celebrating 60 years

If you didn’t receive a note, please just call the front office and let them know if your child wants to participate.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Kind Regards,

Joanne, Tricia, Tom and Nicole
It’s Party Time!

YOU are invited to Loxton Lutheran School’s first Casual Day!

When: Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} Feb (Week 4)
Theme: Birthday Party – come in your party clothes
Cost: Gold Coin Donation

All money raised will go to the
Loxton Mardi Gras
Community Noticeboard

Riverland Parenting Workshops

Let us help you navigate your way through caring for and bringing up children. If you are a parent or carer of children, register now for one or more of these fantastic workshops! Learn invaluable parenting skills and have a better understanding of how to tune into children’s needs.

All parenting workshops are free of charge.

Emotion Coaching and Understanding Behaviour
A 2-session program for parents where we will discuss issues around understanding behaviour, how to handle difficult situations, and how to manage your child’s emotions. 

Wednesdays, 15 and 22 March 2017, 6:00pm

Bringing Up Great Kids
An interactive workshop for parents and caregivers to help develop strategies to manage your parenting approach. This workshop is designed to help parents understand and manage their child’s behaviour and develop a positive relationship with them.

Wednesdays, 15 and 22 March 2017, 7:00pm

Circle of Security

We aim to help parents feel more effective by developing strategies to manage your parenting approach. This workshop is designed to help parents understand and manage their child’s behaviour and develop a positive relationship with them.

Wednesdays, 15 and 22 March 2017, 7:00pm

All workshops will be held at Relationships Australia SA, 9 Kay Ave Berrin. Register now by calling 08 8582 4122

Music Alive

Introduces the Art of Singing

Do you love to sing?

Primary School-aged students are invited to join the new choir and learn new singing techniques in a fun and exciting group setting.

Make new friends!

Learn great music!

Come sing with us!

Join us at
Music Alive
46 Bookpurnong Tce, Loxton
Fridays from 4:30 – 5:30
Starting Feb 17
Cost is $40 per term (free for current Music Alive students)

More info and to register call Karyn Skenes 0419 253 456

A special space for babies to explore Aboriginal culture through music, dance and play.

Our Corka Bubs

Interactive play sessions for & 18 month olds

21 February 10am – 12 noon
Wellbeing Centre
38 West Avenue, Berri

Children and Family Services provided by Relationships Australia South Australia Ltd and funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.
#### Community Noticeboard

**Loxton Lutheran School**

6 Luther Road  
LOXTON SA 5333  
Phone: 08 8584 7496  
Fax: 08 8584 5478  
Principal: Terry Sawade  
Council Chairperson: Rebecca Arnold  
E-mail: admin@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au

**Website:**  
**Facebook**  
https://www.facebook.com/LoxtonLutheran

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**Loxton Netball Club COACHES**

Expressions of interest are invited for **SEASON 2017**

All junior and senior grades  
Please include: previous coaching experience, coaching qualifications and grade(s) you are interested in coaching.

For further information please contact the club’s president Meegan Frost  
Applications by email meegan.frost@bigpond.com or post PO Box 892, Loxton SA 5333  
Meegan Phone 0438 553 545

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**Loxton Netball Club Team Trials**

**Juniors: 20 Feb, 27 Feb, 6 Mar**  
5:30-7pm  
A1/A2: 20 & 27 Feb 7-8:30pm  
Other senior grades: 6 & 14**  
**Mar 7-8:30pm**  
All at the Loxton Rec Centre  
Enquiries or apologies  
Meegan phone 0438 553 545  
ALL Registrations online – mynetball.com.au  
Check our Facebook page for information, changes and updates

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**Season Selections**

**Senior A Squad:**  
Tues. 28th Feb & Tues. 7th March— 7pm-8:30pm  
Senior B1-C2: Wed. 8th March & Wed. 15th March 7:15 - 8:30pm  
**Juniors:**  
Wed. 8th March & Wed. 15th March - 6pm-7pm  
Please register via MyNetball prior to first trials if you intend to play this year. To register, below are the links to both the senior and junior registration forms online. If you have any trouble with this, please contact club secretary at loxtonnorthnetballclub@gmail.com  
2017 Competitions Entry Form

Student Name: …………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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