

Happenings



23rd November 2021

Getting Ready for Christmas

Term 4 Week 7

This Sunday, we begin a new church year and the start of Advent. The word Advent means coming, and for Christians, the four Sundays before Christmas, our focus is on getting ready for Jesus' birth. Advent is preparing for the big celebration where we put up lights and festive decorations, buy and wrap presents, and make our lunch and dinner plans. It is a state of getting ready – ready to receive the joy of Jesus' birth.

For many, coming into this season is not a joyful experience. It can be pretty stressful, but I encourage you to see Christmas joy as the certainty of God's love for you. That deep knowledge of love is called joy. Joy is not about being happy; it is a response to being loved. That means we can experience joy even when there is suffering and struggle.

This Advent, you might like to think about how you can prepare for the joy of Christmas. You may already have a tradition in your home, like having a wreath with candles that you light during dinner to remind you of God's presence in your home. You may have an advent calendar that uses bible verses to guide you in your countdown to Christmas. Whatever it may be, I encourage you to draw into Advent as a time to prepare your hearts and minds to receive the joy of Christmas – Jesus.

Blessings,

Pastor Jason Sander



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday November 23rd

Year 7 Graduation Dinner - 6.00pm
at the Loxton Hotel

Thursday November 25th

End of Year Service - 6.30pm in the
LIFE Centre

Friday November 26th

Assembly - 2.30pm in the LIFE Centre,
ELC 10yr Anniversary Celebration

Monday November 29th

Year 6 Graduation Dinner - 6.00pm
at the Loxton Hotel

Thursday December 2nd

Year 7 Aquatics Excursion

Friday December 3rd

Whole School Christmas Worship -
2.30pm in the LIFE Centre

Monday December 6th

Year 6 Aquatics Excursion

Tuesday December 7th

Class Party Day

Thursday December 9th

Final Assembly - 2.30pm in the LIFE
Centre



From the Principal

Dear Families,

I begin this edition of the Happenings by sharing the sad news that Ms Gertrude Jacob, founding principal of Loxton Lutheran School, died peacefully on 3rd November, at Lutheran Homes Glynde, in her 100th year. Her funeral service was celebrated at St Stephen Lutheran Church, Adelaide on Thursday 11th November.

One of our major school awards each year is named after Ms Jacob, with the award going to someone who best showed the qualities of Christian example, leadership and service, qualities which Ms Jacob exhibited during her years leading our school.

BGA Grant Success

Last week, families were advised of our success in winning a \$600,000 BGA grant to assist in the completion of Stage 1 of our Master Plan. This will see four new learning areas built, each tailored to our teaching pedagogy and future goals. This is fantastic news for our school community. We received

news of our grant via Federal Member for Barker, Mr Tony Pasin, who dropped in to learn more about our plans and our school. A copy of the press release from Mr Pasin can be found in this edition of the Happenings.

School Graduation Celebrations

Over the next week we will be celebrating the graduation of our year 6 and year 7 students from primary school. The year 7 graduation is being held tonight at the Loxton Hotel, whilst the year 6 graduation is being held next Monday night, also at the Loxton Hotel.

End of Year Service

We look forward to joining with our school families, invited guests and broader community at our end of year service this coming Thursday night in the LIFE Centre. Our end of year service is an opportunity to celebrate the 2021 school year, farewell departing staff, students and families, present student and school service awards and announce the 2022 school captains. The service will commence at 6:30pm.



From the Principal

Students are required to meet in classrooms at 6:15pm and will sit together in classes. Formal uniform is to be worn.

We will be live streaming the end of year service to assist families who may have grandparents or extended family who are not able to attend. It is anticipated the link will be sent out later today/early tomorrow morning.

Remembrance Day

School captains joined me at the Cross of Sacrifice for the Remembrance Day Service on November 11th. A small service was held at school at 11:00am. Lest we Forget!



School Captains, L to R; Trinity, Clara, Levi and Sam

Year 4 & 5 Camp

Our year 4 and 5 students had an awesome time on camp at Woodhouse Activity Centre last week. Thank you to Mrs Taylor, Miss Peters, and parents for helping to build memories that will last a lifetime.

Transition Visits and Experiences

This week is the last transition visit for the receptions of 2022. Parents of new receptions are invited to a morning tea in the Life Centre foyer from 9:00-10:00am. We have been

extremely impressed with the way the new students have started life at LLS.

Those year 6 and 7 students attending Loxton High School in 2022 have had back-to-back transition visits over the last two weeks, as part of the transition program for this year. Aquatics days, that were postponed due to poor weather recently, have been rescheduled for week 8 and 9 and will further serve to help students build connections with other children in readiness for high school.

School Captain Speeches

I was very proud of the way the way those students from year 5, who are hoping to be elected as a school captain in 2022, delivered their speeches yesterday. The speeches were polished and well-constructed with the students speaking with authority and passion. Our school looks to be in safe hands based on what I heard!

Developing student leadership will be one of the focus areas for Mrs A in her leadership role in 2022. We look forward to seeing student leadership and student voice being a more significant part of our school.

Premier's Reading Challenge Presentations

We congratulate all children who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. Medals and certificates are being presented in classrooms this Thursday.

ELC Anniversary

2021 marks the 10th anniversary of the Early Learning Centre. We are recognising and celebrating this fantastic milestone this coming Friday at our assembly (all welcome) and in a special afternoon tea for staff and invited guests. Our new play area will be officially unveiled during our afternoon tea back at the ELC. Joining our assembly and afternoon tea

From the Principal

will be previous directors and staff, principal at the time Mr Terry Sawade, some of the first students enrolled and some of the board members who were instrumental in bringing an idea into a reality.

It is amazing to see the evolution of the ELC over the 10 years it has been part of LLS. To know that in 2022 it will be open for four, days and is full for each day, is an enormous achievement.

We give thanks to God and all who have contributed to the ELC over its 10-year journey and look forward to seeing it prosper well into the future.

Staffing/Classes

In 2022, we welcome Ms Lewanna Hampel (full-time) and Ms Amy Taylor (part-time) to our staff.

We are currently advertising for an ELC educator to join our growing team next year. If you know of someone qualified who might be interested in this role, please encourage them to make contact with ELC Director Ms Corrina Smart. Both Corrina and Ms Georgia Hauptman will be continuing in their roles in the ELC in 2022.

COVID Commentary

In the days that have followed the release of the COVID Direction Mandates from Commissioner of Police, Mr Grant Stevens, I have been asked by several parents whether as an independent school we have the authority not to comply with the Direction. The answer to that question is 'no' and that Loxton Lutheran School has no option but to comply with the Direction which has been established as a result of SA Health advice. This Direction applies to staff, volunteers/parent helpers, board members, service providers and contractors.

As a Lutheran school, we value every member of our community, both for who they are and the unique gifts they bring to the school. Enacting the requirements of the Government is not a result of our school wanting to devalue or disrespect any of our staff, volunteers, board members, service providers or contractors, we simply have no choice but to comply with the Direction.

I am often told by staff, parents, visitors and friends of the school that we have a wonderful community here at LLS. As a community, we are great at supporting one another in times of need or for a common cause. Our sense of community is part of our DNA and is part of what brings so many to our school and ELC. Unfortunately, COVID is challenging the notion of community in many workplaces and settings, including ours, and it may not change any time soon.

Whatever your personal beliefs might be about COVID, we all have been, and are likely to continue to be affected by COVID in various ways. Who knows what the future holds?

Around COVID and vaccinations, there exists a very broad spectrum of personal beliefs, which we are all allowed to have. Where diversity of opinion exists, there is the temptation to begrudge, slander or isolate those with whom we don't agree. This is not the LLS way. As a Christian school, we encourage one another not to form factions or belittle those who have a different opinion to us, rather, we are encouraged to walk alongside them and learn to understand each other better. This act of grace requires humility, sacrifice, tolerance and love. Let us try not to focus on science or theories, who is right or who is wrong, let us use our freedom to encourage and build each other up through grace and good works.

Whilst there is more uncertainty ahead, there

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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

(Held fortnightly)

Friday Nov 26th 2:30pm in the LIFE Centre, followed by ELC 10th Anniversary Celebration

SCHOOL WORSHIP

(Worship services are normally held alternate fortnights to assembly)

NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday Dec 3rd 2:30pm in the LIFE Centre, led by the whole school

PRAYER CORNER

This week we are praying for: -

- ◇ Edward Savory
- ◇ Ede Schwarz-Johns
- ◇ Vann Shaw
- ◇ Hugo Singh
- ◇ Lucy Singh
- ◇ Arlo Sonntag
- ◇ Hannah Staben
- ◇ Blake Trezise
- ◇ Lara Wheeldon
- ◇ Brooklyn Winter

and Ms Corrina Smart, ELC Director

CHURCH SERVICES

St Peter's Lutheran Church

Sunday Nov 28th	8.30am HC
	10.30am HC
Sunday Dec 5th	8.30am HC
	10.30am HC
Sunday Dec 12th	8.30am HC
	10.30am HC

Concordia Lutheran Church

Sunday Nov 28th	10.00am HC
Sunday Dec 5th	10.00am HC
Sunday Dec 12th	10.00am HC

is one thing I can guarantee everyone in our school; we will strive to build, nurture, grow and love all who are part of, or who seek to join our community. We will continue to work hard to find ways to be inclusive to all.

To everyone who forms part of the Loxton Lutheran School community, I pray you find strength and hope in God over coming days. May we continue to be a school community of grace, unity and peace.

Take care,

Brad

Sentral Reminders

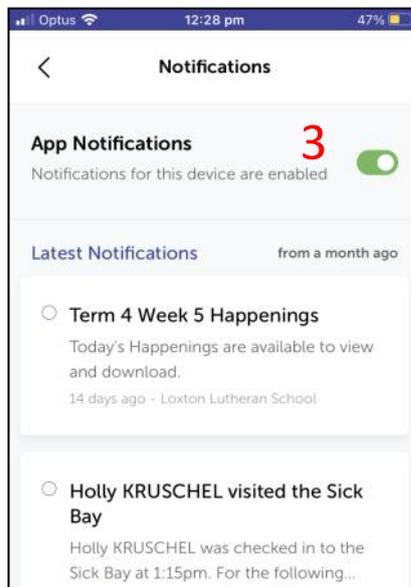
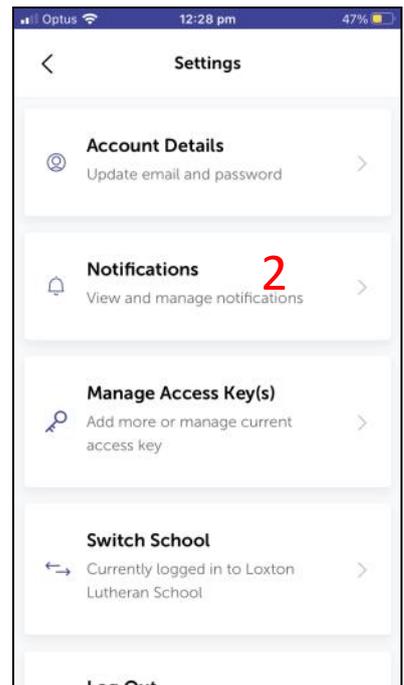
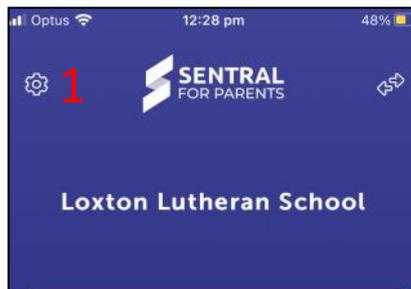
DO YOU HAVE YOUR NOTIFICATIONS TURNED ON?

Push notifications are used to immediately inform parents of an important notice and shouldn't be ignored. The notice could be:

- Happenings ready for viewing
- Your child visiting the sick bay
- Important notices for information such as Covid or like the recent power outage at school

TO TURN ON YOUR NOTIFICATIONS

1. Go to the settings cog on the front page of the app
2. Touch "Notifications"
3. Make sure the App Notifications is turned on (green)





Mr Tony Pasin MP

Member for Barker

MEDIA RELEASE

17 November 2021

NEW FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS AT LOXTON LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Staff and students at Loxton Lutheran School will benefit from a project to build new classrooms and a staff office as well as improving outdoor play areas, funded as part of the Morrison Government's Capital Grants Program.

Federal Member for Barker Tony Pasin said the Australian Government would provide \$600,000 towards the project at Loxton Lutheran School.

"Students and staff at Loxton Lutheran School will benefit from the project to construct four new classrooms, a learning common, a breakout space, withdrawal rooms, a staff office and verandahs," Mr Pasin said.

The funding will also contribute to improving the outdoor spaces through paving and landscaping.

Loxton Lutheran School has a wonderful school community, and these new facilities will further enhance the learning environment.

Students and teachers thrive when their schools have modern and up-to-date facilities. That's why the Morrison Government is proud of the Capital Grants Program, which has helped thousands of schools across the nation to build new and updated infrastructure.

The Government is ensuring that every child gets a high-quality education no matter where they go to school. We are providing a record \$315.2 billion for all Australian schools between 2018 and 2029.

"We are delivering real, needs-based funding that is matched by national reforms that will drive better results and outcomes, as recommended by David Gonski in the Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools.

"We congratulate Loxton Lutheran School on their successful grant application and look forward to seeing the positive impact these new facilities will have on the school community."

For more information about the Capital Grants Program can be found at <https://www.dese.gov.au/payments-d-grants-schools/capital-grants-non-government-schools>.

ENDS

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BIBLE VERSES

T4 Week 6



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13



Hope



But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."

Matthew 19:14
New Living Translation

T4 Week 7



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

SPECIAL

Friday November 26th

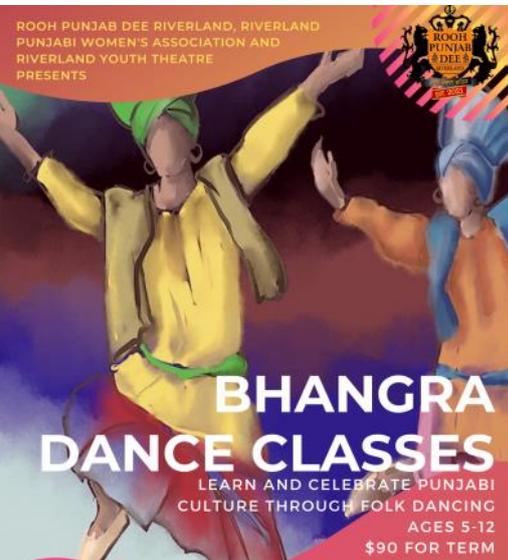
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Trudy Battams, Canteen Manager

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It's approaching that time of year again and here at the Murray Pioneer we are excited for the 2021 festive season!

We are CALLING ALL RIVERLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS to get involved in our 2021 RIVERLAND CHRISTMAS STORY COMPETITION.

The winning story will be published in our Riverland Christmas magazine on December 1, along with receiving a major prize pack (Charley Theatre family movie pass, 7H Books gift pack, McDonald's meal voucher and \$100 Royal Life Saving gift voucher).

Runners up will feature in the Murray Pioneer in the lead up to Christmas.

Stories must be no more than 400 words. Entries to be dropped in to one of the Murray Pioneer offices in Renmark, Loxton or Walkerie, by November 19, 2021.

Please find template attached. Note: If story is typed on a computer please include all information from template.

For inquiries please phone Glenda Malinowski on 8596 8000.

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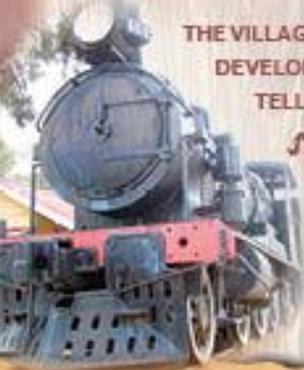
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The Historical Village is a must see, educating children on how life used to be back in their grandparents' and great grandparents' time.

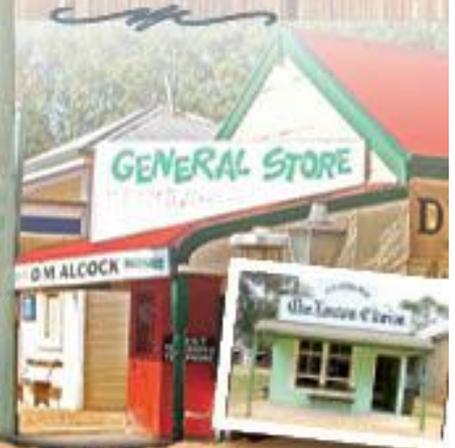
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