

# Happenings



8th June 2021

## Gratitude

### Term 2 Week 7

You probably have seen this short passage before, but it does serve as a wonderful reminder about the importance of gratitude and not to take the small things in life for granted.

“When times seem tough, spare a thought...

- If you wake up this morning with more health than illness – you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.
- If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep – you are richer than 75% of this world.
- If you have some money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in your car somewhere – you are among the top 8% of the world’s wealthy.

If you can read this message – you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.”

These thoughts suggest that we need to focus our attention from what we don’t have, to being grateful for what we do have. Gratitude is an attitude of the heart and has been referred to as the “grammar” of life, an underlying structure that helps us shape and make sense of our lives. We learn the “grammar” of gratitude when we practise saying “thank you” for both happy and challenging experiences, for people, memories, dreams and the beauty of nature. There are the everyday things that often go unnoticed and taken for granted whilst we go busily about life. These are the extraordinary moments that make us smile and feel good inside.

So, take heart if you are a parent who works at instilling a sense of gratitude in your children. You are helping them to be positive thinkers who will enrich the lives of other people because of their appreciation of their own.

**"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

Submitted by Brad Williams



## IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday June 8

LLS Board Meeting - 7.30pm

Thursday June 10

Worship - 2.30pm in the LIFE Centre, led by the Yr 2 class

Friday June 11

Student Free Day

Monday June 14

Public Holiday

Friday June 18

Assembly - 2.30pm in the LIFE Centre, led by the Reception HL class

Uniform Shop OPEN 3.15-3.45pm

Scholastic Book Club Orders DUE

Monday June 21

Prayer & Catch up Group - 2.15pm in the LIFE Centre

Friday June 25

Worship - 2.30pm in the LIFE Centre, led by the Yr 5 class

Uniform Shop OPEN 3.15-3.45pm

Friday July 2

Assembly - 2.30pm in the LIFE Centre, led by the Reception FY class

Uniform Shop OPEN 3.15-3.45pm

## From the Principal

### ***Dear Families,***

There has certainly been a lot happening at school over the last couple of weeks to keep us all busy, and as I look at the calendar to see what is coming up over the last four weeks of term, it seems quite action-packed.

Our Year 4 students had a great time playing Putt-Putt Golf at the Berri Caravan Park last week. This experience will help them design their own golf holes back at school. Similarly, the Year 7 students had a brilliant day at Banrock Station last Tuesday, learning about sustainability, land management and ecology. Our Year 6 & 7 students have finished Sports Coaching sessions with LHS students, there have been soccer carnivals, students going down to Adelaide to represent the Riverland for football and netball, the Year 11 Child Studies class from LHS came to visit our Reception classes last week and we have welcomed many special guests to talk to students about 'Service'.

This coming week we have a combined Choir Cluster rehearsal in the LIFE Centre and will welcome other special guests into the school to share their experiences around the theme of service.

### **BGA Success Behaviour Consultant Feedback**

Last Monday we welcomed Behaviour Consultant and Director of SA Kids Connect, Marilla Stein back to LLS. This is the third visit we have had from Marilla, whom we invite to our school, to give us feedback on the work we are doing at school around Student Support. Marilla is an excellent sounding board who has a strong affinity for working with regional schools. She recognises and understands the extra challenges faced by learning communities and parents around lack of service providers and the roles that schools, and staff are asked to play as a result. During the time she spent with us, Marilla, accompanied by Student Support Leader, Leonie Sheffield, walked through our school, and visited many of the classrooms and learning spaces where students were working. Towards the end of her time with us, Leonie, Marilla and I had the chance to discuss some important issues around Student Support. The visit ended with Marilla sharing some excellent feedback to us on the excellent work we are doing at LLS to support students with learning and wellbeing needs.

### **Transition Information & Opportunities**

Last Tuesday, Year 6 & 7 teaching staff, Boards/Governing Councils and Principals had the chance to

attend a meeting facilitated by the LHS Transition Team. At this meeting, the Transition Team shared information about the plans to support Year 6 and Year 7 students to Loxton High School in 2022.

Last Wednesday, Year 6 and 7 teaching staff, together with Leaders from the Loxton District Schools met to discuss transition processes for students. Transition dates are on the Sentral calendar. We will provide parents with information about any transition dates or activities with plenty of notice.

Planning is underway with Loxton District Schools in relation to Activity Days for Year 6 and 7 students. Both the Year 6 and Year 7 students will have two activity days together in Term 4, which will provide an opportunity for students to meet new children and build relationships. Once final details are confirmed, information will be sent to parents.

### **Welcome to LLS**

We welcome Arlo and his family to LLS. Arlo started in Reception H/L last Monday.

### **Health Check Survey**

Families will have until June 15<sup>th</sup> to complete the Health Check Survey that was sent to all families on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. The surveys will only take approximately 15 minutes to complete and are completely anonymous. We would kindly appreciate each family taking time to complete the survey. Survey responses will be collated by LESNW (Lutheran Education South Australia, Northern Territory and Western Australia) and be made available to the school board. The data we receive through these surveys will be critical for the School Board and School Leadership Team to help us plan and map current and future actions.

### **Specialist Learning Area Survey Sharing**

Last year, all parents, staff and upper primary students had an opportunity to share their thinking about the specialist learning area offerings at Loxton Lutheran School. The Leadership Team have been working over subsequent months to organise this data, analyse the data and make decisions about the specialist learning area offerings at LLS for 2022 and beyond. As well as survey data, many other sources of information and work, such as the School Master Plan, Australian Curriculum General Capabilities, education research, understanding enrolment trends at LLS, conversations with other site leaders and knowledge of our local

## From the Principal

context have helped to inform our decisions. Our decisions have not been made lightly. We are confident that the changes will help to improve learning and wellbeing for all students. We are confident that our changes will help students be well placed for the next step in the learning journey.

From 2022, at LLS:

Physical Education will remain a specialist learning area.

The Arts will remain a specialist learning area.

We will be introducing a new Science specialist learning area. This learning area will also integrate the Digital and Design Technologies learning area. Elements of agriculture will be covered as well.

German will no longer be offered as a specialist learning area. We will be introducing AUSLAN into classrooms. AUSLAN is one of the languages that schools can choose from the Australian Curriculum under the Languages banner. AUSLAN will **not** be taught as a specialist learning area as such, rather, it is likely to form part of our Morning Routine and facilitated daily. We are still exploring various options for incorporating this into our learning and teaching.

Over coming months, the Leadership Team will have a lot of work to do to prepare for the introduction of our new offerings. We will continue to keep our community informed along the journey.

### Worship on Thursday

Worship this Thursday is being hosted by our Year 2 class, with all parents and family members invited to attend. The Worship service will be attended by LESNW Principals and Directors, who will be in Loxton for a conference on Thursday and Friday. Prior to worship, I will be taking these special guests for a tour of our school and highlighting some of the changes to facilities/learning spaces that will be taking place at LLS over coming years.

### Semester 1 Student Reports

Preparation is under way for the writing of reports for Semester 1. Reports are one way that teachers provide feedback to parents about their child's learning. We are reminded that many of the important aspects of learners can't be formally assessed and that these reports are summative by nature – they don't tell the full story.

Reports will be made available on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Families will access reports via Sentral. Any parents who need help creating their Sentral account are asked to contact Sarah Kruschel. In the next edition of the Happenings, we will attach a guide showing parents how to access reports through Sentral.

### Student Free Day

A reminder that this coming Friday is a Student Free Day. No LLS or Department of Education buses will be running on this day.

### SA School Sport

We congratulate Josh, Ed, Sam, Tom, Tom, Clara, Arabella, Sophie and Layla who represented the Riverland at SA School Sport Regional Football and Netball Carnivals last week. The footballers found the going pretty tough and came away with one win from their nine games. The netballers enjoyed more success winning five games to come 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. What a wonderful experience for all involved!

We congratulate our boys' soccer team who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the recent SA School Sport Riverland Soccer carnival in Renmark. What a great effort!

Well done to Sarah, who joined the St. Albert's team for the day.



### BGA / Car Park

Progress continues around both the new building and car park. This week we have had site surveyors and mapping services staff here. Exciting times!

Take care,

Brad

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*(Held fortnightly)*

Friday June 18th 2:30pm in the LIFE Centre, led by the Rec HL class

## SCHOOL WORSHIP

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

## NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday Jun 10th 2:30pm in the LIFE Centre, led by the Yr2 class

## PRAYER CORNER

This week we are praying for: -

- ◇ Cooper Nitschke
- ◇ Lucinda Nitschke
- ◇ Trinity Nitschke
- ◇ Ryan Noack
- ◇ Stella Noack
- ◇ Eve Oates
- ◇ Ed Obst
- ◇ Elijah Obst
- ◇ Ivy Obst
- ◇ Lucas Obst
- ◇ Mitchell Obst
- ◇ Quinn Obst
- ◇ Poppy Oldroyd

and Mrs Rachel Klose, Bus driver

## CHURCH SERVICES

### St Peter's Lutheran Church

Sunday June 13th	8.30am HC
	10.30am HC
Sunday June 20th	8.30am HC
	10.30am HC
Sunday June 27th	8.30am HC
	10.30am HC

### Concordia Lutheran Church

Sunday June 13th	10.00am
Sunday June 20th	10.00am HC
Sunday June 27th	10.00am HC
Sunday July 4th	10.00am HC

## Year 1 Service Project News

During Christian Studies this term, the Year 1 students have been learning about service. Last Thursday, the Year 1's had a guest speaker called Kimberlee visit to talk about her voluntary service with the charity Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs.

Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs is a charity that collects plastic bread tags in Australia. These bread tags are recycled by a company in Robe, who create bowls, serving boards, coasters and doorknobs out of them. These items are then sold, and the money raised is used to purchase wheelchairs for disadvantaged people in South Africa.

It takes 250kg of bread tags to fund 1 wheelchair.

After Kimberlee's visit, the Year 1's decided to help. Together, they have created a plan to collect bread tags, with the goal to fill 1 large tub by the end of this school year. To do this, they would like your help. If you could please collect any plastic bread tags you use at home, that would be fantastic! The Year 1's will provide each class with a small container to collect their tags in and, when this is full, they will be able to empty it into the Year 1's tub. The office will also be provided with a collection container for community members to utilise.

Thank you in advance for your support.

LLS Year 1's



## SAPSASA Soccer News

Congratulations to 13 of our year 5/6/7 students who competed in the Riverland School Sport Soccer Carnival last week.

The boys competed well all day finishing top of our pool and making the Grand final. Unfortunately we lost to a very strong St Alberts team, who finished the day undefeated. Finishing Runners Up for the day is a massive effort considering not all the boys play soccer for a Riverland club!

A special mention goes to Sarah Setchell who played for St Alberts in the Girls competition. Well done Sarah!

Thank you again for all our parent support, it is always appreciated. And a big thanks to Mr Williams for driving us safely to Renmark and back.

Mr Wagner

## BIBLE VERSES

T2 Week 6

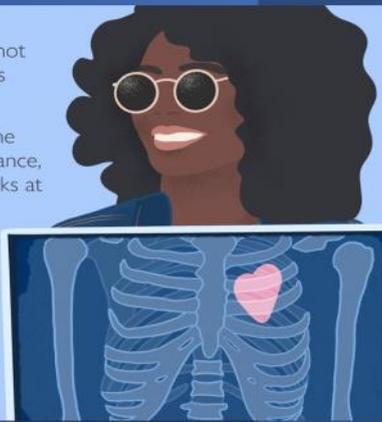
### Justice



**Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.**  
**Psalms 106:3**

'The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'

1 Samuel 16:7



T2 Week 7

PRAYER & CATCH UP GROUP

## PRAYER + catch up GROUP

**Monday June 21st**

**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 reopened Friday afternoon from 3.15pm to 3.45pm.

Uniform order forms can be downloaded from the portal or our website. Uniform orders via email or forms can be dropped into the school at anytime for filling during the day.

*\*\* Formal shirts and jackets have now arrived \*\**

### BUSINESS MANAGER HOURS

Not available Wednesdays

### LLL SCHOOL BANKING

Every Tuesday

*\*\* Bank books have been sent off today to LLL to have annual interest payments added \*\**

**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Club**

orders are due:

Friday 18th June

# Canteen News

### CANTEEN OPEN DAYS

Wednesday and Friday

**NO SPECIAL this week**

# Community Noticeboard

**LOXTON NETBALL CLUB**  
invite ALL Riverland Juniors  
to a  
**Skills Clinic**  
with **Emily Beaton**

**Sunday 4th July 2021.**

**U11's & U13's: 9.30 - 10.30 am**  
**U15's & 17's: 10.45 - 11.45 am**

@ **Loxton Sporting Precinct**

**\$5 Participation fee for individuals not registered with LNC**

**RSVP to**  
**Hollie 0407 269 172**




**AUSTRALIAN DANCE THEATRE**



Featuring 10 incredible dancers who display "spectacular ... athleticism" (Witness Performance magazine). *South* by Garry Stewart is a contemporary dance work full of beauty and power.

Don't miss ADT's *South* at the Chaffey Theatre on 18 June at 7:30pm - tickets available now from the theatre (student discount available).

**Free Workshops with ADT**

Australian Dance Theatre is offering Renmark dance students the opportunity to learn from their talented ensemble while they are in town.

Dance students aged 12+ are invited to participate in 1 of 2 free workshops being led by ADT dancers **Kimball Wong** and **Zoe Wozniak**, where they will have the chance to learn some choreography from *South*, as well as signature techniques that have made ADT one of our country's most awarded dance companies since its inception in 1985.

**WORKSHOP DATE:** Wednesday 16 June  
**WORKSHOP TIMES:** 4pm and 8:30pm  
**VENUE:** TBC  
**LENGTH:** 1.5 hours  
**COST:** Free

To register to attend, please email: [ticketing@adt.org.au](mailto:ticketing@adt.org.au)

Further information (including venue details) will be provided via email following your registration.

Visit [adt.org.au](http://adt.org.au)




(L) Kimball Wong (R) Zoe Wozniak (C) Josh Geelen

This great secret was hidden to the people of times past, but it is now made known to those who belong to Christ. - Colossians 1:26 (NIV)

**Top Secret JcLife**  
JUNIOR CHRISTIAN LIFE

**YEARS 4 to 7**  
**JULY 12TH - 15TH 2021**  
**CAMP KEDRON, BARMERA**

**First Time Camper Sponsorship**  
We are offering a generous sponsorship for first time campers attending camp in 2021

**PRICE:**  
Regular: \$130 (Til 27/6/21)  
\$5 per person sibling discount

To register, visit:  
[blueprintministries.org.au/camps/jc-life/](http://blueprintministries.org.au/camps/jc-life/)

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**LOXTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**KEY YEAR 6 & 7 TRANSITION DATES**

**PRINCIPAL TOURS**

Students and Parents are invited to a Principal Tour on the following dates:

- Friday 14 May
- Monday 31 May
- Friday 25 June
- Monday 2 August
- Friday 27 August
- Tuesday 31 August (Yr 6 Orientation Morning)
- Wednesday 20 October



Tours start at 9:00am until 10:15am.  
Bookings to be made using the following link / QR code.  
<https://magnetevent.se/Event/principal-tour-41840/>

**LOXTON LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
**WALK OUR WAY**  
Friday 2nd July  
9am to 2:15pm

**WALK MY WAY**  
GIVING FEET TO BRING LOVE TO LIFE

**\$26**  
The amount it costs for a refugee child to attend school for a year.

Raise funds and walk on the day to help support refugee children get to school.

Check out our school fundraiser page to donate and for more details...

- Activity Stations
- BBQ lunch
- Craft stalls




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