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Dates to Remember

Monday 7th December
School Reports sent home

Tuesday 8th December
Year 7 Graduation

Friday 11th December
-Final Assembly
-Class placement letters sent home
-Early dismissal– 2.10pm

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Reflecting as I write our final newsletter for 2020, it all seems to have whizzed past in a blur. No one could ever have predicted that 2020 would end up as it has. Despite the challenges and 'unprecedented times' however, I am still very thankful that aside from some notable absences, we have been able to celebrate some of our usual events and activities. There is also cause for celebration that for the most part, our students have been able to learn onsite, which earlier in the year was looking very doubtful.

Throughout the course of the year, I have continued to be amazed and heartened by the resilient spirit of our students and school community. Despite many milestone events on our school calendar being cancelled / postponed or adjusted, we have continued to have an excellent year that the students have enjoyed and participated in with gusto.

While we are still working through staffing and classes for 2021, I would like to use this opportunity to farewell Mrs Dianna Schulz. Dianna is retiring from teaching, following a long career spanning many schools across the state. She began teaching at Pinnaroo in an R/1/2 class and will be remembered by the class of 2020 at Loxton Primary School as our Specialist Science Teacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dianna for her many years of teaching across many areas and wish her and her husband all the best as they head off to enjoy retirement.

Jade De-Gregorio joined us as an Early Career Teacher in 2020. She has supported our Year 2/3 class and fit into our Loxton Primary community with ease. We wish Jade all the best with future endeavours.

Tahlia Abell has supported us in teaching both Year 5 and Reception /1 in her first year of teaching. She has involved herself in the Loxton Community this year. We wish her well in the future.

After heading off to travel at the end of 2019, Loxton Primary was fortunate to be able to enjoy an early return and see Ms Jacinta Coombe re-join our teaching staff. We thank her for filling many different roles upon her return, finally supporting our Year 6/7 class for the majority of the year. We wish her all the best in her new adventures.

Mrs Karen Owens has supported our staff in a variety of roles this year as well. Karen taught in the Year 5 class for a term before returning to work with Jacinta to support our Year 6/7 students for the remainder of the year. Karen will be leaving us to work a little closer to home, moving to Cobdogla Primary. We thank her and wish her all the best at her new school.

We welcomed Alana Smith at the beginning of Term 2. What a start at a new school - a Reception class in the middle of a global pandemic and online learning! Alana has settled in with ease and we wish her all the best in the future.

Nat Westley has worked in our Year 5 class during Term 4. Nat joined us as an Early Career Teacher and has worked to develop relationships with students and support them well in their last term of school. Thank you Nat for your work.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and farewell Mrs Kara Voigt for T1 and T2 2020. Kara has been appointed as Principal at Kingston On Murray School. I would like to wish Kara all the best in her new role. I am sure the school community of Kingston On Murray will embrace her.

Finally, I would like to touch on significant events scheduled in Week 9. Student reports will be distributed on Monday, Dec. 7th. Swimming lessons have been rescheduled for students in R.C, R.B R/1VA, 1ST, 5H and 5AH. Families have been advised and we look forward to lessons occurring. Year 7 Graduation is planned to go ahead, which we are extremely thankful for, to enable Year 7s to still celebrate a 'traditional' Year 7 event. While slightly smaller than usual, we are grateful it can proceed.

Our End of Year Assembly will continue on Friday - we are still working through the logistics of streaming it for viewing, and will keep you posted. Please continue to watch Facebook for updates. Students will be advised of 2021 classes on Friday - and will have the opportunity to spend some time in their new class. We have found that transitions have been more effective since using this process. A letter will also be handed out on Friday explaining which class, classroom and teacher they will have. This will also outline book collection dates for 2021. The students will then finish school on Friday with a 2.10 pm dismissal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our School Community for their support and understanding in 2020. It has been appreciated both by myself and staff. I would also like to wish all of our students, families and school community a wonderful, happy and safe Christmas and holiday break. Take care and stay safe.

Sally

Hi! My name is Bronny Gladigau and I am proud to be the new Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) at Loxton Primary School.

I live with my family on a farm in Alawoona. We have a dog named Ellie, (who thinks she is a working dog, but she really is not), a cat named Silk (who thinks she runs the house, which I think she does), and a Cockatiel named Gismo.

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading, crocheting and watching my favourite TV shows.

I will be in school on:

Mondays 8.30am – 1.30pm

Tuesdays 8.30am – 1.30pm

You will find me in the school yard, in the Wellbeing room, working alongside teachers in the classrooms, and at school on special occasions and school wide events

You may contact me by leaving me a message in my birdcage box found in the Library, or by ringing the front office to leave a message and I will ring you back to make an appointment.

I am so excited to be a part of Loxton Primary School and doing what I can to support students, staff and parents!



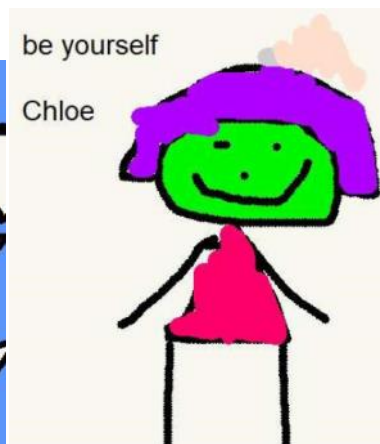
Over the last three weeks during Kindy transition visits, half the Receptions worked with Mr Grummet in the library on Tuesday mornings and then the other half worked with him on Wednesday mornings.

In Week 7, Mr Grummet's students learnt about the months of the year by learning the twelve steps of the Macarena dance and then singing the twelve months of the year while doing the dance. We also discovered which students have their birthday in each month. Fortunately, we were able to celebrate Rylen's birthday on the same day and his sister Ainslee's birthday the following day (see photos). The students enjoyed the cake, party poppers, party blowers and balloons.

You might like to ask them to dance the Macarena for you and see how many months they can remember.

Mac Grummet





TODD PARR INSPIRED PICTURES BY 1ST USING KIDPIX

Whole School Election

Students in 7C have been learning about the Australian Government and our preferential voting system. We decided to bring Canberra to us and hold the first Loxton Primary School vote. There were 5 candidates; netball, football, soccer, swimming and basketball.

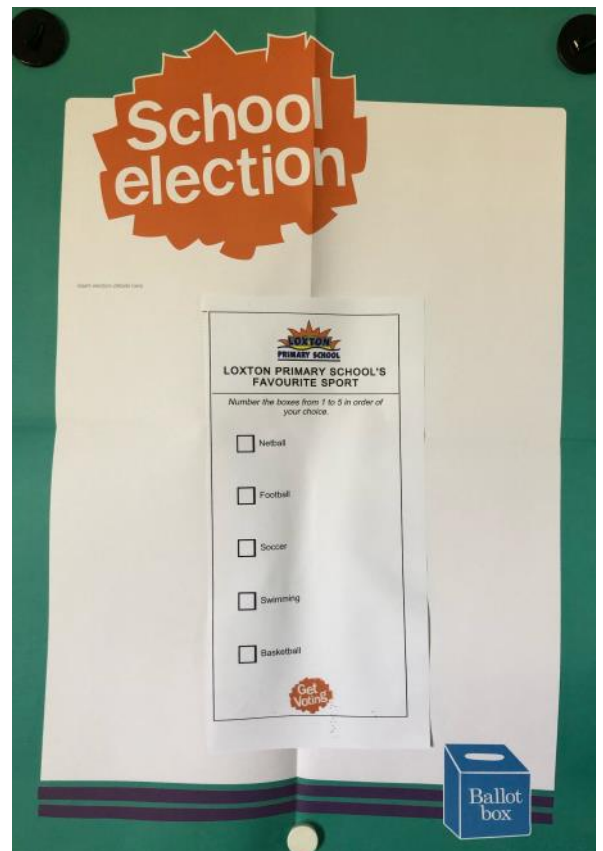
We have officials and supervisors to help count all 272 votes that were accumulated from all classes.

After the first round of tallying everyone's number 1 vote the count stood at 39 for netball, 71 for football, 20 for soccer, 78 for swimming and 64 for basketball.

The first sports eliminates were soccer, netball and then basketball. It was all done to football vs swimming.

After tallying all of the votes we are pleased to announce the winner of the LPS favourite sport is.....

Swimming!!!!





3/4 King have been learning about a style of art called Pop Art. We created our own art inspired by Andy Warhol. Did you know one of his portraits called 'Eight Elvises' sold in 2008 for \$100 million!!

6HW has been learning all about patterns and algebra. We played a game that we loved called 'Guess my rule'. We had a card that had an algebraic rule and we had to give our partner clues so that they could guess our rule. We did this by using input and output.

We also built patterns, found rules for how they increase and wrote an algebraic expression to represent this.



Attendance

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

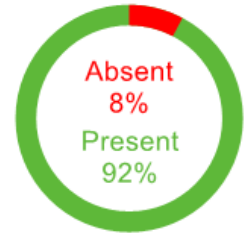
Please contact the school if your child/ren are going to be absent.

- 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 30/11/2020



Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 30/11/2020



HAPPY HAVEN

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



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?
 CALL IN TO THE FRONT OFFICE TO CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BIN.
 ALL PROPERTY REMAINING AT THE END OF WEEK 9 WILL BE DONATED TO LOXCARE



Absence text only
 0447158038

MISSED A NEWSLETTER!
 visit our website
www.loxtonps.sa.edu.au

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LOXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

 **Term Calendar**
http://www.loxtonps.sa.edu.au/whats_happening.htm

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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

123
SESAME STREET
CIRCUS SPECTACULAR
 BY SILVERS

ADELAIDE BONYTHON PARK
ELIZABETH RIDLEY PUTTING GREEN

1 April - 2 May **6 May - 23 May**

Book now at **ticketmaster®** **BOX-OFFICE** 0413 880 044

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Riverland Musical Society presents

MAMMA MIA!

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
BENNY ANDERSSON & BJÖRN ULVAEUS

AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON

BOOK BY **CATHERINE JOHNSON** ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY **JUDY CRAMER**

DECEMBER 11 - 20
 Chaffey Theatre, Renmark

LIMITED TICKETS
 Get in Quick!

Tickets available **online** at <https://www.countryarts.org.au/venues/chaffey-theatre/> or call (08) 8586 1800

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
 All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

Carer Support Group Information Session



If you care for someone with a disability or medical condition and would like to access support from other people in a similar situation you may be interested in being part of a Peer Support Workshop.

Carers SA will be running these groups in Loxton in 2021 and will be holding an information session for those wishing to register for the group or looking for more information. Tea, coffee and light snacks will be provided.

Session details:

Monday 7th December 2020 1:30pm - 2:30pm Loxcare

Due to COVID-19 restrictions limiting numbers of attendees within venues, we must request that you advise us if you will be attending the session. You can do this by calling or texting 0455 44 22 59. If you would like to be part of the group in 2021 but are unable to attend the information session please call or text 0455 44 22 59.

To learn more about the services available through Carer Gateway and the support Carers SA can provide, visit carerssa.com.au or call 1800 422 737



ADELAIDE Strikers

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

BERRI
 Berri Oval No. 2
 Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 January
 3:30pm - 6:00pm

TO REGISTER, GO TO ADELAIDESTRIKERS.COM.AU
 AND VISIT THE FAN ZONE

STAY AT HOME

All children and students who are unwell should remain at home until symptoms resolve.

National Coronavirus Health Information Line **1800 020 080**



Loxton Primary School – Term 4 2020 - Uniform Price List and Order Form

Students Name: _____ Class: _____ Phone Number: _____

Prices come into effect on Thursday 27th August 2020

TOPS	Cost GST Inc	Size 4	Size 6	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14	Size 16	Adult Sm	Adult Med	Adult Lge	TOTAL COST
Windcheater (Navy)	\$25											\$
Jacket (Navy)	\$25											\$
Navy Polo Shirt	\$20											\$

PANTS		Size 4	Size 6	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14	Size 16	Size 18	Size 20		
Basketball Shorts (Mesh)	\$12											\$
Fleecy Track Pant (no cuff)	\$20											\$
Microfibre Straight Leg track pant	\$23											\$

GIRLS		Size 4	Size 6	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14	Size 16	Size 18	Size 20		
Summer Uniform Dress	\$45											\$
Summer Drop Waist pleated Skirt	\$30											\$
Winter Skirt	\$55											\$
Skort	\$20											\$

OTHER ITEMS												
Wide Brimmed Hat	\$10	Size: Small/ Medium			Medium/Large			Large/ Extra Large				\$
Logo	\$2.50	Iron on Gold Transfer (School Logo)										\$
Reader/Take Home Folder	\$10											\$

Paid by Cheque/Credit Card/Cash/Direct Deposit into bank account	TOTAL PAYMENT	\$
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DIRECT DEPOSIT INTO LOXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT

Direct Deposit Details - BSB: **105-059** A/C: **245 039 340** Description: _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORISATION

Payment by phone welcome – please call 8584 7408

Loxton Primary School – ABN: 39 531 636 188

Card No: Exp Date: ____ / ____

Card Holders Name: _____ Signature: _____

Card Type: (Please Circle One) Master Card / Visa Card For: Uniforms Amount: \$ _____