Loxton Primary School

Newsletter



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Principal: Sally Wright

Deputy Principal: Bernie Lipman

Governing Council Chairperson: Donna Felder

<u>Dates to</u>

Remember

Monday 26th October 2020

Governing Council Meeting 7pm Parents Invited

Wednesday 27th October 2020 Yr7 Loxton High School Transition

Friday 28th October 2020 World Teachers

2nd - 4th November 2020

SAPSASA Softball

Day

Wednesday 4th November 2020 Big Buddies visit the Kindy

Thursday 5th November 2020 Big Buddies visit the Kindy

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Dream Believe Learn & Achieve

Knowing how quickly Term 4 always passes, I anticipate the next few weeks moving very quickly. Please remember to make contact with me if you are leaving the area and therefore leaving Loxton Primary School. If you know of anyone moving in to the area, please remind them to contact us as soon as possible to support our planning processes.

Please also remember that if you have any specific class placement requests for 2021, to make a time to see a member of leadership to talk through your requests.

While our Year 7 students are unable to travel to Canberra this year, as a group of Loxton District Schools, we have been able to organise two Year 7 Activity Days. The first of these was held last week and involved the students (and a very brave Miss Cass), participating in the Mud Run course at the Loveday 4X4 park. While the day was the coolest day of the week the students still had a great day, enjoyed the challenges and managed to smile while submerged in the water.

The activity day provided a great opportunity for the Year 7s to have a fun day out and also to get to know the students they will be transitioning to Loxton High School with in Year 8 next year. The Year 7 students will participate in their first transition visit next week and we wish them all the best as they begin their move towards High School.

Please make sure you have a read of the letter sent home in Week 1, outlining the events for the remainder of term. We are endeavouring to keep as many of our Term 4 activities in place, albeit with a slightly different (COVID safe), spin on them. Tomorrow sees our students dressing (very low key), in their 2020 Book Week costumes. While we won't be having our usual Loxton Primary Book Week extravaganza, we will enjoy a student only Assembly - with the opportunity for all classes to share their costumes. There will also be a small role play for the students. As always we will attempt to share as many photos as possible.

Our Year 4 - 7 Swimming Carnival will go ahead this year. This will involve students walking down to the pool, participating in both fun and competitive activities and then walking back to school. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, we will be unable to have our usual sausage sizzle and the canteen will not be open, so students will be required to bring all of their own snacks, lunch and water.

The Year 7 Graduation will be modified, however we are thrilled that it will still be able to go ahead.

Concert will be a livestreamed event, on our Facebook page, for all of our classes. Again, while not our usual LPS Concert, we are pleased that our students can participate and we can then share with our families.

The SA Government is developing a new strategy for the next 10 year: SA Road Safety Strategy to 2031. As a **Way2Go** School, we are encouraged to provide feedback into this.

All South Australians are road users, whether as a driver, rider, pedestrian or passenger and this is our opportunity to help shape the strategy to guide South Australia's focus.

Consultation closes at 5pm on Monday November 2nd. If you would like to have input into goals for improving road safety in our area, please complete the survey link: www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/sa-road-safety-strategy



Sally

LPS Big Buddies

We are excited to announce our Big Buddies for 20201

Mrs Gibbs talked to all Year 5 students last

term to teach them about what it means to be a Big Buddy at Loxton Primary School. Students could then choose to fill in an application form. Leadership received many applications and all were of a high standard. Successful students have now been given badges and are undertaking further learning about the role of a Big Buddy. They have written letters to their buddies, will visit the kindy in week 4, and will assist their little buddies when they come for their 1st, 2nd and 3rd transition visits to our school. They will then continue to help with the new receptions as they

begin school in 2021.

We are very proud of our new Big Buddies and are sure they will fantastic role models for our school.

Mrs Gibbs

Leader of Wellbeing Our New Big Buddies! (absent-Nakita and Zoe).



Polar bear

Plasticine Creatures

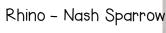
2/3WT recently made plasticine creations of an animal. Then they wrote an information report about that animal. Here are some of their creations.

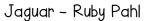
Cobra - Roman Worbey

Gila Monster - Elyse Tootell

Gecko - Colton Richardson

Polar Bear - Noah Roissetter















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Aboriginal Culture Excursion

On Tuesday 22nd September, I had the privilege to take our Indigenous students to Berri for a cultural trip with Mrs Rowe. We were fortunate to have Shane Karpany and Uncle Barney share some of their knowledge and stories with the students.

I really enjoyed seeing the individual students connect with their culture through different activities and stories. Everette Giles

The following students were interviewed, and told of the highlights of the excursion.

Pansy: We got to see we how to make flour when you get the seeds and grind the rocks together. I loved listening to Uncle Barney's story about Thukerri and he was playing a drum.

Jaida: When we went on the excursion, Uncle Barney told the fisherman story. There were these fishermen and they see this guy. They decide to not share their fish, they pretend they only have one. They have plenty to share, more than they need, but they don't give any. They got cursed. The fish that they had were too bony to eat. Uncle Barney told us the story to teach us about sharing.

Noah: I learnt about Uncle Jimmy James. I learnt about the boomerangs like the number seven one that was thrown near the ground and it goes up and back down and hits an animal's leg. You could use it as an emu. You throw the other boomerang over the ducks and it will come back and they notice it is like a bird but it is not and they just fly off. With the rocks you crush the seeds to make damper.

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Tyreece: We learnt how to make the damper and we saw Uncle Shane and Papa Barney and we went to Berri.

Annalise: Jimmy James was a good tracker. He watched for footprints and broken twigs and car tyres. Jimmy James saved Wendy Pfeiffer. She was nine and she was abducted. If Jimmy James hadn't found her she would have died. Uncle Shane showed us boomerangs and spears.

Jarome: Uncle Barney told us a story. He told us the story of Thukerri. They went out fishing and they got lots. They met a tall man. The tall man said "Can I have one fish?" Then he made bones in the fish because they said no to him.

Merylyn and Everette.

Aboriginal Education





Book Week Activities









Curious Creatures, Wild Minds







Cricket Clinics Rec to 979/4

















Attendance

Our goal at Loxton Primary School is to have an attendance rate of 93%. This fortnight's attendance stats are:

Please contact the school if your child/ren are going to be absent.

- Phone: 8584 7408,
- a text to the school mobile: 0447 | 158 038
- or a note to the teacher via the student diary.



Year to Date (2020)

The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the



Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 15/10/2020







To our amazing Teachers at Loxton Primary School

'HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS DAY'

October 30 is World Teachers Day but here at Loxton Primary School we will celebrate our wonderful teachers on October 28 with a morning tea.

PARENT FORUM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY

Webinar on Children's Behaviour Support

Please share this link with parents and carers of children with disability to the webinar to be held on Wednesday 4th November 2020 from 11:00am to 12:00 noon.

If you have any questions about Children's Behaviour Support email

Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au prior to the event or log in to the webinar on the day and join in the chat line.

Instructions for the webinar link visit the SERU website

http://web.seru.sa.edu.au

The webinar will be recorded and posted after the event on the SERU website "Parent Forum" link.

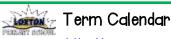


Absence text only 0447158038

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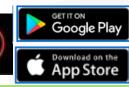


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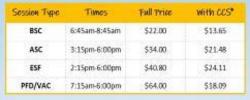




Lunches available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Download the QKR app on your device and place your order before 8am.

Community News







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RAP-Punzell

Young theatre enthusiasts are invited to be part of RAP-Punzel, a fresh, hip-hop spin on a classic fairy tale! Participants will explore acting, directing, stage design and more while immersed in the creation of a production, from the first script reading to the final performance!

Ages 5 - 16 years old

Location: Renmark Institute, 54 Ral Ral Ave, Renmark (Enter via James Ave)

Time: Thursday 4:30pm - 6:00pm Workshops Begin: October 22 to November 29 Cost: \$120

To sign up, visit

Or find out more at You can call us on 08 8586 3437









A relationship based parenting program

We are all 'hard wired' to seek security. This need for secure relationships is 'built-in' to

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

This course is ideal for mothers, fathers, significant others, parents to be, grandparents, foster and adoptive parents or anyone that is providing care for children.

Learning Objectives of the Training:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

When: Mondays, 12 October – 30 November 2020

10.30am - 12.00pm

Where Relationships Australia South Australia

9 Kay Avenue, Berri

Cost:

Bookings: Contact us on O8 8582 4122 or email berri.intake@rasa.org.au





MORE foster carers are needed in the Riverland to support young people in need of safe homes and positive

relationships. Foster carers help provide support and care to our region's most vulnerable children and young people. They play a significant role in welcoming young people from the local area into their homes and families to ensure they have access to familiar schools, sporting activities, friends and relatives. Carers can choose to provide long-term, short-term, respite or occasional care. By joining AC.Care's network, carers also have ongoing support from a team based in the Riverland, providing specific training and 24/7 on -call support services. It takes many different people to provide sustainable placements for children of all ages, from infants through to teenagers. Foster carers can be of any gender, single or in a relationship, with or without children and there are options to balance working with foster care. If you would like to find out more about how to become a foster carer, don't hesitate to call AC.Care Riverland foster carer recruitment, assessment and training officer Brenton on 8580 5303, visit our website at www.accare.org.au and keep up to date with activities on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ accarecommunity



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