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LOXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Vision: DREAM BELIEVE LEARN & ACHIEVE
Our Values: BELONGING CARING LEARNING PERSISTING RESPECTING

Newsletter #2

18/02/2021

Principal: Sally Wright

Deputy Principal: Bernie Lipman

Governing Council Chairperson: Donna Felder

The Principal's Piece



It has been fantastic to be able to welcome parents back onsite over the last few weeks. Thank you to parents and carers for remembering to sign in using our QR barcodes around the school. To ensure we can continue to enable visitors onsite, please make sure to sign in with the barcodes.

It was wonderful to have so many families join us for our Acquaintance Evening and Governing Council AGM last week. This provided a great opportunity for parents and carers to connect with teachers and to gain a valuable insight into their children's classrooms. Thank you to people who were able to join us.

Our new Receptions were welcomed to our LPS community at Assembly on Thursday and again it was great to have our families present. We are aiming to host Assemblies outside while the weather permits to enable our community to re-join us.

Monday morning saw Up and At 'Em Club begin for 2021 and Breakfast Club held for the first time since last year, in a COVID safe way. Our School Leaders did an amazing job of supporting Mrs Gladigau and provide a nourishing breakfast of fruit, cereal and toast for the students.

The final event I am happy to share today has been our School Leader Induction. While every Leadership Induction is special, in 2021 we were able to celebrate a Leadership group like no other we will see again. We celebrated inducting two groups of school leaders, a Year 7 group and a Year 6 group. Our School leaders were fabulous ambassadors for their peers and right from the beginning of their Leadership journey, have demonstrated their strong and positive leadership capabilities. I would like to thank Mrs Gibbs for her work in supporting our student leaders with their ongoing development throughout the year. I know our school community joins me in wishing our School Leaders, Sports Captains and SRC representatives all the best as they do Loxton Primary proud!

This week has also seen 16 of our students representing Loxton Primary School at the Riverland District Swimming Carnival. I would like to congratulate and commend our students on their team work and the manner in which they conducted themselves. Congratulations to Saskia Gibbs who has been selected to represent the Riverland in the SAPSASA State Competition later this term after very strong performances at the Riverland Carnival. Thank you Mr Kruger for your work and well done to our Swim Team.

While we have elected the majority of our Governing Councillors at our AGM, we still have a couple of positions vacant for our 2021 council. If you think you would be interested in having a say in how our school runs, please make contact with me through the front office or make contact with a current Governing Councillor.

You may note the new style of our newsletter. Our Sway version allows our newsletter to be more interactive and include more photographs and videos. It is also designed primarily for online viewing, so we are looking after our environment and will be printing less. We are very excited by our new format, however if you are unable to view online and would like a printed copy, please pop in to our administration and they can print you a copy.

Have a wonderful week.

Sally Wright

Principal

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 23rd Feb 2021

- School Photos

Monday 1st March - Friday 5th March 2021

- Swimming 2/3WT, 3/4K, 3/4NS, 4/5H, 5/6W

Monday 8th March 2021

- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th March 2021

- Student Free Day

Thursday 11th March 2021

- Assembly

Tuesday 16th March 2021

- Year 7 Aquatics

Friday 19th March 2021

- National Ride2School Day

Wednesday 24th March 2021

- Riverland Primary Athletics @ Waikerie

Friday 26th March 2021

- SAPSASA Swimming / SWD Champs



Reception Introduction Assembly



On Thursday the 11th of February the Reception students were formally welcomed into Loxton Primary School during an assembly held in the stadium. They presented their big buddies with cards

they had made to thank for them for the kindness and support they had provided them with over their first few weeks of school.

The Receptions were also excited and appreciative to receive a new picture book each from their big buddies. The big buddy process has been highly successful in ensuring our Reception students had a smooth and enjoyable transition into their first year of schooling. Well done!

Alana Smith

Reception Teacher



Interschool Swimming Carnival





On Tuesday the 16th of February our school went down to the Loxton swimming pool for the 2021 Interschool Swimming Carnival. It was a really fun day and great experience with everyone supporting and cheering for the school. It was really hot but that didn't stop us from doing our very best.

We had Tilly Groth place third for the 11 year olds 50m breaststroke, Danielle Morrison placing 2nd in the 10 year old 50m fly and Saskia Gibbs ended up with four 1st places in 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke and 50m fly and a second place for 50m breaststroke- all in the 13 year olds.

We would like to thank Mr Kruger for making the day so special and getting us all ice blocks and Mrs Gibbs for making sure everyone got to their events and had an awesome day.

We would also like to thank Kylie, Trini, parents and grandparents for coming down and giving us a hand with the day- time keeping, starting the races, and cheering us all on. Everyone that came did an awesome job and I am very proud of LPS. Great job everyone!

Saskia Gibbs





SRC Assembly 2021

Today was our special Assembly where we Inducted our School Leaders, House Captains and Semester 1 SRC reps.

It was great to be able to have families and friends come and support our students for this.

We welcomed William Simes, one of our School Leaders from last year, who spoke to the students about all being leaders- no matter if you wear a badge or not.

Our SRC will begin to meet regularly so that Reps can bring ideas from their classes to the group for discussion. I'm sure they will be keen to organise a fun day of some sort in the near future.

Our School Leaders have already been busy with Breakfast Club and Canteen, and our House Captains are already running lunchtime activities and organising Sports Day.

Mr Kruger, Mrs Gladigau and I look forward to working with all the inducted students and we wish them all the best during their time on office.

Liza Gibbs

School Photos

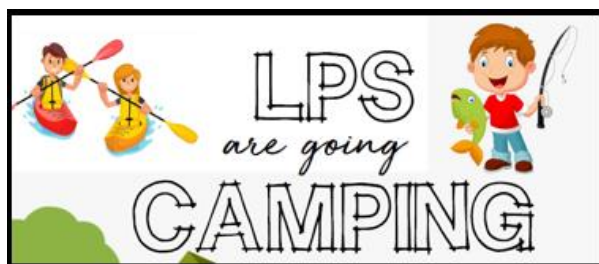


School Photos are on Tuesday the 23rd of February.

Please remember to return your photo envelopes whether you wish to have photos taken or not of your child/ren.

If you wish to have family photos taken please collect a family photo envelope from the front office. Spare or extra envelopes will also be available at the front office if required.

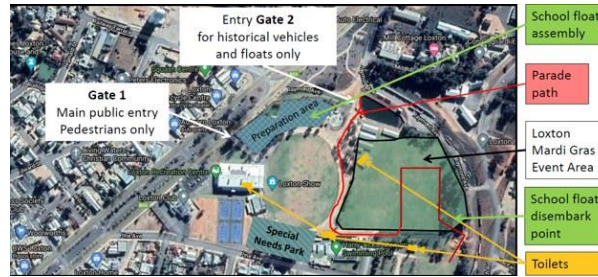
Mardi Gras 2021



Loxton Primary School will be joining in with the Loxton Mardi Gras parade which is on Saturday February the 27th. As in past years we are asking for as many of our students as possible to join in and walk with our school float. The Mardi Gras theme this year is '**Nature**'. We would like our students to wear their favourite camping clothes, life jackets, fishing attire, floppy hats, cork hats, flannelette shirts, boots, fishing rods (no hooks) marshmallows on a stick, little swags on backs....

Please remember to put on sunscreen and bring a water bottle and a hat.

This year's Mardi Gras will look a bit different. It will be held around Loxton Oval #2 (next to Footy Oval). Students are asked to meet at the 'Preparation Area' (old Side Show Alley) to hop on the float (see map) at 10.30am. After the parade- please meet the float at the 'School float disembark point' (see map) to collect your child/ren at 11.30am



Everyone entering the Oval Precinct will need to pre-register ONLINE by visiting the Mardi Gras homepage at www.loxtonmardigras.org.au

Pre-registration is simple, quick and **FREE**. You will need to book tickets for **every** person that is coming in your group/family- each child, each parent/ caregiver/ spectator etc.

Your tickets will then be emailed to you. You can either print your tickets or show them on your smartphone. On arrival at the Main Entry Gate 1 (see map) you just show your tickets to the gate staff who will quickly scan and confirm your entry.

You will also have to QR code or manually write contact tracing details as per SA Health requirements. Tickets MIGHT be available at the gate on the day for people who haven't booked- but can't be guaranteed if the event is full (due to Covid Restrictions.)

School QR Code

Our school has been issued with a QR Code which you will find on classroom and building doors. In accordance with the SA Health and government guidelines please remember to sign in when on school grounds. Please continue to bring your child/ren's personal labelled water bottle which can be refilled at our drinking stations, rather than drinking directly from them.

Please be aware if you are entering the school premises for an extended time you will still need to sign in through the front office.

Thank You.



COVID-SAFE CHECK-IN

Loxton Primary School



Checking in is quick and easy:

1. Scan the QR code with the free mySA GOV app or your phone camera
2. Enter your name and mobile number
3. Follow the prompts
4. Show staff your green tick

Remember:

- ☒ Do not enter if you are unwell
- ☒ Stay 1.5 metres from others not in your group
- ☒ Regularly wash or sanitise your hands

School Leader Questionnaire

Tyler Hucks



Name: Tyler Hucks

Student Leader Role: Year 7 Student Leader

Favourite Colour: Blue

Favourite Food: Schnitzel

Favourite Sports Team: Crows

What are your hobbies: Go karting, camping and kayaking.

What do you love about Loxton Primary School: Staff, students, a good place to learn.

Why did you want to be a school leader: Because I like helping out other people and giving students a voice.

What are you most looking forward to: Going to the conference in Adelaide.

What do you hope to achieve as a school leader: To make LPS a better place than it already is. But most importantly making the transition to high school as smooth as possible for all the 6/7's.

Advice of the week for the students of LPS: Be kind to everyone because you don't know what people are going through.



Name: Amelia Semmler

Student Leader Role: Deputy Leader

Favourite Colour: Pastel Pink

Favourite Food: Sweet Food

Favourite Sports team: Sydney Cricket, crows, red legs, Demons and Adelaide Strikers

What are your hobbies: Acting / Making movies

What do you love about Loxton Primary School? : I love Loxton Primary because it is kind, caring and a supporting school.

Why did you want to be a School Leader? : Because it would be the perfect last piece of my puzzle of Primary School.

What are you most looking forward to? : Going to Adelaide and learning about becoming a leader.

What do you hope to achieve as a School Leader? : I hope to be a good leader to the whole school.

Advice of the week for the students of LPS : Be awesome and believe in yourself



Name: Juliet Haenen

Student Leader Role: Female Year 7 Leader

Favourite Colour: Yellow

Favourite Food: Curry and Sushi

Favourite Sports team: Carlton footy team

What are your hobbies: Singing, acting, surfing and roller skating

What do you love about Loxton Primary School? :I love how our school revolves around our school values and our school vision.

Why did you want to be a School Leader? : To help the school become a better place

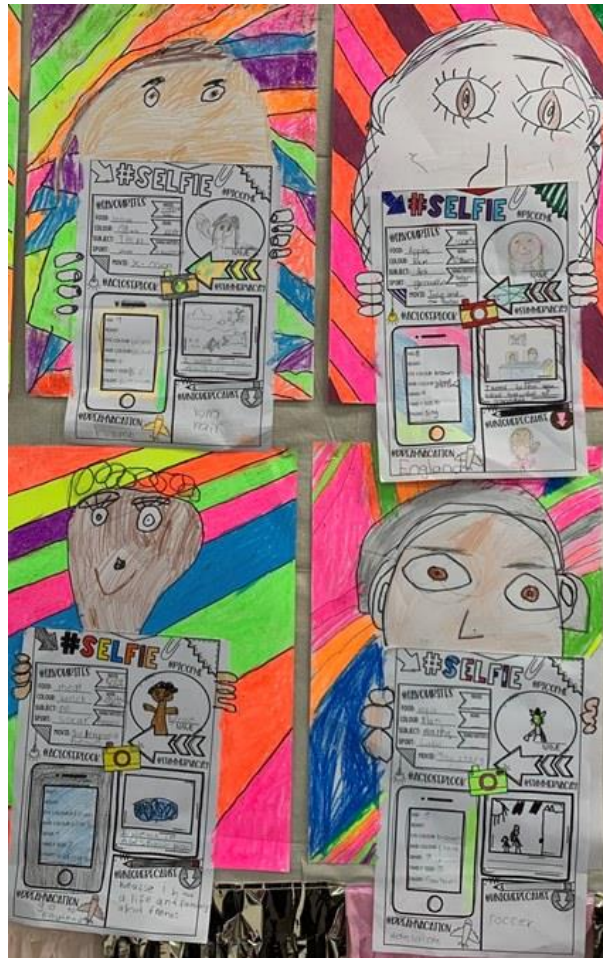
What are you most looking forward to? : At the moment I am most excited for our leader conference in Adelaide.

What do you hope to achieve as a School Leader? : I want to achieve leaving a legacy to remember at this school.

Advice of the week for the students of LPS : Treat every day like it is an adventure!

Art by 3/4K









Community News



LOXTON NORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

invite all new and existing
BOYS & GIRLS
Under 15's, 13's, 11's & 9's to our

REGISTRATION NIGHT

Thursday 25 February
4.30pm - 6.00pm
at the Loxton North Oval

For more information please contact
Matthew Hutchinson 0409823859

LIGHT TRAINING
WITH
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
TO FOLLOW



64th Annual Family Festival

Theme "Nature"

27th & 28th Feb 2021

New venue due to Covid rules - you can pre-register for free tickets
at www.loxtonmardigras.org.au - or we can register you
see us at East Terrace Rotunda 10am to 1pm Wed 24 to Fri 26 Feb

Saturday 27th at Loxton Oval #2

Covid plan in place, secure family lawn areas

Voluntary gold coin donation appreciated

9.00am Market/Craft stalls and Food vendors open all day until close.

Musical Entertainment with the Riverland Brass Band from approx. 9:30am

10.45am Parade Opening - Civic address: LWDC Mayor Leon Stasinowsky;

Loxton 2021 Citizen of the Year David Kimber

Nuriootpa Town Band

12 Noon Nippy's Great Orange Bowling Competition; Lunch, Food & Craft Stalls, Band playing, Fun for Children and family

1.00pm Winner Announcements Intro: Tim Whetstone MP

(approx.) *Floats *Shop Window *Crowning of the Ambassadors

3.00pm Mardi Gras Close **5.00pm** Nippy's Loxton Gift

Sunday 28th

Mardi Gras Appreciation Service

8.30am At the Rotunda: Honouring WWII

Nursing Sister: Patricia Cashmore

Presentation to Flag Bearers



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My child is attending or is eligible to attend primary school (Years R-7) in 2021: ☐ Y ☐ N

Child first name: _____ Family name: _____

Child date of birth: ____/____/____ Gender: ☐ M ☐ F

Medicare number: _____ ref. no. ☐ OR Australian visa number: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____ Member of a sport/dance group prior to using voucher: ☐ Y ☐ N

Parent/Guardian first name: _____ Family name: _____

Contact number: _____ I confirm my child has not already claimed a voucher in 2021: ☐

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

An email notification may be sent to the above email address (assuming it is correct) advising the authorisation of the voucher used for your child

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To be presented at an approved Sports Voucher provider. To find your nearest provider or for more information please visit www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au. Not redeemable for cash, only a reduction to membership/registration fees. Redemption value not to exceed \$100.00. In presenting this voucher I give permission to the Sports Voucher provider to share my information with the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.



**LOXTON
HOCKEY CLUB**
INVITES ALL KIDS 7+ TO:


COME 'N TRY

**WEDNESDAY 24TH FEB
THURSDAY 4TH MARCH**

**4.00 - 5.30PM
LOXTON HOCKEY CLUB OVAL
ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED
NO COST**

Bring a water bottle.





BECOMING NOW

We will travel through time and explore the lives of young RYT participants in a time before internet, mobile phones, social media and Covid-19.

Examining selected devised scripts from the 80's, 90's and 2000's, the workshops will explore theatre making techniques & production, develop theatre skills and create new works.

Location : Renmark Institute, 54 Ral Ral Avenue
(Enter Via James Ave)
Time : 4:30 - 6:00pm
Commencing : Thursday 18th February for a total of 8 weeks
Two Groups Aged : 5-12 years and 13+ years
Cost: \$120

To sign up, visit
<https://ryt.wufoo.com/forms/becoming-now/>

You can call us on 08 8586 3437







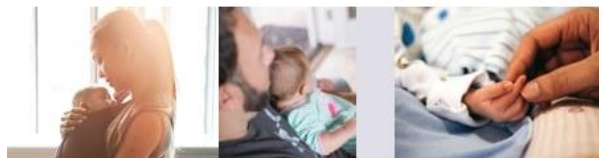
Infant Massage in the Riverland Coming soon!

Massage for babies has been shown to reduce crying times, improve sleep and reduce levels of stress hormones in babies. Come and learn this valuable skill and spend time building your connection with baby.

Learn easy strokes and movements that caregivers can use to play, explore, and support baby's wellbeing and flourishing. Massage can help to build a conversation with baby around what secure touch feels like. For non-walking babies under 12 months. This group is for mums, dads and other primary caregivers.

Infant massage sessions are held once a week, for five consecutive weeks.
Free of cost.

Register your interest for the group starting in March 2021 by calling us on 8582 4122.



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