Date: 9/2/2017

Welcome back to 2017

We have had a great start to the year, as our enthusiastic staff were all extremely well prepared with their teaching duties to begin the year. All classroom newsletters have gone out for the start of the year. They will continue to be sent out twice a term. In week zero, one of our days was used for professional development for all teachers and curriculum school support officers. We have begun our work which will span the next three years on the work of John Hattie’s Visible Learning. This decision has been made through the Berri Portfolio, which includes all the partnerships within the Riverland area. Our local Partnership group has been restructured and no longer includes Waikerie. Instead we have been amalgamated with the Renmark Partnership and are now known as the Renmark/Loxton Partnership, making the partnership groups more equal in size.

Our training was a ‘foundation day in the understanding of Visible Learning. We will shortly be appointing an ‘Impact Coach’ (internally) to support staff in their learning. Visible Learning means an enhanced role for teachers as they become evaluators of their own teaching. According to John Hattie Visible Learning and Teaching occurs when teachers see learning through the eyes of students and helps them become their own teachers. It explores how evidence can be used to create innovation in the learning environment. Our work will be focused on John Hattie’s research and the principles of visible learning and visible teaching. This outstanding research involved millions of students and represents the largest ever evidence-based research into what actually works best in schools to improve learning. If you would like more information please visit John’s website at: https://visible-learning.org

Congratulations to our SRC leaders for 2017

Last week Liza Gibbs (Leader of Well Being) conducted an election process for Year 7 students to apply for SRC Leadership. Sixteen students presented speeches in front of their peers and a variety of staff members. The students were extremely well prepared and presented interesting and thoughtful speeches. Year 7 students, along with the Leadership team voted, and the outcome was as follows:

SRC Leaders- Zoe Raynes and Noah Derillo
SRC Deputy Leaders- Rebekah Thomson and Joey Haenen

All school leaders will be inducted at a special Assembly on Thursday 23rd February.

We congratulate all our leaders and wish them all the best for a successful year in 2017.

Jan Slape
Principal

Sally Wright
Acting Deputy Principal

Simon Knowles
Chairperson, Governing Council
This week Leigh Kruger (Specialist PE teacher) ran the election process for our school House Captains for 2017. The Year 7 students listened to Mr Kruger talk about their roles and responsibilities before breaking into House teams to vote on their chosen leaders.

The outcome was as follows:

**Cockatoos** Captains: Jarra Gibbs and Levi Jachmann.  
Vice Captains: Jasmine Schubert and Ethan Wagner

**Emu** Captains: Tia Dahlitz and Renzo Catalano.  
Vice Captains: Sophie Loher and Carter Biele

**Eagles** Captains: Adison Grose and Owen Scarlett.  
Vice captains: Chloe Abbott and Cade Loxton

**Magpies** Captains: Kiara Tickle and Deegan Rothe.  
Vice Captains: Sophie Nitschke and Tony Psarakis

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At Loxton Primary School this term we are trialling a new form of Behaviour Management. This includes changing the name from Behaviour Management to Behaviour Education. It has been many years since the policy and practices have changed, and staff and students both felt a transition from ‘managing’ behaviour to ‘educating’ about behaviour was a positive step.

The Behaviour Education Policy is the method by which we cater for the safety and well-being of everyone involved with the school - students, staff, parents/caregivers, and visitors.

This policy is based on the Education Department School Discipline Policy.

We believe that

- Appropriate student behaviour results from a partnership between staff, students and their families/caregivers.
- All individuals and groups need to be valued and treated with respect.
- All behaviour is chosen for a purpose.
- Individuals must accept responsibility for their own behaviour.
- Consequences for inappropriate behaviour are non-violent, logical, related to student’s behaviour and negotiated as part of our Student Behaviour Education policy.
- Behaviour expectations are made explicit to students.

We are continuing to use a 4 step process- Warning, Class Sit Out, Buddy Class Sit Out and then Office Time (previously Time Out). A student may be sent up to the office where they will complete a Behaviour Education Reflection Sheet. A member of Leadership (Ms Slape, Mrs Wright, Mrs Gibbs) will talk to the student about their choices and actions. The student will be returned to class when ready.

When dealing with behaviour issues, all staff have been trained using the POOCH method. Staff can talk through the issue using POOCH, or students may be asked to complete a reflection sheet using POOCH. The POOCH outline is as follows-

| P | Problem | What is the problem? |
|   |         | Who's problem is it? |
|   |         | What school value were you not following? |
| O | Option  | What can you do? |
| O | Outcome | What is likely to happen? |
| C | Choice  | What is your decision? |
|   |         | What will you do now? |
| H | How     | How did it turn out? (to be asked later) |

A strong focus on Behaviour Education is Staff, Students and Families building strong, solid relationships. It would be very beneficial if families could go through the POOCH method with their children and to support staff by returning Behaviour Slips and Reflection Pages to school when needed.

As mentioned earlier, this is a trial term, and feedback will be collected from staff, students and families near the end of the term.

Thank you,

Liza Gibbs
Leader of Well Being
As a new school year starts I thought that it would be a good idea to introduce myself and my role for those who are new to the school. I am Loxton Primary School's Pastoral Care Worker and have been in this position for 18 months. I trained as a social worker many years ago and have worked primarily with children and families. My current role is to support staff, students and families within our school community. SMG, the organisation that supports my employment in the school, have as their Vision statement: “Helping a young generation discover purpose value and hope”. If teachers and families feel supported then they are better able to teach and nurture their children and students. It is my aim to be one part of that support within the Loxton Primary School community.

One of the activities that I am regularly involved with is Breakfast Club. On Thursdays between 8:15 and 8:45am students and families are welcome to come and have breakfast in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen. We serve toast, cereal, fruit, juice, hot milo and sometimes something extra special like eggs, or baked beans. It is a great way to start the day on Thursdays and we are blessed to have some helpers come from the community to help us serve breakfast.

At other times during the school day you can see me in the yard at break times, helping in classrooms, and running lunchtime activities. My work days this year will be Monday and Thursday all day and Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to come and meet me or have a chat feel free to contact me through the front office. If students would like to come and have a chat they can put a note in my birdcage which is located in the library. Alternatively students can contact me through the front office or their class teacher.

We are incredibly Blessed to have such a high quality school as Loxton Primary School in our community. I am very proud to be a member of this school community. May you and your children be blessed as you begin this new school year.

Rebecca Whillas
Pastoral Care Worker

Breakfast Club
Every Thursday @ 8.15am
in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.
All Welcome!
Loxton Netball Club

Information Night/ Uniform Fittings
Monday, 13\textsuperscript{th} February 6-7.30 pm

Preseason fitness training
Monday, 13\textsuperscript{th} February 6:30-7:30 pm
Compulsory for people trialling for the following grades 15A, 17A and A1&A2

Team Trials
Juniors: 20 Feb, 27 Feb, 6 Mar 5:30-7pm
A1/A2: 20 & 27 Feb 7-8:30pm
Other senior grades: 6 & 14 Mar 7-8:30pm
All at the Loxton Rec Centre
Enquires or apologies
Meegan phone 0438 553 545
ALL Registrations online – mynetball.com.au
Check our Facebook page for information, changes and updates

Loxton North Junior Football Club

REGISTRATION & TRAINING NIGHT

to be held
Tuesday, February 21st
Commencing at 4.30pm
at the Loxton North Oval
For more information please contact
Tom Fielke 0429 825 853

Don’t forget to check the Lost Property bin at the Front Office
COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Screening - Rotunda Lawns, East Terrace, Loxton. Friday 24 February, 7.00pm
Hosted by Scouts SA

Based on an incredible true story

Shane Jacobson  Sarah Snook  Alan Tudyk  Deborah Mailman

Oddball
Every Underdog Has His Day

Kids Activities from 9.00am
* Bouncy castle
* Merry go round
* Face painting
* Pine rivals
* Batman
* Replay nature art workshop

Check out the East Terrace Window Competition displays

Come and join us
Celebrating 60th

Friday 24th February
6:30pm Scouts SA Family BBQ - Rotunda
7:00pm Free Family Film “Oddball” - Every underdog has his day
Hosted by Scouts SA
6:30pm Gaia Dinner, Loxton Hotel
Guest speaker: Russell Ebert

Saturday 25th February
9:00am Craft & Food stalls & Kids activities - Rotunda area
Quilting Display - Uniting Church Hall
Craft ‘n More Fete - Anglican Church Hall

10:45am Parade Opening
11:00am Parade begins: Vintage cars, Floats,
Route: Drabshc St, East Tce then east on Bookpurnong Tce to Martha St cross-over,
East Tce and Drabshc St.

Bands: SA Police Band
Nuriootpa Town Band

1:00pm Winner Announcements - Rotunda
*Floats
*Shop Window
*Previous Queens & presentations
*Crowning of the Ambassadors

5:00pm Nippy’s Loxton GFI
Loxton Oval - Free entry

Sunday 26th February
8:25am Mardi Gras Appreciation Service - Rotunda
Military Street Name - WWI! Sister Gertrude Armstrong.
Unveiling of plaque and audio tour of Loxton’s Military Streets.
Laying of wreaths, Ode, Last Post.
Presentations to Mardi Gras Flag Bearers - Peter and Julie Mangelsdorff.

Relationships Australia
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Riverland Parenting Workshops

Let us help you navigate your way through caring for and bringing up children.
If you are a parent or carer of children, register now for one or more of these fantastic workshops! Learn invaluable parenting skills and have a better understanding of how to tune into children’s needs.
All parenting workshops are free of charge.

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PLAYGROUP

Friday Mornings

Who: 0-5 Year olds and their parents/caregivers
When: Friday Mornings 9am-11am (during school term)
Where: Loxton Primary School Hall
Bring Along: A gold coin donation and a piece of fruit to share

Phone Loxton Primary School on 8584 7408
for more information or join our Facebook group

All workshops will be held at Relationships Australia SA
9 Kay Ave Berri. Register now by calling 08 8582 4172

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AGM

Monday 6th of March
Held in the Loxton Primary School
Library at 7pm
All Welcome

If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else for Governing Council you can collect a nomination form from the front office.

Please inform the Front Office if you will be in attendance at the AGM.

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