

Happenings



23rd March 2021

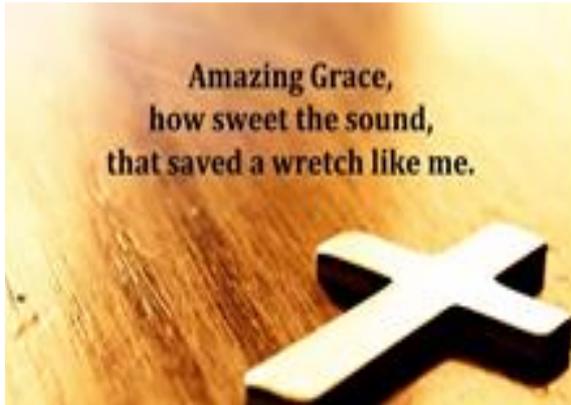
Forgiveness

Term 1 Week 9

"I forgive you."

Sometimes these words are hard to say.

To forgive someone means to let go of the hurt – to not hold it against them.



At school, when dealing with conflict, we talk about what happened, and what happened before that. Most often there have been mistakes made by both parties, errors in judgement. Once we've worked out what went wrong, and what else we could have done, we ask if anything needs fixing or if anyone would like to apologise for anything. Usually, one person readily offers an apology and then the next person usually follows.

Sometimes though, it is trickier to say I forgive you. I suggest to children to say thank you for the apology. In time they might be ready to say I forgive you, but often not straight away, because it still hurts.

It is so amazing that God, in his amazing love for us, forgives us all of our sins. All of them. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have forgiveness. God doesn't hold our sins against us. We believe that Jesus took the punishment for our sins to the cross. And so, we say sorry. Knowing that God already forgives us makes it easier to say sorry and try to do better next time.

Knowing that we are forgiven makes it easier to forgive others. And so we pray, as Jesus taught us, **...forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.** (Matthew 6:12)

I pray that as we draw near to the celebration of Easter once more, you know that you are loved and forgiven. Believing in Jesus as our saviour means that we can pass that forgiveness on to others. Giving and receiving forgiveness is what we celebrate in each rich, sweet chocolate egg that we eat at Easter.

Blessings to you all this Easter, as we thank God for this incredible gift of forgiveness.

Leonie Sheffield.



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday March 23

Zones of Regulation Parent Sessions
Rm11 3.30 - 4.30pm 7.00 - 8.00pm

Friday March 26

Casual Day - Odd Socks and Orange
Whole School Assembly - 2:30 pm in the LIFE Centre, led by Year 2 class

Monday 29th

Prayer & Catchup - 2.15pm in the LIFE Centre with Amy

Thursday April 1

Whole School Easter Worship
2:15 pm in the LIFE Centre

Friday April 2 Good Friday P/Holiday

Monday April 5 Easter Monday P/Holiday

Tuesday April 6

Student Free Day
Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday April 9

Whole School Assembly - 1:45 pm in the LIFE Centre, led by the Receptions
End of term dismissal 2.15pm

From the Principal

Dear Families,

Last Tuesday the BGA Committee visited LLS, where they toured our site and asked questions about our Master Plan and application for capital funding. We were the fourteenth school they had visited (out of twenty-four) but the first who had school captains involved in the tour. The BGA Committee commented on how well our school leaders conducted themselves and the great job they did answering questions that were asked of them. It was a very proud moment! It was brilliant to have both Mrs Jenni Hampel (Board Chairperson) and Mrs Rebecca Arnold (Board Vice-Chairperson) join us for the session. We will know in May if we have been successful in obtaining any capital grant funding to support Stage 1 of our Master Plan.

Casual Day - Lotsa Socks and Orange for Harmony Day

This Friday 26th March, students are invited to wear orange and/or lotsa socks as part of a casual day (gold coin donation) as we raise awareness and funds for Down Syndrome. Down Syndrome is close to our hearts here at LLS. All money raised will be sent to the Down Syndrome Association of South Australia.

Children who don't have anything orange can wear lotsa socks and casual clothes. Appropriate footwear and clothing must be worn (e.g. no singlets or thongs).

Cyber Safety Sessions

Last week our Year 6 and 7 students participated in a Cyber Safety workshop led by Acting Sergeant, Michael Bradbury, from the Crime Prevention Section of the Police Force. This session was designed to give the students information to help them navigate the Internet in a safe manner and learn about the penalties for inappropriate online behaviour.

SA School Sport

On Wednesday, approximately 34 students will be representing LLS at the SA School Sport Athletics Carnival in Waikerie. We wish them every blessing. Thanks to Mr Wagner for preparing the team.

Tuesday 6th April is the date for the SA School Sport Netball and Football Carnival, to be held in

Loxton. More information will be forthcoming.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Most parents have now booked a time for Parent Teacher Interviews using Sentral. For those who haven't, you have until this Friday to do so. Any parents needing support are encouraged to contact the front office.

Parent/teacher interviews form part of Loxton Lutheran School's Assessment and Reporting Policy and provide a great opportunity for you as a parent to find out how your child is progressing at school. To help you maximise the time that you have with your child's teacher you might like to consider the following:

- Making a list of questions you want to ask. Keep them short and concise.
- Clarify any information you don't understand.
- Ask how you can help your child in areas that may require strengthening.
- Listen to the teacher and give them an opportunity to speak.
- Discuss your interview with your child once you get home and assist them in making plans for growth, as well as celebrating those areas of success and achievement.

So that we can ensure that all interviews begin and end on time, a bell will sound when there is one minute left in the conversation with the teacher. This time needs to be used to conclude your meeting and to exit the room, ready for the next parent to start.

This is a student free day.

AGM/School Board News

Congratulations to Mark Pumpa (re-standing) and Jenni Hampel (re-standing) who were re-elected to the School Board at the AGM last Thursday. Congratulations are also extended to Simon Milton, who was elected to the School Board at the AGM.

The LLS community gives thanks to Paula Nitschke and Nikki Tullett, whose time on the board officially concluded at the AGM. Both Paula and Nikki served the board and school with passion and professionalism and we thank them for their contributions.

From the Principal

Easter Worship

All families and community members are invited to celebrate our Easter Worship on Thursday 1st April at 2:15pm. For any parents wanting a hot cross bun or coffee, these will be available from 1:45pm.

LIFE Centre IT Upgrade

An upgrade to the LIFE Centre IT will take place from Tuesday-Thursday this week. It is long overdue and will make the operation of our IT technology much simpler to use and navigate.

Problem Solving

The weight of each individual's contribution is collectively valuable to our school and builds the supportive culture that we hope to always create here at LLS. Offering both positive and constructive feedback is an important way to build our culture. Negative or constructive feedback does not belong in the car park, at a social BBQ, or at one of the local coffee shops, unheard by those who most need to hear about it. By sharing openly, courageously and respectfully, to whom it concerns, enables clarity to be achieved. Negative feedback in isolation serves only to build a negative culture that builds anxiety and in most instances, misinformation.

From time to time there may be issues that require working through, clarification or management. Should any parent have a concern about something at school, please follow the communication guidelines sent out in the first edition of the Happenings. Staff have the responsibility of managing issues at school and the class teachers at LLS, together with the Leadership Team, are happy to work through issues or concerns raised. To ensure a positive outcome is achieved it is important to raise concerns promptly with the relevant staff members and through the correct channels.

School Life

Life does not always go to plan and nor do relationships. It is normal and to be expected that children grow through times of building, maintaining and losing friendships. It is normal, and to be expected, that at times there is conflict between children and working through issues is a healthy and necessary component of growth and maturity.

Developmentally, children go through many phases and all at different rates and it is important to keep this in mind.

So, what do parents do if they discover their child is encountering or involved with conflict in the playground or with friendships?

- Reassure their child and speak calmly about it
- Offer suggestions for responding to the conflict, e.g. use friendly words, walk away, let a teacher know
- Roleplay and practice what to say and do
- Always remember that there is another perspective and side to the situation
- Inform the teacher via phone call or meeting to make them aware. Teachers can then support all students to restore the friendship and situation.

What doesn't work and damages relationships:

- Hostility and emotional arousal by parents
- Direct contact by parents with the children involved or parents of the children involved (breach of parent code of conduct)
- Justification of bullying behaviours
- Blaming others, not supporting your child to take responsibility for their behaviour

Our staff are here to support the wellbeing and safety all students. As a Christian school, we exercise mercy in the way we educate and support all students to be the very best they can be. This involves processes of understanding and forgiveness, of acceptance and tolerance. These values can, at times, be in conflict with mainstream society, but we hope not so with our families.

If any parents need to talk about anything concerning their child, then the classroom teacher is always the most appropriate and best person to approach. Going directly to the source is always the best. If the classroom teacher is not available and it is urgent, then a member of the leadership team can be approached.

Take care,

Brad

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

(Held fortnightly)

Friday March 26th 2:30pm in
the LIFE Centre

SCHOOL WORSHIP

*(Worship services are normally held
alternate fortnights to assembly)*

NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday April 1st
Whole School Easter Worship
- 2:15 pm in the LIFE Centre

PRAYER CORNER

This week we are praying for: -

- ◇ Ayrton Giles
- ◇ Carter Goodhand
- ◇ Cruise Goodhand
- ◇ Mason Griffin
- ◇ Scarlett Hall
- ◇ Caleb Hampel
- ◇ Hannah Hampel
- ◇ Kayde Hampel
- ◇ Mia Hampel
- ◇ Angus Matthews
- ◇ Mawdsley Isabella
- ◇ Annabel McConnell
- ◇ Anna McCullough
- ◇ Macy MCCullough
- ◇ Abigail McGregor
- ◇ Angus Milton
- ◇ Levi Milton

and Mrs Loryn Taylor, Teacher

CHURCH SERVICES

St Peter's Lutheran Church

Sunday March 28 8.30am HC
 10.30am HC
Maundy Thursday April 1 7.00pm

Concordia Lutheran Church

Sunday March 28 10.00am HC
Sunday March 21 10.00am HC

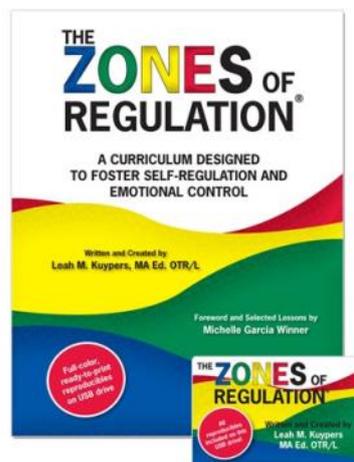
Chaplain Chat

We have now completed our 8 weekly sessions together and yesterday we had a celebration session over lunch. It has been a very worthwhile program as I have seen a lot of growth in all participants. I am looking forward to running the next one!

Thanks,
Amy



Zones of Regulation Sessions



LLS Parent Workshop 2021

March 23rd Room 11

3:30 – 4:30 pm

or 7- 8 pm

Understanding Ourselves and Others
Students – Teachers – Parents - Partners



Scholastic Book Club

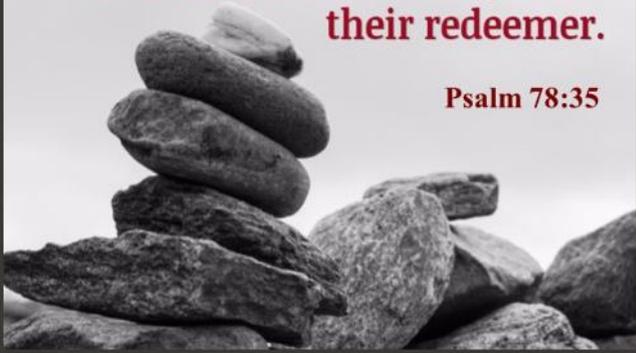
SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:

Friday 26th March

BIBLE VERSES

They remembered that God was
their rock, the Most High God
their redeemer.

Psalm 78:35



T1 Week 8

T1 Week 9

THEY REMEMBERED THAT
GOD WAS THEIR ROCK,
THE MOST HIGH GOD
THEIR REDEEMER.

PSALM 78:35 ESV



PRAYER & CATCH UP GROUP

PRAYER
& catch up
GROUP

Monday March 29th

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
News**

CANTEEN OPEN DAYS

Wednesday and Friday

**\$1 Fruit Hot Cross Buns
until the end of term**

**FRIDAY
SPECIAL**

Friday March 26th

**Potato Wedges
with sour cream & chilli
or tomato sauce**

\$4.00

(contains gluten)

