

Diary Dates

29 April
No OSHC bus

30 April
No OSHC bus

May 11-21
NAPLAN

May 13
Healthy lunchbox
presentation
1:30-3pm @ Loxton
North School

(alternative session
May 10 7-8 PM
St Alberts)

May 19
National
Simultaneous Story
time

May 21
Assembly 9:00am

May 25 Preschool
Pupil Free Day

May 28
No OSHC Bus

June 3-4
Mobile Dental care

June 11
School Pupil Free
Day

June 14
Queens Birthday
Holiday

June 18
Assembly 9:00am

July 2
Last Day Term 2
Early Dismissal
2:15pm

From the Principal's desk

Dear Families

Welcome back to term 2. Students have settled in quickly and have noticed changes around the school, including the paving by the chook yard and removal of the old toilet block by the STEM building. Our renovations are almost over, we look forward to the outdoor music equipment arriving shortly.

Many opportunities arise throughout the term and keeping up with everything is important. Please make sure **Skoolbag** is working for you, come into the front office for support or call and our administrative staff will walk you through the steps to connect. Skoolbag has a range of features including notices, newsletters, calendar of events and any notes that are sent home through the class is uploaded through the class page. Other useful features are the e-forms where you can order uniforms, report absence and give feedback to governing council or respond to newsletter articles instead of sending a reply slip.

In the coming weeks **NAPLAN** for year 3/5/7 students will occur, all aspects are online except for the writing task for year 3 students. NAPLAN is 1 set of data staff look at to track students progress and identify areas for training and development, it is important as parents/carers we look at this as a point in time of learning.

The Australian Early Development Census AEDC census collection occurs every 3 years for Reception students. The information that is collected is used to measure how well families are being supported across Australia through the right kinds of services, resources and support during the early years. This will occur in the coming weeks.

A big thank you to families for supporting **Harvest Festival**; a new format during COVID times. The committee are meeting shortly and would like your **feedback** in reviewing the major fundraiser. Please provide feedback through the eform on Skoolbag, send feedback to the front office or attend the meeting on Thursday 13th May from 6—6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room.

The **Preschool continue their 2nd year of involvement in the Departments Music Education Strategy** with Cindy Ridley. She will be mentoring Jo our preschool teacher in using song and music to increase students knowledge of syllables and rhymes. This is the foundation to beginning to read—phonological awareness. Another impact is the benefits music plays in brain development of children. We look forward to hearing them sing to us at upcoming assemblies.

A special welcome to **Kayla Fielke as the new Occasional Care educator**. Kayla is an early years teacher who was a former student at Loxton North School. Please pass onto young families this great service which is open to anyone in the Riverland, Tuesday and Thursdays 8:45-11:45am. More details please contact the front office.

Thank you to families who attended ANZAC Day dawn service, our School Leaders Charlie, Sophie and Declan placed a wreath on behalf of our school community—'Lest we Forget'

Enjoy the term, **kind regards Vanessa**



May 2021

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6	7
3	10 Healthy lunchbox presentation St Alberts 7-8pm	11 11-21 May NAPLAN	12 Newsletter	13 1:30-3pm Healthy lunchbox presentation to families @ Loxton North School - Lynley Seaman Governing council meeting Harvest Festival Meeting	14
4	17	18	19 National Simultaneous Story time - Give me some space! 11am	20	21 Assembly - Rm3
5	24	25 Preschool Pupil free day	26	27	28 NO OSHC BUS
6	31				

June 2021

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 (cont)		1	2	3 Mobile Dental care	4 Mobile Dental Care
7	7	8 Choir Cluster Practice (TBC)	9	10	11 Pupil Free day
8	14 Queens Birthday	15	16	17 Governing council	18 Assembly Rm1
9	21	22	23	24	25
10	28	29 Choir Cluster Practice (TBC)	30	1 July	2 July School dismissal 2:15pm Preschool 12:00 noon