

Happenings



14th September 2021

Hope

Term 3 Week 9

Last Friday was RUOK day. This movement is about checking in with those around us and paying attention to their response, or their lack of response, because people often keep their deepest struggles hidden.

Hope is such an important thing to have. Hope is knowing that even though things might not be going as well as we would like, even to the point of overwhelming us, that there is a way through. It is when we lose sight of the big picture, that we can lose hope.

As Christians, God's love and promises are what help to give us hope, through faith. It is in knowing that no matter what we've done, what has happened, or what we are facing, that God cares about us, wants to help us, and promises that he will be with us. Jesus faced our greatest fears and defeated them, through his death and resurrection. Our hope is in Jesus, and God's enormous love for us. It is not about relying on our own ability to change everything, but to be the best we can be despite our circumstances.

This week we are focusing on Resilience and our bible verse is from Romans 5:3b-4 ... we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Resilience is just that; knowing that it is in the tough times that we can see good things; being able to keep trying even when things aren't going so well; to get back up again.

Another favourite verse of mine reminds me about what really counts at the end: And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Show love and kindness to those around you by asking are you OK and really caring when they are not. This is how we shine God's love.

Leonie Sheffield



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday September 15th

Matinee Performance - 11.45am in the LIFE Centre

SAPSASA Basketball Carnival in Adelaide

Thursday September 16th

Evening Performance - 6.45pm in the LIFE Centre

Students to arrive at 6.25pm

Friday September 17th

Assembly - 2.30pm in the LIFE Centre - led by the Year 7 Class

Uniform shop OPEN 3.15-3.45pm

Friday September 24th

Worship - 1.30pm in the LIFE Centre, led by the Year 3 class

End of Term Early Dismissal 2.15pm

Uniform Shop OPEN 2.15-2.45pm

Saturday September 25th

Uniform Shop OPEN 9.00-12 noon

Monday October 11th

Term 4 begins

From the Principal

Dear families,

The anticipation is building as we draw closer to the school concert. A lot of time, energy and effort has gone into preparing for this event. We are looking forward to being able to welcome our families into the LIFE Centre for the matinee performance on Wednesday and then for the 'real deal' on Thursday night. The matinee performance will begin at approximately 11:45am and the concert on Thursday will commence at 6:45pm, with all students needing to be in their classrooms at 6:25pm.

As has been previously communicated, COVID rules and restrictions mean that there are limitations on the number of family members who can attend. Today, each family will have received tickets for the Thursday night performance (given to eldest child in the family). These tickets **MUST** be presented on the night. We will have COVID marshals at the door and staff will be checking tickets prior to you entering the LIFE Centre. Please help us by having your tickets and by only having three adults (including high school children) attend on the night. All adults will be required to wear a mask, scan in using the QR code and use the hand sanitiser provided. There will be no shared tea after concert this year. Parking will be available on the school oval for families for the Thursday night. A large floodlight will be turned on to help with safe navigation. Please remember to drive slowly and safely through the school grounds, as there will be a lot of young children present.

Tickets are not being given out for the matinee performance on Wednesday. Any adults attending will still need to wear a mask, scan in using the QR code and use the sanitiser provided. We will have COVID marshals for this performance and staff counting the

number of adults in attendance.

I want to extend a huge thank you to staff and students who have been working hard to prepare for the concert.

Staffing News

Mrs Leanne Reichstein is taking three weeks of long service leave and will be back on deck in week 2 of term 4. Mrs Andrea Athanasopoulos will be taking the year 6 class whilst Leanne is away.

Ms Rebecca Bullock is taking long service leave throughout all of term 4. Mrs Sonya Staben will be teaching in the year 2/3 class whilst Rebecca is away.

Mrs Loryn Taylor is currently away on long service leave and will be returning in term 4.

Mrs Annette Blackett is teaching the year 4 class until the end of this term.

I will be away in week 10. Mrs Trish Wright and Mrs Leonie Sheffield will be acting as Officers in Charge in my absence.

Mr Karl Klose will be returning to the year 1 class in term 4. Karl is very excited to reconnect with students, families and staff. We sincerely thank Ms Lewanna Hampel for teaching in the year 1 class throughout terms 2 and 3.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Ms Trudy Battams and her family on the recent passing of Trudy's mother.

2022 Class Structures and Staffing

Throughout the term the Leadership Team have been looking at class structures and staffing for 2022. In working through this, we have some clear objectives in mind. With respect to our class structures, I can share with all families that we will again have 9 classes in 2022. This is despite both our year 6 and 7 students leaving for high school at the end of this year.

From the Principal

Next year we are aspiring to keep our class sizes as small as possible, particularly in junior primary. Where possible, we will be trying to keep straight classes, although some composite classes will be required to help us reduce class sizes. We will again be aspiring to provide LSO support to students according to their level of need. It is anticipated that early next term I will be able to share staffing announcements with our community.

Whilst talking about class sizes, I want to remind our families that at LLS, we have class size guidelines, endorsed by the school board, that we follow. The guidelines set out the maximum number of students per class.

These are as follows:

Reception – 24 students

Year 1 and Year 2 – 26 students

Year 3 to Year 6 – 28 students

Worth noting is that from recent conversations with principals of regional learning communities here in SA and in reference to both the Lutheran Education Australian and the Department of Education policies on class sizes, our class size guidelines compare very favourably.

Early Learning Centre

To help accommodate the strong interest from families wishing to enrol their children in the ELC, I can advise families that in 2022, the Early Learning Centre will open 4 days per week, Monday-Thursday.

Tuesdays and Thursdays will be available for children completing their kindy program.

There are already 20 children enrolled to complete their kindy education on these days, meaning no vacancies exist at the moment.

We are already fielding interest from families wanting to enrol their child in the kindy

program in 2023!

Mondays and Wednesdays will be available for children aged 3-5. Already, there has been strong interest from families for securing a place for their child on these days. I would encourage all families hoping to secure a spot for their child on a Monday or Wednesday, or both, to contact ELC Director, Ms Corrina Smart, as soon as possible.

SA School Sport

We wish our year 7 boys all the best as they compete in the SA School Sport State Country Basketball Carnival on Wednesday.

We also wish those year 3 and 4 students representing LLS at the Hot Shots Tennis carnival on Thursday every success.

Congratulations to Arabella, who has been selected in the Riverland Team to compete in the SA School Sport girls football carnival which will take place in Adelaide in week 2 of term 4.

Ready for Reception Information Session

It was great to see so many parents at the Ready for Reception Information session last night. It was a great chance for parents to learn a bit about what reception will look like in 2022, to meet other parents, and to hear what they can do to support their child prior to 2022. Thank you to all who came along. Thanks also must go to the reception staff for presenting the session and to our school captains who helped greet parents and shared some of their reflections of the school.

Transition

Year 6 students visited LHS last Friday as a part of the transition program designed to help students prepare for the next stage of their learning journey. In term 4, both the year 6 and year 7 students will have two visits

From the Principal

to LHS, as well as being able to take part in a Mud Run at Loveday and Aquatics Day in Barmera.

'Kick Off Your Boots' Fundraiser Help Request

Little Town Productions are holding a dinner/show on the weekend of October 16th/17th. Titled 'Kick Off Your Boots', the event aims to bring people together in a night of entertainment where we can celebrate what it means to be a famer and live in a rural community. There will be an underlying message around managing 'wellness' and looking out for your mates.

Loxton Lutheran School has been invited to run the bar for both the Friday night and Saturday night performances of the show as a fundraiser for the school. The bar will not be open for the Sunday afternoon performance. In the absence of the Continental, running the bar over these two nights should prove to be a worthwhile fundraising opportunity.

We are inviting families to assist us over these two evenings by volunteering some time to help behind the bar. The bar will be open between 5:30pm-11:00pm on both the Friday and Saturday night. If anyone is available to help, please get in contact with the front office and let them know what night/time you can assist. We have 128 families at school. If every family can 'donate' 30 minutes over one of the evenings, we will have more than enough to run the bar successfully.

NAPLAN Results

We recently received our NAPLAN results from earlier this year and will be sending out individual results to families whose children participated in the tests later this week.

As a school, we should be quite proud of our results. When analysing NAPLAN data, our staff are interested in growth more so than

achievement. Our 2021 data shows that many individuals and year level cohorts have made significant growth. Year 5 data indicates significant growth from 2019 (there was no NAPLAN testing in 2020 due to COVID) in the areas of writing, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy.

The Leadership Team and other staff will be continuing to analyse NAPLAN, as well as other data, to help inform future priority areas and support requirements

Year 3

Component	% of Students who achieved the National Minimum Standard
Reading	100
Writing	100
Spelling	100
Grammar and Punctuation	100
Numeracy	95

Year 5

Component	% of Students who achieved the National Minimum Standard
Reading	100
Writing	100
Spelling	100
Grammar and Punctuation	100
Numeracy	100

From the Principal

Year 7

Component	% of Students who achieved the National Minimum Standard
Reading	100
Writing	100
Spelling	100
Grammar and Punctuation	94
Numeracy	100

Finally...

As this will be the last edition of the Happenings before the school holidays, I want to take this opportunity to wish students and staff a safe school holiday break and to thank families for their ongoing support. It is hard to believe that term 4 is nearly upon us.

Take Care,

Brad

School Notices

Loxton Lutheran School

CONCERT 2021

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Students will need to arrive early at their classrooms – 6.25pm

SHOW STARTS 6.45pm

*Covid restrictions apply -
Tickets limited to 3 per family for High School aged children & adults.
These will be sent home on Tuesday 14th September.
Tickets must be presented at the door upon arrival.
Masks must be worn by ticket holders*

“Full Dress Rehearsal”
Wednesday 15th September - 11.45am

FOR SALE

Tankworld fiberglass tank, colour Rivergum green

Approx 22000L, with pump

All in good order, \$1900 excl GST ONO

Call the front office on 8584 7496

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY*(Held fortnightly)*

Friday Sept 17th 2:30pm in the LIFE Centre, led by the Year 7 class

SCHOOL WORSHIP*(Worship services are normally held alternate fortnights to assembly)***NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE**

Friday Sept 24th 1:30pm in the LIFE Centre, led by the Year 3 class

PRAYER CORNER

This week we are praying for: -

- ◇ Addison Uren
- ◇ Sienna Uren
- ◇ Maddy Wehrmuller
- ◇ Yasmin Westbrook
- ◇ Georgia White
- ◇ Jessie White

and Ms Rebecca Bullock, Teacher

CHURCH SERVICES**St Peter's Lutheran Church**

Sunday Sept 12th 8.30am HC
 10.30am HC

Sunday Sept 19th 8.30am HC
 10.30am HC

Sunday Sept 24th 8.30am HC
 10.30am HC

Concordia Lutheran Church

Sunday Sept 12th 10.00am HC

Sunday Sept 19th 10.00am

Sunday Sept 24th 10.00am HC

SA School Sport**Basketball Report**

An awesome day at "The Precinct" saw 13 of our year 6/7 students compete in the Riverland School Sport Basketball Carnival.

Our girls team battled hard in Division 1 of the carnival, with all 6 having a lot of fun and a few gaining their first experience of basketball.

Our boys team finished the day undefeated, taking out the title of Division 1 Champions for the second year running! An effort to be really proud of, well done boys!

A special mention goes to Josh Wooldridge who was named MVP of the Grand Final scoring 7 of our 11 points.

Thank you to all the parents who scored and showed their support. We always appreciate it.

This week the boys team will compete in Adelaide against the best school teams in the state. We wish them all the best.

**SAPSASA Soccer Report**

Congratulations to Sarah Setchell, Leeroy Scholz, Ayrton Giles and Sam Williams who represented the Riverland District in the SA School Sport Soccer Carnival.

Sam and Aytron competed in the Year 7 boys team which finished 5th from 9 teams. Sam played in attack, scoring 3 goals and featured in the best players in 2 games. Ayrton played in the midfield and was in the best players on 3 occasions.

Leeroy competed in the Year 6 Boys team which finished 4th from 10 teams. Leeroy played mainly in defence and featured in the best players in 2 games.

Sarah competed in the Year 7 Girls team which finished 2nd from 6 teams. Sarah also played mainly in defence and featured in the best players in 2 games.

Well done to all involved

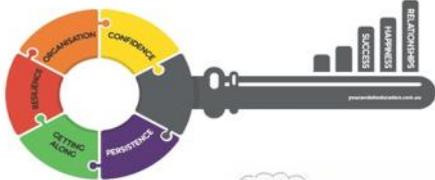
Thank you,

Tyler Wagner

Physical Education Teacher

BIBLE VERSES

T3 Week 8



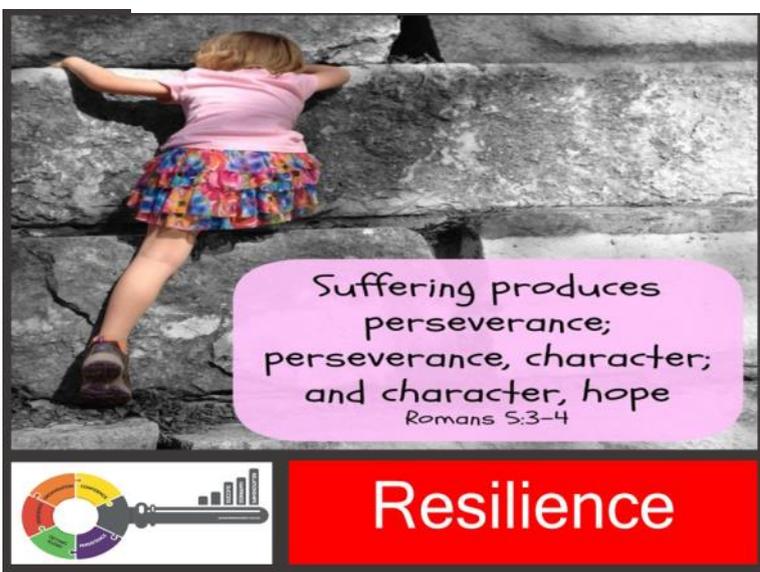
- Setting goals
- Knowing what to do
- Getting things done
- Being on time

Oscar Organisation

Organisation

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 NLT



T3 Week 9

Resilience



Connecting Online

Would you like to be part of a parent group that connects through email?

Join myself and other parents as we begin to discuss what is on our minds, as well as various podcasts. If this sounds like something you would like to tap into, please send me an email and I will add you to our group.

Amy Harvey, Chaplain

PRAYER & CATCHUP GROUP

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Uniform shop is open Fridays
3.15 - 3.45pm.

Uniform order forms can be downloaded from the portal or our website. Uniform orders can be submitted via email or sent to school with your child/ren at anytime for filling during the day.

Due to COVID restrictions, only one family will be taken into the uniform shop at a time.

BUSINESS MANAGER HOURS

Not available Wednesdays

LLL SCHOOL BANKING

Every Tuesday

Canteen News

CANTEEN OPEN DAYS

Wednesday and Friday

Community Noticeboard

RIVERLAND YOUTH THEATRE
54, Ral Ral Ave,
Renmark SA 5341

INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE DESIGN

2 PART WORKSHOP
Taught by legendary theatre designer
Kathryn Sproul
7th & 8th October, 2021
10am - 4pm
\$30.00 for ages 13 - 20yrs

(08) 8586 3437
[HTTPS://RYT.WUFOO.COM/FORMS/SPRING-HOLIDAY-PROGRAM-2021/](https://ryt.wufoo.com/forms/spring-holiday-program-2021/)



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
FIRST DELVERS: BEGINNER DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Mondays 23rd August to 4th October
4:30pm - 6:30pm | \$63 for 7 weeks
54 Ral Ral Ave, Renmark SA 5341

This is an introductory 7-week series exploring Dungeons and Dragons, the hit tabletop roleplaying game. Limited to five participants aged 10 - 14. Delivered in association with Riverland Youth Theatre and Part of Things.

Sign-up at: <https://events.humanitix.com/first-delvers-beginner-dungeons-and-dragons>

PILLOW FORT BARMERA

RIVERLAND YOUTH THEATRE

Crafting

Face Painting

Games

FOOD & DRINKS!!!

Theatre

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER

AT THE SOILDERS MEMORIAL HALL BARMERA
2 BARWELL AVE, BARMERA
11.00AM - 3.00PM

ONLY A GOLD COIN DONATION

REGISTER INTEREST
<https://ryt.wufoo.com/forms/spring-holiday-program-2021/>
OR
CALL 8586 3437

Riveland Youth Theatre

School Holiday Program

Saturday 25th September - Sunday 10th October

Sat 25th	Sun 26th	Mon 27th	Tue 28th	Wed 29th	Thur 30th	Fri 1st
Pillow FORT Renmark @ RYT RENMARK Pillow forts, Games, Craft, face painting and MORE. Come join in and enjoy a fun family day GOLD COIN DONATION 11.00 - 3.00 PM		Pre-School Craft @ RYT RENMARK Coffee and Craft 10-11am FREE @ RYT RENMARK Theatre Starters JUNIORS (5-9) 9-12pm \$5.00 Theatre Makers TEENS (10-16) 1-4pm \$5.00	@ RYT RENMARK Theatre Starters JUNIORS (5-9) 9-12pm \$5.00 Theatre Makers TEENS (10-16) 1-4pm \$5.00	@ RYT RENMARK Theatre Starters JUNIORS (5-9) 9-12pm \$5.00 Theatre Makers TEENS (10-16) 1-4pm \$5.00	@ RYT RENMARK Theatre Starters JUNIORS (5-9) 9-12pm \$5.00 Theatre Makers TEENS (10-16) 1-4pm \$5.00	@ RYT RENMARK Theatre Starters JUNIORS (5-9) 9-12pm \$5.00 Theatre Makers TEENS (10-16) 1-4pm \$5.00
Mon 4th	Tue 5th	Wed 6th	Thur 7th	Fri 8th	Sat 9th	Sun 10th
HIP HOP DANCE @ RYT RENMARK Tackerz (5-8) 10am- 11am Tweenz (9-12) 11.30 - 1.00pm Teenz (13-18) 2pm - 4pm \$10.00 a workshop	HIP HOP DANCE @ RYT RENMARK Tackerz (5-8) 10am- 11am Tweenz (9-12) 11.30 - 1.00pm Teenz (13-18) 2pm - 4pm \$10.00 a workshop	ACTING THROUGH SONG @ BERRI TOWN HALL 10.00 - 4.00pm AGES 12 - 20years old \$20.00	INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE DESIGN @ RYT RENMARK (2 PART SERIES) DAY 1 10.00-4.00PM 13 - 20 Years \$30 FOR BOTH DAYS MINECRAFT THEATRE 10.00-3.00PM \$20.00 FOR ACCESS TO ALL THREE DAYS	INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE DESIGN @ RYT RENMARK (2 PART SERIES) DAY 1 10.00-4.00PM 13 - 20 Years \$30 FOR BOTH DAYS MINECRAFT THEATRE 10.00-3.00PM \$20.00 FOR ACCESS TO ALL THREE DAYS	MINECRAFT THEATRE ONLINE EVENT 10.00-3.00PM 10 - 16 years \$20.00 FOR ACCESS TO ALL THREE DAYS	Pillow FORT Barmera @BARMERA MEMORIAL HALL Pillow forts, Games, Craft, face painting and MORE. Come join in and enjoy a fun family day GOLD COIN DONATION 11.00 - 3.00 PM






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Or BOOK AT : <https://ryt.wufoo.com/forms/spring-holiday-program-2021/>

BOOKINGS



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Community Noticeboard

RIVERLAND CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK

Years 7—12

27 September to 1 October 2021

Camp Kedron, Barmera

Price: \$195

Registrations close 12 September

To register, please visit:

blueprintministries.org.au/camps/riverlandclw

Thanks to the generous support of the LLL, we are able to offer first time campers the opportunity to attend for FREE (apart from an admin fee of \$20).

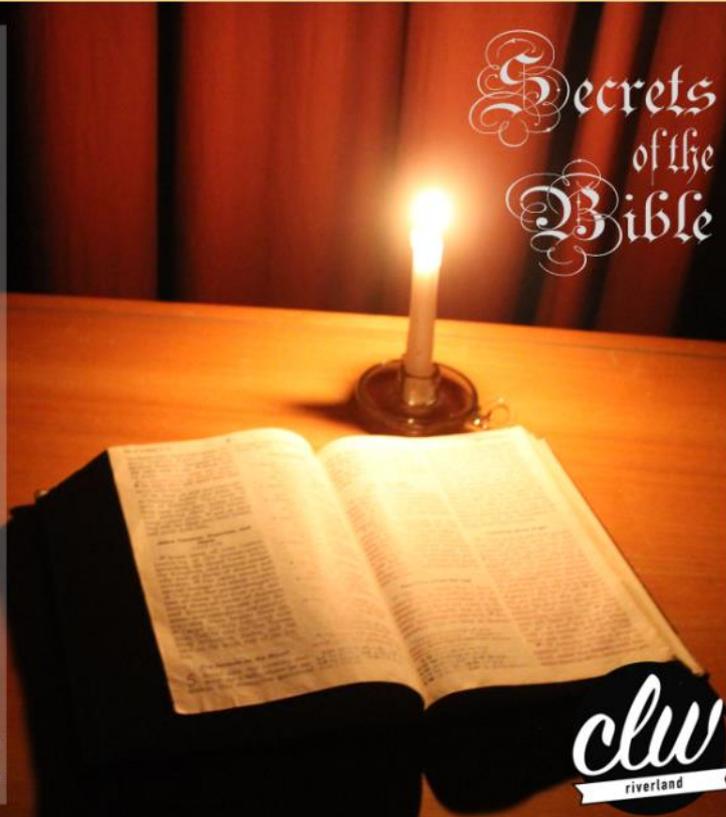
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Little Town Productions proudly presents a unique theatre event...

Kick off ya BOOTS 2021

Join us and "Kick off ya Boots" to celebrate what it means to live and work in a rural community. Leave your worries at the door, and share a hearty meal with friends and neighbours while enjoying lots of laughs, great music, wonderful food and a chance to reflect on how we treat and look out for each other.

LUTHERAN PEACE HALL, LOXTON SA

SHOW DATES	Friday October 15th (\$50pp) 6pm for 6:30pm start Dinner & Show Bar Available	Saturday October 16th (\$50pp) 6pm for 6:30pm start Dinner & Show Bar Available
	Sunday October 17th (\$20pp) 2:30pm for 3pm start Show only BYO Nibbles & Drinks	
	Tickets Available Online at: www.littletown.com.au OR Lutheran Ministry Centre, Loxton	

For more information: info@littletown.com.au or Leanne 0427 791 987

LOXTON HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

GODSMELL

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM TOTALLY EXPOSED (except for LOXTON ON THE DAY OF THE PERFORMANCE) OR AT THE THEATRE (except for the PERFORMANCE, subject to availability from 8 o'clock each night).

WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 6:30PM
THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 6:30PM
FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 7:30PM
LOXTON COMMUNITY THEATRE

\$15
\$12 CONCESSION/STUDENT

CONCEIVED AND ORIGINALLY DIRECTED BY JOHN MICHAEL TEBELAK
MUSIC AND NEW LYRICS BY STEPHEN SCHWARTZ

ORIGINALLY PRODUCED ON THE NEW YORK STAGE BY EDWIN LASKOWSKI/STUART DUNHAM/JOSEPH HOGAN
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