



### Diary Dates

#### Feb 18

5:15pm-7:00pm  
Meet and Greet, Family  
BBQ followed by  
Governing Council  
AGM

#### Feb 19

Assembly—School  
Leader, SRC and  
Sports Captains  
induction  
9:00am

#### Feb 22

Year 6/7 Aquatics

#### Feb 27

Loxton Mardi Gras  
Parade

#### March 8

Public Holiday  
Adelaide Cup Day

#### March 19

Ride to School day  
Assembly 9:00am

**March 25** Harvest  
Festival and Great  
Stomp

#### March 30

NO OSHC BUS

#### April 1

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

#### April 2

Good Friday

#### April 5

Easter Monday

#### April 8

School Photos

#### April 9

Last day of school  
Dismissal 2:15pm

### From the Principal's desk

Dear Families

Students have certainly settled into **class and preschool routines**. It is important that these are developed and maintained at school and home. I know a few children and staff have found this week to be tiring, as our bodies get used to adjusting to being back to school. Sleep is so important for all of us and getting ready to sleep by not having screen time 45 minutes before bed time will assist in a good night's sleep.

Last year we missed out on connecting with our families due to COVID restrictions, we're really looking forward to connecting with you all at next week's **Meet, Greet and Learn**. Teachers are preparing a special lesson for parents and students to do together, followed by a bbq tea with others in our school community. The school will provide patties, sausages, salad, ice blocks and juice. You are welcome to bring your own plate of food to share with your family only. Please return attendance form.

We are well underway with **upgrades** around the school from the **Governments stimulus funding**. Over the holidays the multipurpose room was stripped bare and painted. Blinds, board and PA system will be arriving shortly. The preschool double slippery dip has been installed along with some beautiful signage and office upgrade being installed this Friday. Next school holidays the musical playground will be installed along with paving leading to the chook yard. The whole of the brick building has been re-carpeted and is looking very smart, creating a wonderful space to learn.

**Harvest Festival** planning is well underway. Save the date, **25th March** where families can come and join in celebrating the end of harvest. We are also doing our cash raffle and wine fundraiser, more details coming soon. Thank you to families who have sold their raffle books, we have more if you would like to keep selling. Money raised will go to the next stage of the playground upgrade.



**Special welcome to Mia** and her family, we know you were really excited to start preschool and are enjoying learning while playing.

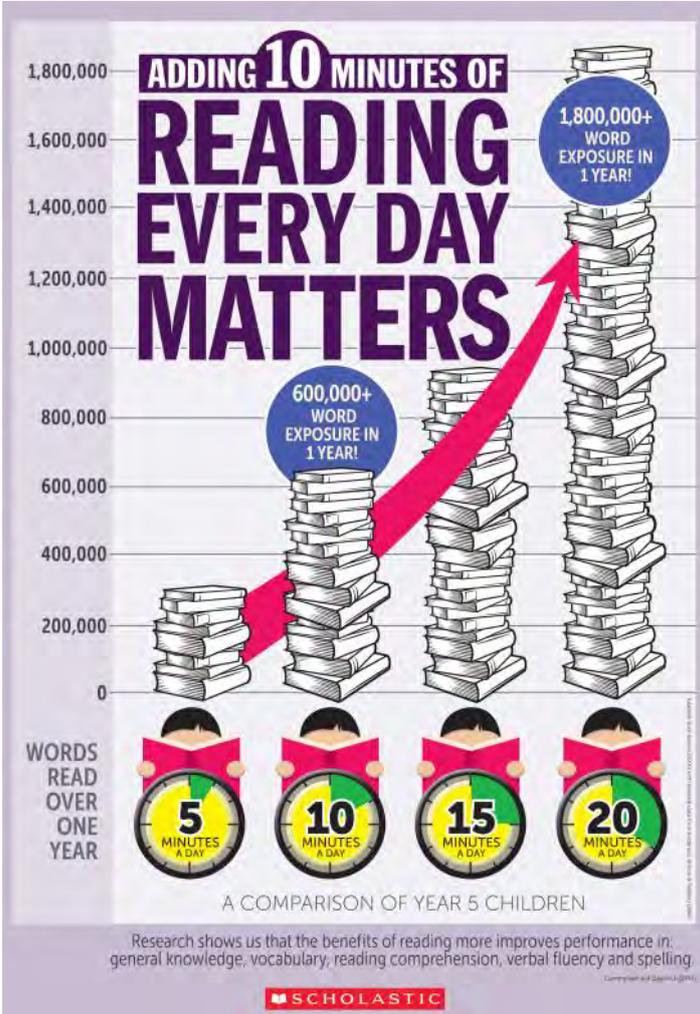
Regards Vanessa



Vanessa Wainwright  
Principal

## Reading at Home

This year we are having a whole school focus on home reading. The importance of listening to your child read at home every night is of huge benefit as seen below.



If you would like some tips on how to effectively listen to your child read, please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Rudiger.

Alternatively, there are some great tips in this video by Jennifer Gonzalez of Cult of Pedagogy, *Nightly Reading Homework: Best Practices for Parents*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch/korfvEQQb14>

## Rock and Water Program

Students year 2-7 will be involved in The Rock & Water Program with Mrs Wainwright. The concepts 'Rock' and 'Water' are used as a metaphor throughout the program for children to explore and choose different forms of communication (E.g., does the situation require a Rock attitude or Water attitude).

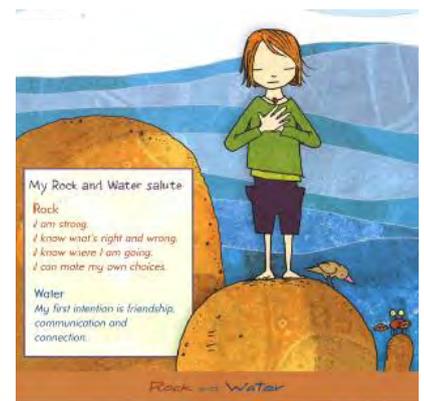
'Rock' explores closing off from others and going your own way while 'Water' explores going with the flow and working in partnership with other people. The skills and strategies learnt from Rock & Water support students to learn and practice adaptable life and social skills while providing a consistent, predictable, easy to learn and retain language. Contained throughout the program are harmless self-defence strategies for children, there is a strong "social" focus embedded in the program. In recent evaluations and studies, it has shown the program and framework can deliver key outcomes for schools and students such as:

We recognize that family life can be busy and that it is not always possible for parents and carers to listen to their child read every night. So, every morning classroom teachers will check your



child's reading log to see if they have read. If not, they will go to the library for the before-school reading session where they will be heard by either an adult or another student. They will also listen to other students read.

- increased social wellbeing
- Increase in social safety
- Increase in positive social behaviour



# Apples in Room 1

Mrs Hennig has been bringing apples in from her family fruit block to share with us. Along the way we have been learning about how apples are grown, picked, classed, sorted and packed.

Apples freshly picked from the tree are red, shiny, firm, juicy and crunchy. They taste delicious! Class 1 apples need to be fully red and not many marks.

A 360kg bin of gala apples holds approximately 2,168 apples. Apples need to be handled gently or they can bruise very easily. At the packing house the apples are floated out of the bins with water to protect them from getting bruised.

Apples are stored in cool rooms until they are needed for market. The oxygen is removed from the room to put the apples to sleep so that they last longer. That is because apples breath out carbon dioxide & breath in oxygen.



# Room 6



Students are working on a class mural using Aboriginal art designs to tell a story surrounded by emu prints. Oil pastels will be used to cover over the pencil design and lastly, the finished artwork will be washed over with a food dye solution.

Zentangle Name designs were also created using various shapes and lines.



# ROOM 3

The Room 3 children have been busy getting acquainted with new school routines, playing with and making new friends and learning. We have been talking about and creating a class culture of **TRUST, RESPECT AND OPTIMISM!**



# Preschool

We have had a flying start in 2021 with 12 children enrolled and today Mia had her first day so we now have 13 - luck for some. We are working together to develop our routines and independence, getting to know each other and develop connections and relationships. Each morning we have been singing hello to each other to help us learn one another's name.

The children have been very settled and are independently engaged in our learning environment. There are many areas at preschool to explore and engage curious learners. They discovered the new slippery dip today and have loved it.

### What would you like to learn at preschool?

Amity: Be a police.

Aubree: The slippery dip.

Harley: My don't know.

Issac: Playing.

Jake: To do that. (Draw a box with his fingers). A portal for the zombies.

Keanu: Making volcanoes.

Kiesha: Nope!

Madyson: Yeah, puzzles.

Noah: Yeah, mmm.

Sadie: Do some drawing.

Zoe: Numbers and jigsaw puzzles.

Mia: Yes, play!



## School Information

### Loxton Mardi Gras

Saturday 27th February is the Loxton Mardi Gras. Our school will again be entering a float into the parade with the theme "**A day learning in nature**". Students are to dress up to reflect how they best like to spend their time outside. Examples- muddy clothes, sandpit toys, swimming gear, bike helmets (no bikes as we will be on grass). All children welcome with under 5 year olds needing a parent to participate for supervision.

More details to follow as they become available.

### Governing Council—AGM

**Nominations are due Friday 12th February** for Governing Council for 2021/2022. We only have 2 vacancies for council, 1 preschool parent rep and 1 school parent rep. We will review at our first meeting the constitution which states the composition of the quorum and discuss further. On the night of Meet, Greet and Learn the Annual Report will be shared through a rolling display in the library with the AGM and election at 6:50pm. If you would like more information please contact the front office.

### Assembly—Inductions

This Friday 12th February we will have our first assembly where classes will share their learning followed by the formal induction of our School Leaders, SRC and Sport Captains. This will be followed by a shared morning tea for these students and their families. Please remember to use the QR code when entering the multipurpose room and sanitise your hands.

Congratulations to our **School Leaders:** Declan, Sophie, Charlie and Zeva

Congratulations to our **SRC Representatives:** Rm3: Grayson, Thomas & Kasey Rm1: Jedd, Ivy & Tasharni and Rm6 Maddalyn, Mikayla, Isabelle, Layne, Matthew and Hine

**Sports Captains** for the year are:

Lexia: Bodean, Layne, Olivia & Hine

Shiraz: Sophie, Charlie, Matthew & Declan

Pedro: Ryan, Phoebe, Isabelle and Jackson

### After School Bus to OSHC

Three years ago the Governing Council worked on ways to assist families with accessing OSHC and transport for families who live in town. We are very thankful to St Alberts Catholic School for providing this service to our families. Each year this is reviewed and we are grateful for their continued support. St Alberts notify the school in advance of any dates they're unable to provide this service. Please take note of dates and access the calendar on Skoolbag to confirm. If you are able to assist other families on days when the bus is not available please leave your details with the front office so we can pass on.

### Harvest Festival

We are wanting to keep the tradition alive and are planning a Harvest Festival Day for our students and families. Rm6 students will hand prune the grapes in the morning, followed by an opening ceremony and the mini stomp by preschoolers at 10:30am. This will then launch into a fair from 11-12:00noon where students and families can get their face painted, purchase donuts/desserts/lollies and play games in a side show alley hosted by parents. After lunch at 12:10-1:10pm students from R-7 will do the grape stomp with their class mates, a STEM grape challenge and fun party games with grapes. In the afternoon at 2:15pm we will draw the raffle and have the finals of the grape stomp. A lot of fun to be had.

We need your support to make this day special for our students. Please return the reply slip on the last page or eform on Skoolbag with ways you can help.



## Community Information

### 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:**

Thursday 18th February 2021  
10:30am - 11:30am

Loxcare Community Hub  
(15-19 Drabsch St Loxton, corner of Drabsch St and Pyap St)

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 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](http://carerssa.com.au) or call 1800 422 737



### Nippy's Loxton Great Underarm Orange Bowling Competition

In association with Loxton Waikerie District Council

**Saturday 27/02/2021**

About noon, immediately after the Parade

**Come and have fun & show us your orange bowling skills!**

Teams of 4 'bowlers' - Entry is free

The 'bowls' are Nippy's oranges

The 'green' this year is the cricket pitch Oval #2

Register your team: Peter 0418 808 296

Or Email: [loxtonmardigras@gmail.com](mailto:loxtonmardigras@gmail.com)

Web: [loxtonmardigras.org.au](http://loxtonmardigras.org.au)



### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO DO?

ARE YOU TURNING 13 THIS YEAR?

JOIN NOW!

MONDAY NIGHTS 6:30PM UNTIL 9:30PM DURING SCHOOL TERM

ARMY BARRACKS 8 FOREMAN RD BERRI



What activities would you get to experience?

- Navigation
- Ceremonial parades
- Radio communication (RATEL)
- Field training
- Weapons training
- Physical training
- First aid
- Team work
- Leadership
- Plus so much more!



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**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.



## SkoolBag Reduce our Carbon Footprint

In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint at Loxton North School, we distribute as much information electronically through **Skoolbag**. We understand that not every family always has access to the technology to receive these communications so will always offer hard copies to those who require them or prefer them. If there is a need for a reply slip this will be put on eform on Skoolbag or a hard copy sent home.

Please circle your preference below for: **school newsletters/class newsletters/excursions**

Skoolbag      Email      Hardcopy

Student Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (or addresses): \_\_\_\_\_

Addition information: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to the front office or complete eform on Skoolbag**



## Harvest Festival—I can support the event by...

- Selling raffle tickets** in the main street next to Country Bakehouse on
  - Saturday 20th February 9-10am, 10-11am or 11-12noon. (Please circle time)
  - Saturday 13th March 9-10am, 10-11am or 11-12noon (Please circle time)
- I can **provide pre packaged desserts /cake / biscuits** for sale at the stall—send to school by 22nd March.
- I/We will **run a side show alley** from 11-12noon on the Harvest Festival Day i.e. skittles, pin the tail on the donkey, chocolate wheel, bubble blowing competition. I/We are thinking \_\_\_\_\_
- Assist with serving** on the stalls from 11-12noon
- Assist with the grape stomp** for classes from 12:10-1:10pm on the day
- Assist with the finals of the grape stomp** form 2:15-2:45pm on the day



Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Best contact no: \_\_\_\_\_

Other things you can help with: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Let's make Harvest Festival a memorable day!**

