

Diary Dates

May 31– June 7th
Book Fair

June 3-4
Mobile Dental care

June 6
Pedal Prix practice

June 8
Choir Cluster rehearsal

June 11
Pupil Free Day

June 14
Queens Birthday Holiday

June 17
Governing Council

June 18
Assembly 9:00am

June 20
Pedal Prix practice

June 27
Pedal Prix event

June 29
Choir Cluster rehearsal

July 2
Last Day Term 2
Early Dismissal
R-7 2:15pm
Preschool 12:noon

From the Principal's desk

Dear Families, Great that people are accessing Skoolbag notices each week, this is certainly an easier way to keep on top of happenings that are occurring around the school. If you're not connected please see easy steps on back page.

The focus of **Reconciliation Week** is about Aboriginal and non Aboriginal people coming together and '*walking the path together*'. Acknowledging the historical past and learning about a culture that has existed for over 65 000 years. This event is in it's 20th year and grows stronger each year as ones understanding and respect for each others culture grows. Classes have been involved in a range of learning activities.

Preschool Pupil Free Day was on "**Talk, Play and Read**". We joined Berri Community Preschool and Glossop Preschool to work through training modules and develop ideas together. The key message was:

- as adults we need to model reading
- engage with new books in different settings i.e. cooking purposes, relaxation
- to make time for 'Conversational Reading' which involves back and forth exchanges



A valuable day of learning and networking with other educators across the Riverland.

The **Maths Association of SA** spent the day with teachers and in the classroom looking at the curriculum and how to provide a problem solving question which has multiple entry points and challenge. Rm6 students had to sort out a llamas problem of a new enclosure



only having 36m of fencing material with as many posts as needed to create the largest area for it to be housed in. They had string which was cut to scale of 36cm, graph paper, strategies to use to prove their theory. Younger classes did subitising talks about how they see the dots and know how many there are. Teachers continued their learning after school and have more problems to trial with students.

A special **welcome to Georgia** who is in year 3, the class have certainly showed her the Loxton North way, she has settled in quickly.

Our enrolment drive is on! Enrolments for Preschool and School in 2022 are now being taken. I am very happy to do tours during school time or after hours. **Regards Vanessa Wainwright**



Year 7 to High School Update

Governing Council members attended **Loxton High School Year 7 forum** last night. It was an opportunity to hear about the work that has been done and the plans that are being put in place. Consultation was still a focus at this meeting, the High School are very keen to get this right.

Transition Program

Year 6 students will begin their transition program early, seeing an orientation visit at the beginning of term 3 followed by 2 consecutive days at high school in term 4. Year 7's will also have 2 consecutive days in term 4.

During Term 3 and 4 year 6/7's will do the school sports program on site at Loxton High, instead of the high school students coming to us. This will give our students more time on site, become familiar with facilities and network with others.

Local Primary Schools will continue with 2 extra curricular days which will occur around the same time as high school visits in term 4. This will allow students to have experiences together which they can then talk about at high school and increase connection with other students from other sites e.g. mud run, aquatics

Year 8 students will still visit our primary school and do the 'Question and Answer' session breaking down the myths! This is always positive and a great chance to see former students give the truth about high school.

Learning Needs

Students with learning needs will be able to make an appointment with staff from the high school to discuss learning needs, strategies and the One Plan. Families are encouraged to attend Principal tours to have time to talk with the Principal and visit the school in action. This also allows for relationships to be built.

Facilities

The high school will have precincts, Junior School year 7-8, Middle School yr 9-10 and Senior School yr 11-12. The Junior School has facilities being built currently which are modern and allow for flexibility in learning spaces.

This area will only be accessed by yr 7/8 students, to create a safe zone for students as they become comfortable with being in High School. Also there will be 2 hand ball courts built, 2 basketball shooting areas, as well as a quarantined zone on the oval. Sports equipment has been sourced on feedback from yr 6/7's about

what equipment they'd like. This is actually been implemented from year 12's downwards now. Health and Well being of all is a big focus.

Curriculum

After an extensive review there are 3 main changes:

1. Learning Clusters—curriculum areas will still learn specific subject skills and then apply these cross curricula through a planned project e.g. Maths/Science and Agriculture, English and HASS
2. Mymap—will be mixed groups form yr7-12 twice a week focusing on learner profiles, this will address human connectedness and belonging as well as students self reflecting on who they are and career paths for themselves.
3. Daymap—an online platform showing attendance, assignments and tasks set by teachers as well as a messaging system to parents from teachers.

The school already has a BYOD for yr 10-12, and student in lower years are welcome to do the same, it is not compulsory. More investigation is occurring at the school about yr7-9 ICT usage.

Uniform

A new uniform will begin from 2022, it is unisex and offers a range of options for students to choose from. All year 7&8 students will need to have this uniform as it rolls out across the school. Orders will be done by the end of this term so they are ready for next year. You do not need to buy everything on the list, start with summer uniform and purchase throughout the year.

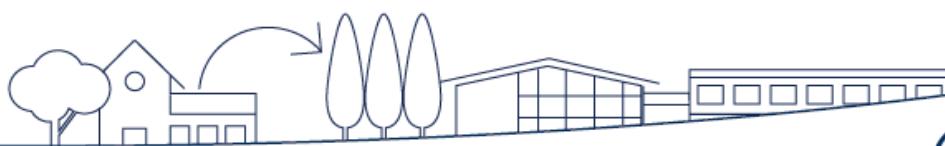
Other

The school has a team of leaders focused on a successful transition.

A strong well being focus will see other opportunities occur which are in the development stage; including a camp at the beginning of the year for yr 7&8's and a peer mentoring program with year 10/11 students.

We strongly urge families to book into Principal Tours and start having the conversations to address any wonderings or concerns of your own child. Let's make this an amazing experience for our year 6/7's as they enter into High School.

Please send in any questions using the Governing Council e-form on Skoolbag.



Room 6

For Physical Education this term the class is participating in physical activities designed to enhance fitness and work in teams to promote fair play and throughout their day. We have introduced some more inclusivity. They are practicing skills associated with basketball and netball such as, warm up activities, using instructions from a YouTube video. Each picture still ends up very different and unique. The children are:



Students are now using these skills to play friendly games of basketball at lunch and recess.

SRC are developing LNS Basketball rules so everyone can play no matter what your skill level is e.g. must pass 4 times before shooting, you can only dribble 10 times then pass



Room 5

Our preschool students are very creative and have been participating in physical activities designed to enhance fitness and work in teams to promote fair play and throughout their day. We have introduced some more inclusivity. They are practicing skills associated with basketball and netball such as, warm up activities, using instructions from a YouTube video. Each picture still ends up very different and unique. The children are:

- concentrating
- taking their time, focusing on following instructions and next steps
- participating as a group and creating their own masterpiece.

They are then free to extend their art further by painting or colouring them in.



Tools Wanted

Room 6 are ready and raring to build! As part of our STEM studies Room 6 have done a bird survey of our school and have researched local birds and the problems they face. We have decided to make bird nesting boxes to both assist the birds we have here, and to try and entice some to visit. We do however need some tools for our woodwork shed. Please scour your shed for any excess items. We are particularly looking for hammers, planes, hand drills, clamps and vices. We would also appreciate donations of nails, clouts, screws and wood off cuts. No power tools or MDF board please.

Thanks to the Drechsler family for their donation last term.



Mobile Dentist

The mobile dentist will be here Thursday and Friday. This is a free service that will occur annually at the school. The dentist would've SMS families their appointment time, please remember to keep your phone by you, if fillings or x-rays are required they'll contact you for further permission.

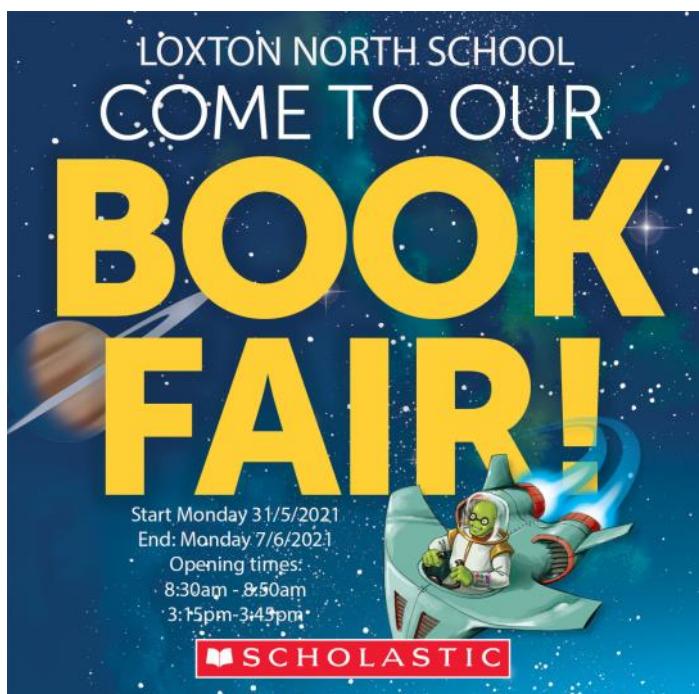
The dentist will run from the Occasional Care room located next to the preschool. Parents are welcome to attend with their child, please remember to QR code in and sign in at the front office.



Book Fair

Our Book Fair is now underway. With a wide variety of books and stationery to choose from, there's sure to be something for everyone. EFTPOS facilities are available.

Can't make it in? Why not use scholastics online prepayment facilities. See details below.



Book Fair Wish List Prepayments



If your child brings home a Book Fair Wish List and you want to pay for these selections by credit card in advance, please:

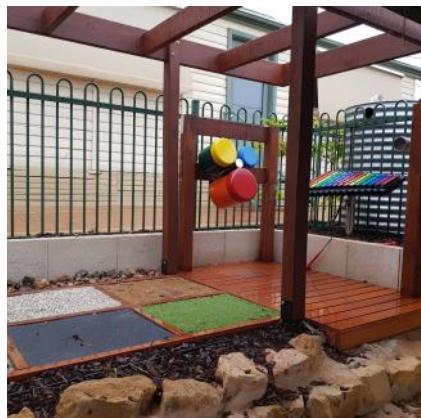
1. Go to scholastic.com.au/payment
2. Click 'Book Fairs'
3. Enter amount and pay
4. Record receipt number on back of Wish List
5. Your child then takes this payment record back to school, chooses books at the Fair and takes receipt number to cashier as payment.

School Information

\$120 000 in Upgrades

Last year the Government gave all preschools \$30 000 for facility upgrades as part of a stimulus package to use local businesses. This saw the preschool repainted on the outside, blinds where children eat lunch, retaining wall by the sensory path, pergola and a roller door for easy access to sand pit toys.

This year the Government has given the school and preschool \$90 000. We have certainly utilized the money and you will see the preschool office upgraded, paving at the front of the school leading to the chook yard, outdoor musical play equipment, seating, painting of classroom doors and eaves, blinds in the portable and the multipurpose room has had a make over; PA system, interactive white board, surround sound, blinds and a fresh coat of paint.



Creative Pools & Landscaping

A big thank you to Steve for thinking of the school when he came across a pool cover and roller system that was needing to be rehomed. This will certainly keep the pool warmer and dust out of the pool. We look forward to term 4.



NAPLAN—student thoughts!



“I liked language conventions, you could type your answers in”, **said Jacqueline**

“I like maths better than the rest, there was a variety of questions on different things”, **said Jessica**

“Spelling I liked, not used to doing that much on the computer”, **said Charlie**

“I find it hard to write when you’ve got seconds to go, I love writing stories”, **said Madalyn**

“I like NAPLAN cos I like to push my brain to its limit”, **said William**

“I like some parts of NAPLAN, other parts I don’t like”, **said Tamara**

“I don’t like it in general, cos I don’t enjoy being tested or not being taught everything it is asking you, and I don’t like the clock”, **said Sophie**

“I like maths and writing test cos the maths was challenging and the writing was great using the computer to type your story”, **said Addison**

“I just like it when it finished”, **said Jackson**

“Even though you get warned the test closes whilst answering the question”, **said Hine**

Community Information



LOXTON HIGH SCHOOL KEY YEAR 6 & 7 TRANSITION DATES

PRINCIPAL TOURS

Students and Parents are invited to a Principal Tour on the following dates:

- Friday 14 May
- Monday 31 May
- Friday 25 June
- Monday 2 August
- Friday 27 August
- Tuesday 31 August (Yr 6 Orientation Morning)
- Wednesday 20 October



Tours start at 9:00am until 10:15am.

Bookings to be made using the following link / QR code.
<https://magnetevent.se/Event/principal-tour-41840/>

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South by Garry Stewart (c) Daniel Boud

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Featuring 10 incredible dancers who display "spectacular ... athleticism" (Witness Performance magazine). **South by Garry Stewart** is a contemporary dance work full of beauty and power.

Don't miss ADT's **South** at the Chaffey Theatre on **18 June at 7:30pm** - tickets available now from the theatre (student discount available).

Free Workshops with ADT

Australian Dance Theatre is offering Remmark dance students the opportunity to learn from their talented ensemble while they are in town.

Dance students aged 12+ are invited to participate in 1 of 2 free workshops being led by ADT dancers **Kimball Wong** and **Zoe Wozniak**, where they will have the chance to learn some choreography from **South**, as well as signature techniques that have made ADT one of our country's most awarded dance companies since its inception in 1965.

WORKSHOP DATE: Wednesday 16 June

WORKSHOP TIMES: 4pm and 6:30pm

VENUE: TBC

LENGTH: 1.5 hours

COST: Free



To register to attend, please email:
ticketing@adt.org.au

Further information (including venue details) will be provided via email following your registration.

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Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

