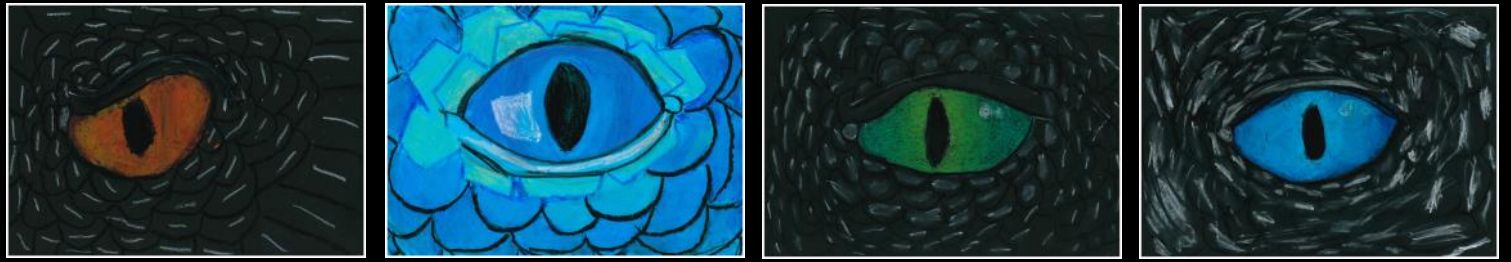


### Art by 4NS



Principal: Sally Wright Deputy Principal: Bernie Lipman Governing Council Chairperson: Donna Felder

## Dream Believe Learn & Achieve

Belonging – Caring – Learning – Persisting – Respecting

### Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 10th November 2020**  
 Tues/Thurs Kindy Group—  
 Reception Transition  
 8.45-11am  
 9.15 New Parent Info Session
- Wednesday 11th November 2020**  
 Mon/Wed Kindy Group—  
 Reception Transition  
 8.45-11am  
 9.15 New Parent Info Session
- Monday 16th November 2020**  
 Year 7 Transition Day - Barmera Aquatics
- Friday 20th November 2020**  
 Student Free Day

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It was fantastic to have a sense of normality a couple of weeks ago, hosting our Book Week event. The children looked amazing and we felt a real sense of joviality in the air. The children loved our mini parade and our School Leaders did a fantastic job of being Thing 1 and Thing 2. We hope you enjoyed the photos of our fun event – see inside this week's newsletter for some more coloured pictures of all the action.

During Book Week, the Junior Primary children also connected with our Public Library to engage in some specific book activities. These activities provided a great deal of fun and enjoyment as books were read and models were crafted.

You may notice some staffing changes around our school. Last week we farewelled Ms Tania Murch who has been an instrumental part of our administration team for many years. We wish Tania all the best as she starts a new chapter working at Elders. We are currently working through configurations for staffing in 2021 and will release information when things have been confirmed, later in the year.

This week has seen our Year 5 'Big Buddies' head to Loxton Preschool to meet their new 'Little Buddies'. Last week they has sent a letter that they had personally written to their buddy to introduce themselves and to welcome them to Loxton Primary School. We are very proud of our new Reception transition process and look forward to our 2021 new Reception students beginning their school lives at LPS next week in the first of their three visits.

Our data collection supporting our Site Improvement work continues every day. We have been thrilled recently with our reading results. I have included a snapshot graph that outlines our ongoing improvement in reading. Over the last two years we have made significant changes to the tools we use and the way we teach reading, particularly in our early years classes. Our staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that our students are receiving the highest quality teaching and we are excited to continue this work. In 2021, we will be extending the InitialLit approach into Year2, so all students in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive this evidence based explicit instruction.

Year 1	Phonic Screen Check	Term 3 Reading benchmark
2017	-	53.3%
2018	33%	52.3%
2019	49%	68.3%
2020	69%	80.9%

Governing Council have made a decision to move our Annual General Meeting from Term 1 to Term 4. We believe this will enable us to conclude our year through outlining our successes. I would like to invite our school community members to attend our **Annual General Meeting on Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be held in our school library at 7pm** and parents and carers are all welcome. We also welcome nominations for our 2021 Governing Council. Please call the office or return the slip on the flyer that was sent home earlier this week. Governing Councillors are vital to the running of our school. If you have any questions about the commitments required, please speak to one of our current councillors.

## Year 7 Transition visit to High School

On the 28th of October the Year 7's went to the High School to have their first transition visit. They had a double lesson of PE and were introduced to the High School's Volleyball program.

As well as this they also had a tour of the school, a fashion parade that showed off all of the uniform and were introduced to the Principal and some of our potential home group teachers. Whilst one of the groups were at PE we were talked through the School Values and played a murder mystery. It was a great day overall and we are all looking forward to going there next year. Written by William



## MUD RUN

On Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, instead of going to Canberra because of Covid-19, all of the year 7 students from the region participated in a Mud run at Love day. The schools that participated in the mud run were Loxton Primary, Loxton Lutheran, Saint Albert's, Moorook and Loxton North. When we arrived, we all sat as schools together on the seats whilst being told the rules and safety requirements.

The first course we got to go on was the kids one, this included crawling under a web rope, walking through deep muddy puddles, climbing under and over things, going through tunnels, walking up steep hills, and much more. Some of these obstacles were hard and challenging but we all thought it was definitely worth it. After the kids' course, we got to go over to the adult's course and complete that! That course involved a balance beam over water, tyre jumping and climbing, swing ropes, a maze, going over and through old broken-down cars, and also much more.

We would like to thank all the teachers and staff for organising this big event and for providing soft drinks and ice blocks for us, the people that ran it for letting us participate there, and also a big thanks to Mrs Lipman and Mr Kruger for driving us to and from the mud run. Overall, we all had an awesome day and heaps of fun! It was also great to be able to socialise and meet new year 7s from the other schools that we will be going to High School with. Written by Holly, Ava and Maddie



## Book Week

On Friday the 23rd of October Loxton Primary School had their annual book week parade. Sadly because of COVID19 we could not have high-fiving so the parade circle was a bit smaller but that didn't bring down the vibe. Leadership and some of the school leaders had organised a little skit for the parade. The skit was based around the book *The Cat in the Hat* since, Kira and Hope were already going as Thing 1 and Thing 2. Mrs Gibbs dressed up as the cat in the hat, Mrs Wright as Sally and Mrs Lipman as Conrad. They started the skit with Sally and Conrad talking about how it was too wet to play. Then *The Cat in the Hat* jumped out pushing a big red box and introduced everyone to Thing 1 and Thing 2. Thing 1 and Thing 2 like book week parades so they decided to start one.

The parade was a huge success even without the high-fives. Everyone had so much fun and we were so happy to see so many students and teachers getting involved. There were so many amazing costumes and so many smiling faces that day. After the parade was over we had to say goodbye to Thing 1 and Thing 2 and go back to class. Overall it was such a fun and memorable day. Written by Kira and Hope



## Big Buddies visit the Loxton Kindy

This week the Big Buddies walked down to the Kindy to meet their Little Buddies who will be starting their transition visits to school next week. We played with them outside in the sand pit and on the playground. We got to know them by talking to them and playing with them. They were really excited to see us and didn't want us to go. We can't wait for them to come to our school.

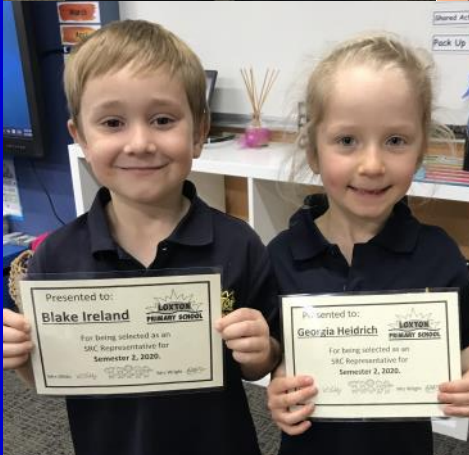
Written by Zoe and Emily



# Book Week



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Absent: Jakob Ireland

# Attendance

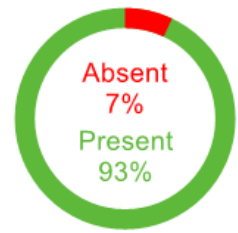
Our goal at Loxton Primary School is to have an attendance rate of 93%. The current attendance stats are:

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 school systems as at 30/10/2020



**Previous Week**  
Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 30/10/2020

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?  
CALL IN TO THE FRONT OFFICE TO CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BIN.

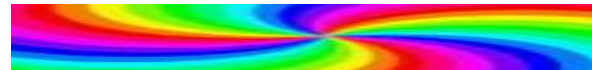



## Sports Calendar Term 4 2020

Wk	Date	Event	Where
5	9th - 13th November	Swimming Lessons 2K, 2/3D, 2/3WT, 3.4K, 4NS	Loxton
6	19th December	SAPSASA Swimming	Adelaide
6	20th December	SAPSASA Athletics	Adelaide
7	26th November	Swimming Carnival Yrs 4 - 7	Loxton Swimming Pool
8	30th November - 4th December	Swimming Lessons Rec B, Rec C, R/IVA, IST, 5H, 5AH	Loxton Swimming Pool

## MARDI GRAS AMBASSADORS

**Please contact Polly Johnston on 0427874332 if you are interested in your child becoming a Junior Ambassador in the 2021 Loxton Mardi Gras.**



Absence text only  
0447158038

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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



Happy Haven (CHC) are pleased to partner with Loxton Primary School offering before and after school care and vacation care and typical free days. Happy Haven will be there when you need us!

Session Type	Times	Full Price	With CCS*
BSC	6:45am-8:45am	\$22.00	\$13.65
ASC	3:15pm-6:00pm	\$34.00	\$21.48
ESF	2:15pm-6:00pm	\$40.80	\$24.11
PFD/VAC	7:15am-6:00pm	\$64.00	\$18.09



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## Christmas Closure Dates

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME TO WISH YOU & YOUR FAMILY A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A SAFE NEW YEAR.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE IN 2021

Closed 6pm  
24th December  
Reopen 7:15am  
4th January



## Holiday Swim 14-18 December 2020



Visit <http://e.mybookingmanager.com/Holiday-Swim-2020> to enrol and learn more information about each program. Enrolments close Wednesday 2nd December

**Wonder and Courage**  
Ages 6 months to 5 years  
5x 30min lessons  
Costs: \$41.50

Wonder (6-36m) - water familiarisation program for children & parents, uses songs, games & activities to teach children a variety of skills.  
(Note: parent/carer participation in class is essential.)

**Swim & Survive**  
Levels D1 to 7  
Ages 5 - 14 years  
5x 60min lessons  
Costs \$51.50

Courage (3-5yr) - water confidence program for children, seeks to build water confidence and develop water skills. Small class sizes.

**Higher Awards**  
Ages 12 to 18 years

The Rescue Strand & Bronze Star are 5x 60 Minutes Lessons  
Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Award of Merit & Distinction are 5x 90 Minutes lessons  
Prices vary depending on desired level (\$90-\$120)



## 2nd AGM

Monday 23rd November 2020  
6:30pm @ Loxton Hotel Motel

### Positions to be filled

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer/registrar
- Sponsorship Officer/Grants Coordinator
- Child Safe Officer
- Equipment Officer
- Committee



If you require information regarding this committee, please feel free to contact Michelle Pannell 0400647532

**PLEASE NOTE: NO COMMITTEE = NO NETBALL**

**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](http://www.accare.org.au) and keep up to date with activities on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/accarecommunity](http://www.facebook.com/accarecommunity)