



Symmetry art by 6N

Principal: Jan Slape

Deputy Principal:  
Sally Wright

Governing Council  
Chairperson: Jane Evans

### Dates to Remember

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>  
June 2018**

Queens Birthday Public  
Holiday and Volunteers  
Day

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
June 2018**  
ICAS Spelling

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
June 2018**

Middle & Upper Primary  
Grandparents and  
Special Person Day  
ICAS Writing  
Finance Meeting 4pm

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>  
June 2018**

Governing Council  
Meeting 7pm

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
June 2018**

Families, Friends and  
Staff Meeting 3.30pm

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
July 2018**

Choir Cluster Rehearsal  
@ Loxton Lutheran  
School

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
July 2018**  
Reports Home

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
July 2018**

Coffee & Chat after  
Assembly

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### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIPS

"Effective teachers have long understood the value of engaging families in children's ongoing learning. Sixty percent of the educational outcomes for young people and their satisfaction with life when they reach adulthood can be explained by factors outside the direct control of schools." John Hattie.

Partnerships are collaborative relationships that contribute to and support children's learning. Each learner lives in a network of significant people including their family, teachers and peers.

Children's literacy learning is enriched through family interactions and the sharing of experiences. Successful readers, are those who are listening to others read, talk about what they are about to read and what they have read. They connect it to their own experiences and imaginations.

Public libraries play a dynamic part in the community, providing free access to a wide range of reading materials in both print and digital forms. Miss Coombe's class had a visit to the Loxton Public Library this week, supervised by Mrs Peberdy and Frau Heaney who supported the students along with Karen the librarian, learning ways in which history knowledge is stored.

Have you heard of 'The Little Big Book Club'? The Little Big Book Club is part of The Big Book Club Inc which was established in South Australia in 2003 as a not-for-profit organisation to promote reading, the

discussion of books and the promotion of Australian authors and illustrators. It has become a leading provider of quality, inclusive programs designed to promote reading.

The Little Book Club focusses on fostering a love of reading and importance of reading to children from birth. It actively encourages parents and caregivers to provide their children with a strong foundation for lifelong literacy which is a key determinant of success in formal school and improved life chances.

Please visit:

[www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au](http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au)

Another initiative which families and communities can access support from is 'Let's Read'. The program ensures that parents and caregivers receive picture books to support and encourage them to have fun reading with their own children.

Please visit: [www.letsread.com.au](http://www.letsread.com.au)

The South Australian Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program to encourage children to read more books and to enjoy reading. Its aim is to support and improve literacy levels and engage children to reach their goals as proficient and independent readers. If your student has not joined up for 2018, please pop into our school library and speak to Sharon Schubert or Sian Waechter.

Let's work together as a community to support growing great readers!

Jan

# Congratulations

Somer Oldroyd who has made it into the District SAPSASA soccer team and Oscar Burgemeister for making the District SAPSASA hockey team.

## SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Last week Harley, Jonty, Kaiden and myself travelled to Adelaide to compete in the SAPSASA State Football Carnival. We all played our best footy, consequently we ended up winning five games and losing four. We finished up fifth or sixth in division one. There are four divisions and our result ensures that we will remain in division one next year. It was fun week and one of the highlights was taking a tour of the West Adelaide Football Club.

**Jacob Evans**



## SAPSASA NETBALL

Last week myself and 19 other girls went to Adelaide to compete in SAPSASA netball. The teams were made up of students from schools around the Riverland. While we were in Adelaide we were presented with many experiences, such as playing on the Thunderbirds court and trialling for the state team. We put two teams into the competition, a division one and a division five team. The div one team finished 7th drawing with City South. We won 3, lost 5 and drew 1. I'd like to thank Georgia Hauptman, Shaelah Rossack and Crystal Ringrose from Glossop High School for team managing and coming to every training to help coach. I'd also like to thank Lyn Leuders for coaching the Div One team and Kara Voigt for coaching the Div Five team.

**By Paige Roberts**



This term we have re-introduced Play Pals into our School yard.

Play Pals are Year 6 and 7 students in the yard with responsibility. These students had to complete an application form and were chosen by Mrs Gibbs and the Play Pal Leader- Year 7 student Melanie Payne.

Mel was a Play Pal last year and showed excellent Leadership skills, as well as always being a role model in the yard showing our school values at all times.

Play Pals have been given an orange vest to wear and a bumbag with supplies when on duty. Their role in the yard is to:

- Manage minor First Aid incidents (band-aid, tissue etc)
- Manage minor Yard Incidents (no-one to play with, minor disagreements etc)
- Be a friendly face reminding students to do the right thing and follow school values in the yard
- Be present- as extra eyes and bodies in the yard for students to look out for

We thank our Play Pals for volunteering their time to help others in our school. Please keep an eye out for them in the yard and say hi!

**Mrs Gibbs**



## SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING?

It maybe in our over-flowing lost property bin!



## ENCOURAGEMENT

In 1997 Christin Gilmer was in Judith Toensing's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class in Arizona. In her final report for the year, Judith wrote "It has been a joy to have you in class. Keep up the good work! Invite me to your Harvard graduation!" Christin has kept this handwritten message. She told CNN news that "It meant a lot to me to know that outside my mom, someone who knew me so intimately believed in my dreams and my ability to accomplish them." This year, 21 years later when Christin was due to graduate from Harvard as a doctor in public health she hand delivered an invitation to Mrs Toensing to invite her to her to attend the graduation. Christin's interest in public health began as part of Mrs Toensing's classes, as she broadened the student's minds to understand the human needs around them.

I find this story amazing. Firstly, because such a small note has meant so much to one person over a 21 year period. Our words (written and spoken) truly are powerful. Secondly, the fact that Mrs Toensing took the time to write them is astounding. As any teacher will know, report time is busy, but this teacher knew the value in encouragement and took time during a busy period to pen those words. Thirdly, it emphasizes the importance of human connection and building relationship with another person. Mrs Toensing could have penned those words, but if there was no relationship with Christin, they would have been a nice sentiment but would lack meaning and significance.

Encouragement is very powerful. It has been said "A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success." I'm sure that if we dug around a little we would find many famous and not-so-famous stories about how people have achieved because of the encouragement of another person. Stephen King said that "Talent is cheaper than table salt. What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work". Hard work becomes less hard when you know that someone has your back and believes in you.

Last week I underwent my scheduled 3 year review. It is a requirement of my employment at Loxton Primary School that my position at the school is reviewed at the 1 year, 3 year and 5 year marks and beyond. There is quite a lot of work which goes into this process. Reports about my work needed to be written by myself and the school leadership, and surveys needed to be distributed and filled in by staff, parents and the supporting church community. This then culminates in a review meeting with the relevant bodies that support my employment. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and parents who filled in surveys. The comments that I

received during this process were incredibly humbling. These positive comments will remain as an encouragement to me as I continue working in and serving this community.

It has been said that "There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up". And Johann Wolfgang von Goethe said that "Correction does much, but encouragement does more". May you be blessed as you encourage those around you.

*Rebecca Whillas*  
**Pastoral Care  
Worker**

**Thursday Mornings**  
**8.15am Breakfast club**  
**In the Stephanie  
Alexander Kitchen**  
**Everyone Welcome!**

## GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSON DAY, THURSDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>



Students from 3/4GH through to Year 7 are inviting Grandparents or Special People into their school to share the morning together.

(There will be a Rec-3L Grandparents/ Special Person Day in Term 3)

There will be an assembly at 9am in the school hall, followed by fun classroom visits until recess. Students and visitors can then visit the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen together during recess for tea/coffee and morning tea.

This is always a highlight in the School Calendar. We hope to see many special visitors on the day.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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# What's happening in German?

Was ist los?

The Year 5H Class have been writing and receiving penfriend letters from students in a school near Cologne in Germany.

This has been a lot of fun. We sent them the Cadbury Australian Animal Friends chocolate bars and they have sent us a pack of cards of 50 German animals.

We are in the process of making postcards of Loxton and are sending them this week.



The Year 6N class created simple picture books written in their own German sentences. They then read them to their Buddy class and gave them a copy of the book. This was a good exercise for learning correct pronunciation and it was great to see the 6N students picking up their own mistakes in the writing and the reading.



## ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

### Term 2 2018

Week	HOST	PRESENTING
7	5H	CHOIR
	MP/UP Grandparents, Special Person Day	
8	1ST	4/5NA
9	2WT	6N
10	NAIDOC Week - Mrs Rowe	

## SPORTS CALENDAR

### TERM 2 2018

WEEK	DATE	EVENT	WHERE
7	15TH JUNE	DISTRICT TAG RUGBY	BERRI
9	25TH JUNE	SAPSASA SOCCER & HOCKEY	ADELAIDE
10	5TH JULY	DISTRICT BASKETBALL	LOXTON

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