

# Happenings



24th November 2020

## Advent Adventure

### Term 4 Week 7

Whenever I go on an adventure, whether it is a holiday, a work trip, or planning events in general, I like to be prepared. I write lists and think of all the things I might need. I try to think of the things we want to happen and the things that might go wrong, and I prepare (or over-prepare) accordingly.

This year has been quite an adventure and I'm not sure any of us were very prepared for what has or might have been. We're not even sure how long this COVID adventure will last. God has been with us, sustaining and guiding us, as we tried to make the most of the opportunities we had.

Advent is the Christian celebration of preparation for Christmas, starting 4 Sundays beforehand. This Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent. In our last 4 weeks of school we are focusing on the Advent themes of Love, Peace, Hope and Joy. We prepare our hearts to receive the gift of Jesus, our saviour.

Before the first Christmas, the Israelites were expecting a Saviour. It had been foretold 400 years prior, but they still weren't really prepared. Jesus wasn't quite the saviour they expected or wanted. They wanted a majestic king to take over their country. They got a baby, born in a stable, announced to some shepherds and foreigners. Jesus may not have been what they expected. But God's love was poured out upon the world, and eventually that was better than they could ever have expected or imagined.

No matter where we are at on our COVID adventure, this Christmas, I pray that we all make the most of the opportunities we have to give and receive the gift of God's love, perhaps in new and unexpected ways.

May God bless you with Love, Peace, Hope and Joy, this Christmas and always.

*Leonie Sheffield*

*I found this poem somewhere,  
that might help you in your  
preparations.*



- ... bake biscuits for a neighbour
- ... make a Christmas hamper for someone
- ... give food to the Riverland Christmas appeal
- ... put Jesus in your lights display
- ... donate clothes or toys you don't need
- ... sit with someone new at lunch
- ... smile at everyone you see
- ... let someone in the line in front of you
- ... phone friends who might be living alone
- ... hide a happy rock
- ... write someone a letter or email

Christmas isn't what you get  
But what you give away  
For Jesus was the gift God gave  
Born on Christmas Day

So let's be kind and share Gods love  
By doing special things  
That help others know God's love for them  
And the joy that Christmas brings.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday November 25

Final Reception Transition Visit

Friday November 27

Assembly - 2:30pm in the LIFE Centre

Wednesday December 2

Captains Speeches

Thursday December 3

Year 1/2 Sleepover (TBC)

Friday December 4

Worship - 2:30pm in the LIFE Centre

Monday December 7

Prayer and Catch-Up Group - 2:15pm in the LIFE Centre

Graduation Dinner

Wednesday December 9th

Class Party Day

Thursday December 10th

Assembly - 2:30pm in the LIFE Centre

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

## From the Principal

*Dear families,*

What an emotional rollercoaster we have all been on over the last week or so! From the lows of lockdown and uncertainty of what the short-term future held for us, to highs of the lockdown ending. As I draft this edition of the Happenings, there is still some uncertainty for us around what recent events means for significant occasions at LLS, such as our End of Year Service and Graduation. We will keep in regular contact with all our families as we receive ongoing advice from SAPOL and relevant education authorities, which will help inform how we manage these events. I thank you for your patience with this.

I wanted to take a moment to thank all our families for your assistance last week. The children transitioned home sensibly on Wednesday, parents were great at following guidelines and directions given and many messages of support were received. Having such a supportive community certainly helped make our jobs that little bit easier last week. Thank you!

I want to also thank our students, who dealt with the uncertainty and upheaval of last week with maturity and grace, and who have returned to school positive and settled.

Lastly, I want to thank our staff, who were superb in the way they supported the students, and each other last Wednesday afternoon, and who rallied behind every decision and action made on the ensuing few days. We are blessed to have such a committed and supportive staff here at LLS!

### Staffing

I am pleased to announce that Anneka Yard will be returning to LLS in 2021. Anneka will be teaching one day per week in Reception with Renee Fielke. Anneka is currently on Maternity Leave.

I also wish to advise that Charmaine Pfitzner, Sara Lloyd and Kristiana Meulen will be joining our LSO team, providing support for students and staff.

We are currently advertising for one more LSO staff member, which should round out staffing for next year.

### Class Structures for 2021

I am pleased to advise our parents of the anticipated class structures for next year. The structures and staff attached are subject to change, should there be fluctuations in enrolment. I am extremely confident with the staff we have in place.

Reception – Joanne Hondow/Heidi Lewis

Reception – Renee Fielke/Anneka Yard

Year 1 – Karl Klose

Year 2 – Abbey James

Year 2/3 – Rebecca Bullock/Sonya Staben

Year 4 – Loryn Taylor

Year 5 – Whitney Peters

Year 6 – Andrea Athanasopoulos/Leanne Reichstein

Year 7 – Leonie Bradtke

Principal – Brad Williams

Student Support/Mission and Ministry Leader – Leonie Sheffield

Instructional Leader – Trish Wright

ELC Director – Corrina Smart

Pastor – Jason Sander

PE Teacher – Tyler Wagner

Arts Teacher – Rachel Klose

German Teacher – Frau Rada

Lead Maths Teachers - Andrea Athanasopoulos and Leonie Bradtke

Business Manager – Sarah Kruschel

Administration – Tracy Jones/Sarah Kruschel

School Chaplain – Amy Harvey

LSO Staff – Nicole Drake, Charmaine Pfitzner, Georgia Hauptman, Kristiana Meulen, Sandy Miller, Amy Harvey, Sara Lloyd, Trudy Battams and (TBC)

ELC Educator – Georgia Hauptman

Canteen – Trudy Battams

Grounds & Maintenance – Darren Zimmermann

Bus Drivers – Jade Wright and Rachel Pontt

## From the Principal

### Transition

Tomorrow is the last transition visit for the 2021 Reception students. The two transition days thus far have been fantastic; children have been busy establishing relationships with staff and other children, familiarising themselves with the classrooms and school grounds, and learning some of the routines associated with school.

The second Year 7 transition day for students attending LHS in 2021 scheduled for Thursday has been postponed until next week. Further information will be provided from

### Camps and Excursions

Our Year 3/4 students had a great time on camp recently. Not even the thunderstorm and loss of power on Tuesday night could dampen their enthusiasm or attitude towards the experience. Thanks again to the Bec, Sonya and Tyler for their organisation of the camp and to the wonderful parents who provided such fantastic support to both the students and staff.

Similarly, our Reception children had a brilliant time on their excursion and at the stay-back. Thanks to Jo and Renee for their organisation and to the parents who assisted.

What a great community we have!

We are awaiting further guidance and advice to determine whether the Year 1 & 2 sleepover is able to take place and will advise parents ASAP.

### SA School Sport

What a great achievement by the lads who represented LLS at the State Basketball Championships last Monday. To finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in their pool, beating some of the biggest and most prestigious school's in SA is remarkable. It made me proud to hear that as well as competing well, the team displayed excellent sportsmanship on the day. Thanks to Mr Wagner of coaching the team and to families for supporting the players, by helping with transport and scoring. Much appreciated!

### School Captain Voting and Speeches

School Captain Speeches will take place on **Wednesday December 2nd**.

Year 6's will deliver speeches at 12:20 pm.  
Year 5's will deliver their speeches at 2:00 pm.

Parents are invited to come along and watch, but are asked to use the hand sanitiser on arrival, and socially distance inside the LIFE Centre.

Voting will look a little different this year. All R-6 students will be voting, not just Year 2-6 as it has been in previous years. It was important for us to acknowledge that even our youngest students deserve the chance to inform the process. This year, staff votes, and student votes will be counted separately, thus giving equal weighting to both cohorts.

All students in Year 6 and 7 will be a part of a service-learning team in 2021.

### Class Party Day

Will take place on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** for all classes. Due to COVID restrictions, food can't be brought from home. Parents may be asked to contribute up to \$5 to help cover the costs of purchasing food. Your class teacher/s will provide further information.

### Improvement Agenda

In the final edition of the Happenings in Week 9, I will be sharing the goals for our 2021 School Improvement Agenda. This will provide insight into areas of school focus for 2021. I will also be sharing some information in relation to changes to learning spaces you will see in the school from next year.

Take care,

Brad

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

(Held fortnightly)

Friday November 27th - 2:30 pm in the Life Centre

## SCHOOL WORSHIP

(Worship services are normally held alternate fortnights to assembly)

### NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday December 4th - 2.30pm in the LIFE Centre

## PRAYER CORNER

This week we are praying for: -

- ◇ Matilda Schultz
- ◇ Sophie Schulz
- ◇ Charlie Setchell
- ◇ Sarah Setchell
- ◇ Kiana Sheffield
- ◇ Braxten Skinner
- ◇ Nate Skinner
- ◇ Jaida Skinner

and Mrs Tricia Wright

Instructional Leader

Prayer or care requests can be forwarded by email to:-

Amy Harvey

[amyh@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au](mailto:amyh@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au)

Leonie Sheffield

[leonies@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au](mailto:leonies@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au)

## CHURCH SERVICES

### St Peter's Lutheran Church

Sunday November 29th 8.30am  
10.30am

Sunday December 6th 8.30am HC  
10.30am

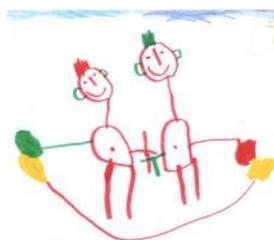
### Concordia Lutheran Church

Sunday November 29th 10.00am

Sunday December 6th 10.00am HC

## ELC News

# Many thanks!



LLS Early Learning Centre

Thank you for your fabulous support with our recent ELC pie and pizza fundraiser. The ELC Committee are very excited to announce that we were able to raise \$1967.13 through the generosity of both school and ELC families. These funds enable us to purchase some new resources and equipment, but also allow us to set some money aside for items that may be required for our new ELC outdoor extension, eg bicycles, etc. Art smocks, Mobilo and collections of novelty counters are some of the immediate purchases that we will now make.



*Corrina Smart*

*ELC Directory*

## SAPSASA Basketball

On Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, we played in the State SAPSASA Basketball Championships in Adelaide after we won the Riverland carnival.

We played against the best teams, from everywhere around S.A. We played against a variety of different schools from many different regions, including some of the biggest schools in Adelaide, such as Prince Alfred College and Pembroke High.

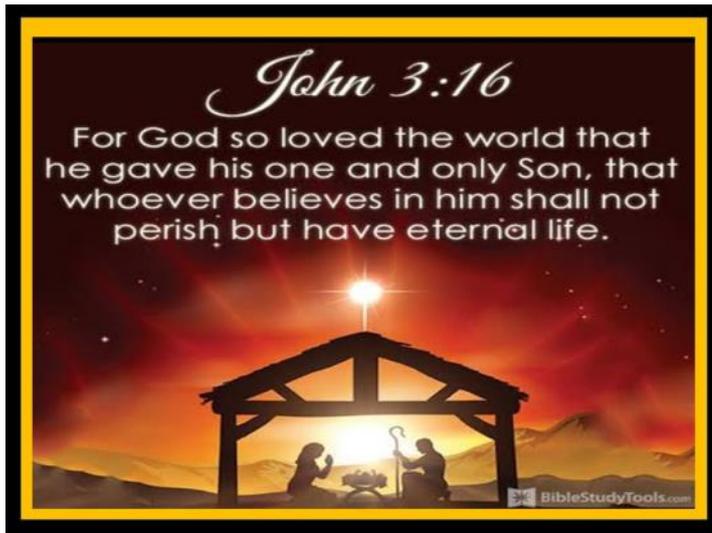
We came second in our pool and won 4 out of 6 games, getting better each game we played. We played with great teamwork and had a lot of fun on and off the court.

Thanks Mr Wagner for being a great coach and LLS for allowing us to go and participate. Our team also appreciated the parents for taking time off work to take us and help score.



**By Jasper Hutchinson**

## BIBLE VERSES



T4 Week 6



T4 Week 7

**PRAYER  
+ catch up  
GROUP**

**Monday November 23rd**

**2:15 pm to 3:15 pm**

**In the LIFE Centre Foyer**

This will be a casual catch-up / prayer gathering over afternoon tea

*Everyone welcome*

For more information, contact Chaplain - Amy Harvey on 8584 7496.

### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Uniform Shop has re-opened Friday afternoons from - 3:15 pm to 3.45pm

*Uniform order forms can be downloaded from the portal or our website and emailed through to the school office*

### BUSINESS MANAGER HOURS

Not available Wednesdays

### LLL SCHOOL BANKING

Every Tuesday

### CANTEEN OPEN DAYS

Wednesday and Friday

**Canteen  
News**

**Over-counter purchases is NOW available again**

*Trudy Battams  
Canteen Manager*

# Community Noticeboard

## Loxton LIGHTS FESTIVAL



28TH NOVEMBER - 31ST DECEMBER

[www.loxtonlights.com](http://www.loxtonlights.com)



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### Christmas Wonderland

With illuminated displays and festive lights stretching over 250 metres, Christmas Wonderland is exactly as wondrous as it sounds. The star of the Christmas Lights Festival, this privately-owned display draws visitors from all over the world. Experience the magic and create lifelong memories with your family during the festive season, Christmas Wonderland is a 'must see' while in Loxton.

Viewing times 8.30pm - 11pm every night from 28th November - 31st December.

### BIKE THE NIGHT

A great way to see the lights is by cycling the sights. Bring the family to Heritage Park to decorate your bikes or scooters (and yourself) with free glow sticks before riding off to explore the streets in and around Santa's Walk. Then return to enjoy refreshments from Little Miss Daisy Pop Up Caravan including smoothies, milkshakes, ice-cream, coffee, cakes and donuts.

Weather permitting.

Sunday 20th December from 8pm - 9.30pm.

### Peace, Joy, Merry

A brand new attraction this year, we welcome Peace, Joy and Merry. Restored and relocated from their original site in Rundle Mall, these oversized and illuminated words are a gorgeous 'photo-worthy' addition to East Terrace on the lawns above the Charles Sturt Memorial plinth.

Viewing times 8.30pm-11pm every night from 28th November - 31st December.

### Shop Local this Christmas

The Loxton Chamber of Commerce invite you to the Riverland's best shopping strip which will open for special Sunday trading throughout December! East Terrace is a vibrant and thriving village-style main street with a diverse range of specialty shops and services. Many independent, family-run small businesses offer a unique Christmas shopping experience.

Regular shopping hours Monday - Friday and Saturdays to midday. Special Sunday trading in December on 6th, 13th and 20th from 10am-2pm.

Further information at [www.loxtonchamber.com.au](http://www.loxtonchamber.com.au)

### Christmas Nostalgia

A colourful, historic display of all things Christmas from goose feather and novel trees to unique decorations and toys. Re-Live traditions and special Christmas customs over many decades through this treasured private collection.

Permanently displayed in the Loxton Newsagency, 12 East Terrace during normal trading hours.

### SANTA'S WALK

Watch the magic of Christmas light up our homes and streets, as locals put the spirit of the season on show. Families can experience the captivating Christmas lights along Hilbig Street, where it all began, and its surrounds (see map over!).

Viewing times 8.30pm - 11pm every night from 28th November to 31st December.

### Loxton Light Show

The avenue of trees in the centre of East Terrace become the feature of a magical light show every night. 30 large spotlights illuminate the trees creating a beautiful sequence of colour and movement.

Viewing times 8.30pm - 11pm every night from 28th November to 31st December.



### FESTIVAL FERRIS WHEEL

To celebrate the first week of the Christmas Lights Festival you can ride the ferris wheel in East Terrace. Take in the unique and spectacular views of the Murray River and surrounds by day, or enjoy the magic of Loxton's Christmas lights by night.

Murray Street crossover East Terrace from Saturday 28th November - Sunday 6th December. Strictly adhering to COVID-19 Safety Protocols.

6pm-11pm weeknights, 10am-11pm Saturdays, 11am-9pm Sundays. Weather permitting.

### Community Carols

Get the family together for Loxton's very own Carols by Candlelight! The combined churches of Loxton invite you to come together and sing along to your favourite carols at the town oval, Bookpurnong Terrace.

From 7pm Sunday 13th December. BYO chairs, rugs, candles, lanterns, torches. Event will be cancelled if inclement weather.



# Community Noticeboard



To request an appointment online, go to:

[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment)

For clinic locations, go to: [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/findyourclinic](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/findyourclinic)

## HOLIDAY CLOSURE DATES

Berri Dental will be closed from Monday, 21 December 2020 and will re-open on Tuesday, 12 January 2021.

For any dental emergencies during this time, please call our emergency hotline number: 0437 733 350

We wish you all a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Years and we look forward to seeing your smiles in 2021!

Sachin, Coralie and Belinda  
(08) 8582 1944  
admin@berridentist.com.au

**Berri Dental**

## Loxton Mardi Gras

# KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

Christmas movie: Elf  
At the Loxton Club  
Saturday, November 28, 6pm  
\$10 entry includes nibbles & drinks  
Raffle, games and visit from Santa

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - CALL 8584 7353

## Holiday Swim

SWIM AND SURFIE

# ENROL NOW!

DECEMBER 14 - 18

Adelaide Hills  
Loxton  
Murray Bridge  
Waikerie  
Walleroo



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