

Loxton North School Newsletter Week 9, Term 1 24/3/2021

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Diary Dates

March 22-26th Parent/Student/ Teacher Interviews

March 25 Harvest Festival and Great Stomp

March 30 NO OSHC BUS

April 1
Preschool pupil
free day
Assembly 9:00am
R-7

April 2Good Friday

April 5
Easter Monday

April 8
School Photos

April 9
Last day of school
Dismissal 2:15pm

April 26 ANZAC Day holiday

April 27 Term 2 First day

April 28
Mem Fox—author visit

From the Principal's desk

Meet the new residents of Loxton North School

Dear Families, The term is moving along quickly. Part of this is due to *extra-curricular activities* and *events occurring*; which were postponed last year. It has been great to attend cluster choir rehearsals, SAPSASA sports, Meet 'n Greet night and now our *Harvest Festival day* for our school community. We are looking forward to tomorrow's event, I know the students are excited about squishing the grapes! Stay posted through Facebook or join us on the day; even pop in during your lunch break.

The Departments *Music Education Strategy* 2019-2029 is focused on preschools and schools providing access to high-quality music education that is valued and inspires learning. Music is growing at the school, we have a dedicated choir teacher with 16 students being trained for Festival Choir. We have 3 students accessing the Departments Instrumental music program with free tuition. We were successful at receiving 2 grants to enable Jo (preschool teacher) and Ms Haenen (Reception/Yr1 teacher) to continue their involvement in music mentoring program and an online Cabana music suite, this also includes money to purchase more instruments for the class. Coming very soon, our outdoor music orchestra. There are so many benefits for children and students to be involved in Music; emotional maturation, learning and memory.

Staff have noticed a number of students **arriving well** before 8:30am. If students do arrive a couple of minutes early they are to wait at the front of the school. Any earlier it is not safe as there is no staff on duty and facilities are not open. Please time your families' departure so your child arrives between 8:30-8:50am.

The coming school holidays will see a lot of work at the front of the school. Overhead cables and internet service upgraded. Paving works around the chook shed and the creation of the music arena. Please keep clear of these areas if you visit the playground or

oval over the break. The council is also tidying up the front

garden verge and we'll begin planting our tree side scape during the month of June.

A special welcome back to Patrick, Isabelle and Natalie. It was great to see you settle in quickly. **Regards Vanessa**





GRIP Student Leadership Conference

On 15 March Rm 6 SRC and School Leaders attended • the GRIP conference. This is the first time the school has gone with other schools in the Riverland.

The day started at 5:00am at the bus pick up! We headed to Adelaide Entertainment Centre, along with These ideas all came about thinking of ways to help 1000 other students. It was worth the bus trip!

We learnt many things about leadership. The first lesson: 'I need to put my own hand up and be ready for The learning from GRIP conference will be built upon when it's my time to lead'. Knowing when it is your with the SRC across the school. We are holding each time to do this is important. Students learnt about how other responsible to make sure we follow through on to know this by the acronym *TIME*. They need to know plans and make it happen. Stay tuned! what their <u>Talents</u> are. Is it public speaking, teaching others, problem solving, writing, working in a team, inventing new things, having a conversation, taking



notes. *Interests*. *Make a difference*. *Experience*.

The **second lesson** was on responsibilities of a leader. You have to be able to:

- 1. Follow through on promises
- 2. Do what is right (follow school rules)
- Put others first 3.

Responsibility means having a duty to make sure that particular things are done.

Our *third lesson* was how to develop Bright Ideas! We did a lot of sharing and talking with other schools. Building on ideas, listening, puling apart to then look at what we can do to make things better for students back at school.

Some initial ideas were:

- Student lead brain breaks
- Environmental activities in small groups with buddies
- Fixing Nature Play 2.0
- Lunch time activities with an art focus
- Music not bells

brighten a place in the school, making students feel good and helping students with their learning.



Generosity **R**esponsibility *I*ntegrity **P**eople





Room 3

In maths we are learning to connect number names, numerals and quantities. Show me 6!







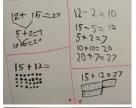
Room 1

Focus: Addition

Learning intention: To learn different strategies to add numbers together.

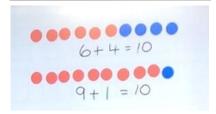
Success Criteria: I can use more than one strategy to solve addition problems.

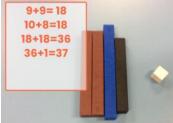
We have been experimenting with different ways to add numbers together and then how to prove our answers. After sharing our strategies we have been had time to try new methods which is a great way of expanding our knowledge. We have made some mistakes along the way and needed to support each other, but our brains are being challenged and are growing mathematically.

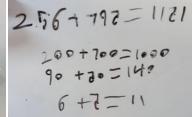






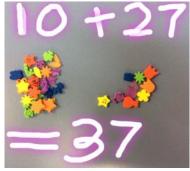














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School Information

CONGRATULATIONS

A big congratulations to Nate who received 2 Our 'Premier's Reading awards at basketball presentations. Medallion Challenge...Challenge!' has started for Runners Up in the Grand Final for Division 2 with a bang! Students have been and the MVP Award, most valuable player!

A very proud moment and recognition of your Teams': Team Dahl (blue), Team Fox consistency and skill as a player. (red) and Team Jennings (yellow).

FESTIVAL CHOIR

Every Friday afternoon Festival Choir students practise with Mrs Casey. We have 16 students who are loving learning new skills, songs and being part of a group. Recently we joined together with other schools in our cluster; Loxton Lutheran, Lameroo, St Alberts, Loxton Primary and Renmark North School. Students will perform at Chaffey Theatre on Tuesday 3rd August which is an amazing experience.





PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is held every Wednesday morning from 9.00 till 11.00 am. Come and enjoy our amazing facilities in a casual friendly environment. Meet new families and make new friends. Please bring a water bottle, hat, gold coin donation and a piece of fruit for story time.

Trish Playgroup Coordinator



LIBRARY

Our 'Premier's Reading Challenge...Challenge!' has started with a bang! Students have been randomly placed in three 'Library Teams': Team Dahl (blue), Team Fox (red) and Team Jennings (yellow). Every week during library lessons, they check in with how many books they've



read for their Premier's Reading Challenge and receive a coloured stick — these represent a point for their team. It has been wonderful to see their excitement and enthusiasm as they earn points. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home and complete their Challenge sheet (extra forms are available in the library).

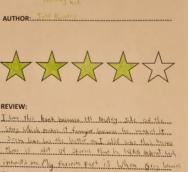
We are excited to welcome author and Premier's Reading Challenge Ambassador **Mem Fox**, who will be visiting students next term on <u>Wednesday</u>, **April 28th** from <u>11-1:45am</u>. We are privileged to have Mem Fox coming to speak to us and are looking forward to hearing her share her love of books and reading!

On <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>19th May at 11am</u> the school will be taking part in the National Simultaneous Story time initiative. Students all across the country will be joined virtually by <u>astronauts from the International Space Station</u> as we read "Give Me Some Space" by Philip Bunting together. This is sure to be an amazing experience!

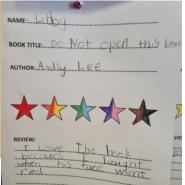
During library lessons, students have been learning to share their thoughts and opinions on stories they read. We have discussed their favourite books and why they love them, as well as learning how to write book reviews to share their

reasons why they did or did not enjoy a book.

Amanda Schubert— Iibrarian



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SAPSASA ATHLETICS

SAPSASA athletics day; discus, shot put, high jump, long celebrating the end of harvest; will be a bit later this year! jump and running. A team of 12 students will represent the Students will wear their school uniform whilst being part of school at Waikerie Sports Complex, seeing them compete activities throughout the day. As this is our major fundraiser against schools across the Riverland.



NAPLAN

Students in year 3, 5 & 7 will be involved in the Online Practise Test on Friday 25th March. This will be occurring across the country to test ICT capability and familiarise students with functions and features within the test. The practise test will not be marked.

NAPLAN will occur in term 2 from 11 May to 21 May, this SCHOOL PHOTOS allows for any catch up tests to occur. As they are online they become tailored to find out what the students can do. School photo day is 8 April, 'have your child's school This is a snapshot in time of learning.

Tuesday 11 May

Year 3 Writing—paper and pen

Year 5 Writing—Online

Wednesday 12 May

Year 3 & 5 Reading & Conventions of Language

Year 7 Writing and Reading

Thursday 13 May

Year 7 Conventions of language

Year 3/5/7 Numeracy

14 -21 May

Catch up tests

www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support

HARVEST FESTIVAL DAY



Students in Rm6 have been practising a range of skills for Thursday 25th March will see the whole school involved in there is a small cost for a range of foods and services. Side show alley will be for free as well as exploring the CFS truck and Police car. All students and children will be involved in the 'Great Stomp' and the Petch family have kindly organised the grapes and wash bay!

> A big thank you to families for selling raffle tickets and promoting the wine fundraiser within the community. Wine can still be purchased up to the 28th March and raffle



50c

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There will be no tokens at Harvest Festival, this is a great opportunity for your child to use real money to purchase items. Ask you child how many ways to make 50 cents or \$1 so they are ready for the day.

tickets until 12 noon on 25 March.

https://riverlandwinecentre.com.au/ fundraiser/

Sausage Sizzle	\$1
Doughnuts	\$1
Cake Stall	50c
Water	\$1
Juice Box	\$1
Face Painting	\$1
Sideshows	FREE

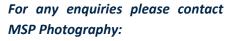
Lolly Bags

Knick Knacks

memories captured forever'. Payment envelopes have been sent home and blank family photo envelopes are available from the front office on request. Please ensure correct money or online order has occurred, you'll require the unique shoot key displayed on each order envelope.

Please make sure your child is in correct school uniform (including socks) and neat hair. It is important any hair

accessories are minimal, as to not cover up other students in class photos.



Email sarena.palmer@msp.com.au

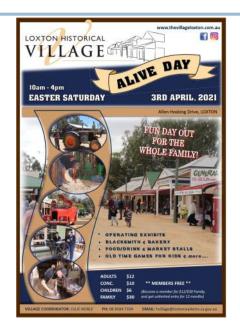
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Community Information







Easter Picnic!



Loxton District

Loxton Oval

Saturdays @ 9am

Coordinator: Leigh Kruger

0418 805 241

play.afl/auskick

Saturdays @ 12pm

Coordinator: ??? 04??

play.afl/auskick



Under 9's & Under 11's

Training Commences

Thursday 18th March 2021

4.30 pm @ the Loxton Oval

All current and new players welcome

For more information please contact Pat Portolesi on 0407 975 783 (Under 9's) or Damien Fielke on 0478 148 522 (Under

> 11's) or email loxtonjuniorfootball@gmail.com







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Net: 5-6 year Set: 7-8 years GO: 9-10 years

Day: Thursday Dates: 29th April to 1st July – Term 2

Time: 4pm to 5pm recinct, formerly The Rec Cost: \$80

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