

### Dates to Remember

**Thursday 30th  
January 2020**

Assembly  
Hosted by  
Leadership  
9am in the Hall

**Monday 3rd  
January 2020**

Staff and  
Governing  
Council  
Acquaintance  
Night & AGM

**Tuesday 11th  
February 2020**

Port Adelaide  
Football Club  
Visit

**Thursday 20th  
February 2020**

Adelaide  
Football Club  
Visit

**Week 6**

**March 2020**

Year 6 & 7  
Aquatics in  
Barmera

**Friday 6th**

**March 2020**

Student Free  
Day

Welcome to 2020 at Loxton Primary School. Staff are very excited about the year ahead and look forward to meeting the new students in their classes and students they are working with. Today's letter home is to provide an update of some essential information to begin the year.

In 2020 we have the following classes:

**Reception B:** Miss Linda Borgmeyer

**Reception C:** Miss Tayla Coombe

**Reception / 1:** Mrs Kara Voigt (Mon / Tues / Wed) and Miss Tahlia Abell (Thurs / Fri)

**Year 1 ST:** Miss Emily Sparrow (Mon / Tues / Wed) and Mrs Domenica Tootell (Thurs / Fri)

**Year 2 K:** Mrs Trish Kropinyeri

**Year 2/3 D:** Miss Jade De-Gregorio

**Year 2/3 WT:** Mrs Renee Williams (Mon / Tues / Wed) and Mrs Carly Thiele (Thurs / Fri)

**Year 3/4 K:** Miss Kobie King

**Year 4 NS:** Mrs Renata Nitschke (Mon / Tues / Wed) and Mrs Kate Schulz (Thurs / Fri)

**Year 5 A/H:** Miss Tahlia Abell (Mon / Tues / Wed) and Mr Paul Haenen (Thurs / Fri)

**Year 5 H:** Ms Colleen Heaney

**Year 6 HW:** Mrs Megan Hoile (Mon / Tues / Wed) and Mrs Telesha Winter (Thurs / Fri)

**Year 6/7B:** Miss Caitlin Brown

**Year 7C:** Miss Mary-Ellen Cass

Specialist Teachers:

**HASS:** Mrs Liz Peberdy (Mon / Tues / Wed)

**Physical Education and Health:** Mr Leigh Kruger

**Science:** Mrs Dianna Schulz (Tues / Wed / Thurs)

**Technologies:** Mr Paul Haenen (Mon / Tues / Wed)

Due to staffing constraints we are currently unable to offer German as a subject at Loxton Primary.

I would like to welcome our new staff to Loxton Primary School. In 2020 we welcome teachers Tahlia Abell, Jade De-Gregorio and Caitlin Brown. We also welcome Everette Giles. Everette is working as our Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO) and will be working on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning.

**Acquaintance Night and Annual General Meeting:** We are running our Acquaintance Evening a little differently this year. It will be held on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Classrooms will be open from 6pm – 6.30pm, for an informal meeting time with your child/s teacher. We are giving students a map and asking them to show their parents to their classroom and the other learning spaces that they work in (eg: HASS / Science / Technology or PE learning space). The sausage sizzle will be running from 6pm – 6.45pm and we invite families to come and see the Leadership Team outside the kitchen, to get a sausage on the way to your child's classroom or learning space. The sausage sizzle will be free, however please ensure your child has a water bottle, as there will not be any drinks provided.

The Annual General Meeting will be held after this in the Library and will begin at 7pm. Please note, all parents and carers are welcome to attend. There will be a separate note going home to confirm attendance.

### School Communications:

Please note that we publish a SCHOOL newsletter fortnightly. This letter is emailed out to all of our family contact list, with a link also placed on our School Facebook page and our School Website. The newsletter is published in even school weeks. Class teachers receive a few hard copies of the newsletter, however in the interests of the environment and the fact that it is readily available electronically, we do not print a copy for all families.

**Class Communications:** Class teachers use a variety of communication methods to communicate with parents, carers and families. All students will have a diary or communication book to use between home and school. This is the first point of contact between home and the teacher. Class newsletters will be sent home at least once per term, with important information for that class only. Class teachers also use a variety of other methods to communicate with home. These may include a Class Facebook page or Class DOJO. Your child's class teacher will notify you of methods of communication they will use to keep you up to date.

**Pastoral Care Worker:** We are currently in the process of appointing a new Pastoral Care Worker. Please note that the school community will be advised when they begin in their position. Until further notice, there will be no Breakfast Club.

**Canteen:** Canteen orders are available to be made through the QKR App. Orders are available to be made on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (*please note there are no orders during week 1 of Term 1*). A student run canteen is also available for snacks, on Thursdays at recess and lunch time.

LPS Calendar link: <http://www.loxtonps.sa.edu.au/calendar.htm>

### Introducing Loxton Primary School Leadership Team:

**Sally Wright – Principal:** Welcome to 2020 and an exciting year ahead at Loxton Primary School. I am extremely privileged to be Principal of Loxton Primary School and I come to work every morning thinking how fortunate I am to have my dream job. I had the pleasure of meeting classes and welcoming our new and returning students and new and returning staff, yesterday, on our first official day of school. As Principal of Loxton Primary I have overarching responsibility for Leadership and management of the school. I work with our Leadership Team to manage all aspects including Teaching and Learning, student wellbeing, Finances, Work Health and Safety, Site Improvement and staffing, to name a few. In 2020 we are continuing our Improvement work to ensure that all students achieve the results they deserve. I am excited to continue to work with students, staff and parents to ensure we have an amazing 2020!



**Bernie Lipman – Deputy Principal:** Welcome everyone to a new school year in 2020. I am the Deputy Principal here at Loxton Primary – the best school ever! A very big welcome to all of our new students and families attending Loxton Primary for the first time. A big welcome back to our returning students and families and I trust you all enjoyed your Christmas break. Loxton Primary School is a wonderful school with a very dedicated staff. We look forward to supporting all our students reach their potential. My position at LPS encompasses a wide variety of roles including responsibility for teaching and learning improvement, student wellbeing, curriculum and staff development, daily school operations and managing and coordinating student support. It is going to be an exciting year and I look forward to the many rewarding and inspiring experiences from our students in 2020!



**Liza Gibbs – Leader of Wellbeing:** *Good Mental health is vital for life. Children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life's challenges and have stronger relationships with the people around them. They are also better learners who are more likely to succeed at school. Good mental health in childhood provides a solid basis for managing changes as they grow.*

Hi! My name is Liza Gibbs and I am the Leader of Wellbeing at Loxton Primary School. I am the School Counsellor, part of the Leadership team, and the Leader of all things to do with Wellbeing. Wellbeing focusses on being Happy, Healthy and Safe and that is my aim for all students and staff at Loxton Primary School. I am passionate about our School Choir and Student voice through our School Leaders, our SRC, our Play pals and our Big Buddies. I work every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

I am extremely excited for what 2020 will bring and will be focussing much of my work around the Berry Street Education Model, our 5 School Values- Belonging, Caring, Learning, Persisting and Respecting... why? BeCause Loxton Primary Rocks!

Please pop in for a chat, catch up, or introduction. 2020 is going to be another fantastic year at Loxton Primary School!

**you matter.**

Liza Gibbs Leader of Wellbeing



**Kara Voigt – Coordinator:** Hello LPS Students



and Families! My name is Kara Voigt and I am so excited to be in two roles this year. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday I will be teaching the delightful students of Reception/Year 1. On Thursday and Friday I will be working in my Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator role. As the Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator I have the privilege of working alongside our magnificent LPS teachers, helping them to drive improvement for every student in all areas of Literacy and Numeracy. I am looking forward to 2020 and I know it will be filled with fun, adventure and learning.

**Judi Warrick – Business Manager:** My role contributes to the effective leadership and management of the school's administrative, financial, physical resources, and human resource services of Loxton Primary School which contributes to the achievement of the school's strategic plans and educational outcomes of students. I work with the administrative support staff in developing their skills. I also support teachers in organising camps and excursions, class budgets and anything financial.



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Term Calendar



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