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by
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BW



Principal: Jan Slape - Deputy Principal: Sally Wright - Governing Council Chairperson: Jane Evans

Belonging - Caring - Learning - Persisting - Respecting

Dates to Remember

Friday 9th

June 2017

Pupil Free Day

Monday 12th

June 2017

Public Holiday

Tuesday 13th

June 2017

ICAS Writing

Wednesday 14th

June 2017

ICAS Spelling

Thursday 15th

June 2017

Families, Friends & Staff
Colour Run Meeting
3.30pm

Wednesday 21st

June 2017

Carly Ryan Online
Safety Presentation
Years 5-7 (LLS)

Thursday 22nd

June 2017

3L-7H Grandparents/
Special Person Day

Friday 30th

June 2017

Rock Band Concert
11am in Hall
All Welcome
Year 2 Sleepover
2K, 2W & 2HP

3rd-4th July 2017

Year 3 Mildura Camp

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DEAR FAMILIES

Congratulations to Bernie Lipman who has recently won the Co-ordinator Position at LPS. We welcome her back onto the leadership team and look forward to the important work which she will undertake in her role which will focus on 'Results Plus Numeracy'.

We will be looking at learner characteristics of our student learners within the mathematics curriculum. We currently collect data from our Maths: Pat M testing which is held annually. Our focus will be on tracking and monitoring ever learner's growth.

We want to create a sense of building whole school change around our practices, mindsets and characteristics in relation to mathematics. Questions we will be focussing on are:

- How do we better engage our students in their learning?
- How do we develop our students to be expert learners?
- How do we improve on working together in teams to track our students' learning to ensure growth over a period of time?

We will be using audits as part of our improvement journey into mathematics. These will include:

- Community audits (parents/ caregivers)

- Teacher audits
- Student audits

We look forward to keeping you informed of our learning journey.

Jan



I am very excited about the position I am undertaking for the remainder of this year. I will continue to work in the Year 3 class

four days a week and for one day each week, I will work on the Results Plus Strategy for our school. The strategy aims to monitor student growth by collecting information and using this to strengthen their learning in literacy and numeracy. I look forward to working with teachers to challenge and support all our learners at Loxton Primary School.

Bernie

Congratulations to our Governing Council Office Bearers for 2017

- ◆ Governing Council Chairperson: Jane Evans
- ◆ Deputy Chairperson: Kerri Blaser
- ◆ Secretary: Al Williams
- ◆ Treasurer: Mel Albrecht

SAPSASA FOOTBALL/NETBALL

SAPSASA FOOTBALL AND NETBALL REPORT TO FOLLOW NEXT NEWSLETTER.



DISTRICT SOCCER

On Friday the 26th of May, 13 girls and 13 boys participated in Renmark for Soccer. The girls won one game drew one game and lost the rest. The boys lost all games except for one which they drew on. We would like to thank Mr Kruger for taking us and Richard from the High School for coaching us. Everyone had a great day.

By Riley Pontt and Tony Psarakis



SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

Last Thursday a few students from our school went to Oakbank Racecourse in the Adelaide Hills, to participate in the SAPSASA Cross Country Event. Overall we ran pretty well and everyone had a great day.

By Jasmine Schubert and Levi Jachmann



**Breakfast Club
8.15am in the
Stephanie
Alexander
Kitchen.**

**Every Thursday
All Welcomel**

**Lost Property bin
located at the
Front Office**



CHOIR NEWS



On Thursday the 1st of June, the Loxton Primary School Choir went to the Loxton Lutheran School along with seven other school choirs to participate in a cluster practice. All up, 124 kids were singing 14 different songs based around the nutcracker.

Melanie Payne and Sophie Summers auditioned for the student compare roles. We congratulate Sophie for being one of the three student compares selected. We asked Mrs Pocock to be the adult compare for the concert yesterday when she came to visit us during our choir lesson. Mrs Pocock taught choir for 15 years and is as passionate about choir today as she was then.

Our next cluster practice is in Berri on the 5th of July where we will practice with the Cluster choir and the Instrumental Band. After the practice we will go to the plaza and buy our lunch.

We are working hard for the performance which will be on the 3rd of August at the Chaffey Theatre.

Written by Tyson Blaser and Riley McDonald



PLAY PALS

On Monday 29th May, Year 6 and 7 students started Loxton Primary School Play Pals. Our favourite part about being a play pal is helping and caring for younger kids. First we collect our orange vest and bum bag and head down to our duty area. Each play pal has two shifts a week. When the bell rings, play pals head back to Mrs Gibbs office to return the vest and bum bag. In our bum bags we have gloves, antibacterial wipes, band aids and tissues.

Next week, Year 6, 7 play pals will start to train Year 5 play pals by having them walk around with us. On Fridays we go to the computer room to do a weekly review. We talk about the positives and our favourite part about being a play pal.



Written by Marley Sutton and Ameliah Mayes



I once heard of an elderly lady who had passed away. As the family prepared to celebrate her life with her funeral they remarked, "Mum was always someone who volunteered in the community and was well respected in all that she did. Mum's motto in life was 'Live life right, Live life well.'"

"That's all very well and good" I hear you say "but what is the right way to live life?" Most of us don't think very much about dying and in some ways rightly so, we need to live in the moment that is presented to us now. However, to think "if today was my last, what would I want my legacy to be?" is a valid and life giving thought process. Clearly the old lady mentioned had left a legacy which her children felt proud to be associated with.

We are not always very good at thinking about the consequences of our actions. You might have heard it said: "It's my life and I can live it as I want to". Although this is true, there are very few acts in life that have no further consequence or effect on others - good or bad. Author and motivational speaker Ron Kaufman says "Life is not a solitary activity. Live well by living for others." It has also been said "Be authentic. Speak sincerely. Listen thoughtfully. Act compassionately and love. Always love. What we bring to life becomes our life." (*Anonymous*)

A friend of ours who would be described as an upright member of his community recently confided that as a young person in his late teens and early twenties, he engaged in some regular drug use. He also said that although now in his fifties and he hasn't used drugs in thirty years he still has some permanent anxiety which has to be medicated. He believes that this is because the drugs he used have changed the chemical composition in his brain. Clearly the choices he made as a young person have had a lasting effect. Many offers in life will feel compelling and attractive, but not all will lead to happiness and future fulfilment. Eleanor Roosevelt said that "Happiness is not a goal...it is a by-product of a life well lived."

May you be Blessed as you live life right, live life well.

Rebecca Whillas

Pastoral Care Worker

P.S. On Sunday, 28th May the Loxton Christian Churches came together and held a church service to mark the National Day of Thanksgiving. Additional, to this they honoured the work of all the Pastoral Care Workers in Loxton and they prayed for each of the schools in Loxton. I really appreciate that there are people in our community who care about our school.



On Monday and Tuesday of this week the Instrumental Music students from Loxton Primary attended a music workshop in Barmera where they learnt and performed some new music.

ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

9am Thursdays in the Hall. Morning Tea in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen afterwards ALL WELCOME!

Term	HOST	PRESENTING
2		
6	2K	7H
7	3LS	RecH
8	6/7C	German/Choir
9	6C	74/5NA
10	STAFF	STAFF

SPORTS CALENDAR

TERM 2 2017

WEEK	DATE	EVENT	WHERE
6	5TH-9TH JUNE	SAPSASA FOOTBALL/NETBALL	ADELAIDE
9	26TH-30TH JUNE	SAPSASA SOCCER/HOCKEY	ADELAIDE
9	30TH JUNE	YEARS 5-7 CRICKET CLINICS	LPS
10	6TH JULY	DISTRICT BASKETBALL	LOXTON
10	7TH JULY	FUN RUN	LPS

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The Family, Staff and Friends Committee are looking for interested persons to help host this event on the first Friday evening in term 4, 20-10-17. It will be focussed on getting everyone together to have fun in a healthy way. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of more, (much needed) ipads for the school. There will be an opportunity for anyone interested to easily help make this event a happy one that will foster BELONGING at our school. We are planning to keep this event very simple with perhaps a barbeCue tea, CupCakes, drinks and Coffee available.

Please Consider putting your name down as a person we could call on AND/ OR coming to our next meeting on Thursday, 15th June at 3.30pm in the school library. Looking forward to hearing from you,

_____ Sally Wright

Please tear off and return to school.

name _____ phone _____

(Please tick one or more boxes)

- I would love to help with the Colour Run in some way if needed
- I am interested in coming to the meeting on Thursday, 15th June, 2017
- I will give a donation of [food or money] towards this event. (Circle one)