



Diary Dates

26 August

Filming of Chamber of Commerce commercial
Yr6/7 students, sports coaching clinic at LHS with yr 10 students

27 August

Gymnastics Book Week parade 9am

30 August—3 September

Optional Interviews

31 August

Festival Choir at Chaffey Theatre

3 September

Premiers Reading Challenge due

6 September

School Closure

7 September

Pupil Free Day

9 September

Principal Tour
Catch up gymnastics
Governing Council

10 September

Assembly
Gymnastics
Yr6's at LHS

14 September

PATCH Theatre
Rm 5&3

From the Principal's desk

Dear Families

It was lovely to watch the **whole school sign in AUSLAN** 'Count on me' to our SSO's. We have 12 staff who do a range of tasks to support learning programs, run services, operate and care for the facilities. Students also presented them with a personalised card and plant that they've been growing in STEM lessons.

Book Week is this Friday, this is always a favourite one on the calendar, seeing students, staff and families dress up. Choosing a character that corresponds with the theme - 'New World, Old World and Other World' is always fun. We will do our parade under the COLA; as this is a 1 off event families may come into the school. Please QR code when entering the site, wear a face mask and stand 1.5m from others when talking and viewing the parade. I look forward to seeing what everyone dresses up as, the staff have a special skit as well!

Preschool and Parent Survey is open 'till the end of August. Please take the time to complete, information is used to assist planning and provide feedback to our school community through the Annual Report. Preschool families have been sent a request via Appessment and school families through Skoolbag. If having difficulty please contact us and we can email the link directly.

Optional Interviews will be on next week. If you require further information about your child's learning progress please return the reply slip or complete the E-form on Skoolbag. Due to current COVID restrictions interviews will occur by phone. Teachers will call you at your time slot.

Upcoming school closure and Pupil Free Day is on 6th and 7th September. Staff will be working with researcher Professor Misty Adoniou sharing her latest findings on spelling, reading and writing. A major focus will be on how we can use high impact strategies to increase gains in students learning. The preschool will be working with Jo Haynes on embedding number sense activities through play. We look forward to sharing our learning.

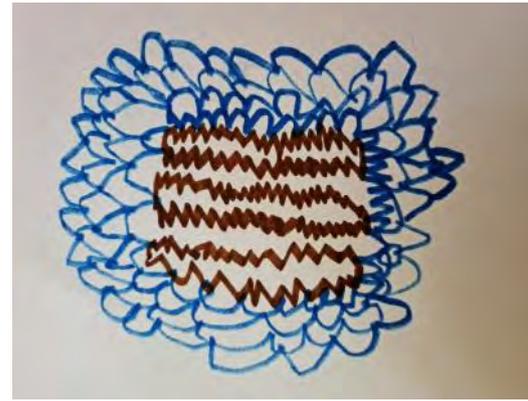
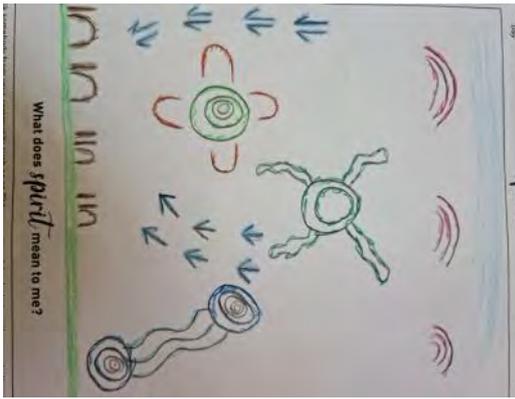


A **special welcome** to **Haylie** and her family. She has settled in quickly to Rm3 and loves the playground!

We welcome 2 new staff, **Sue Coombe** (clerical officer) and **Emme Sauerwald** (curriculum SSO). They have settled in quickly, noting the support and patience with everyone in our community as they learn their new roles.

Kind regards Vanessa Wainwright





The theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day for 2021 was

'Proud in culture, strong in spirit'

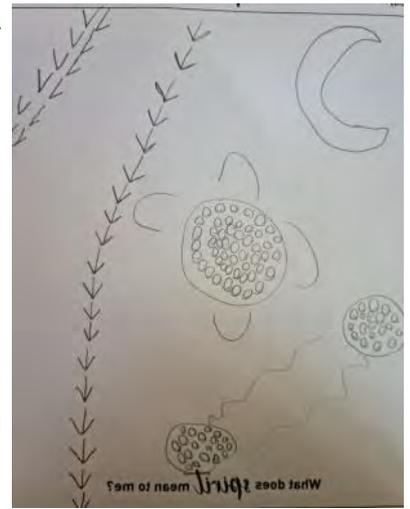
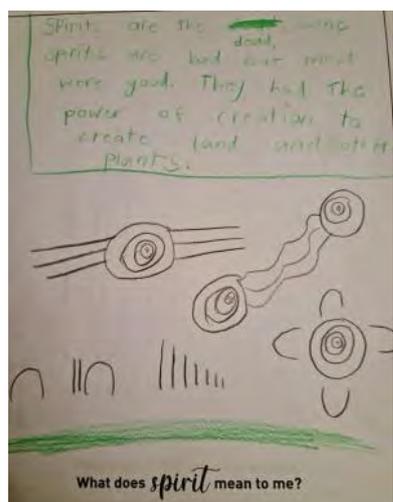
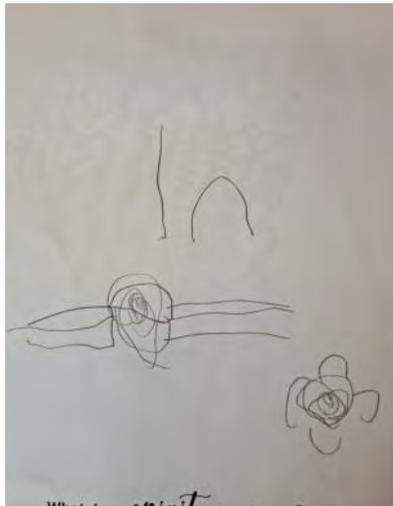
Aboriginal students gathered together in Room 8 on August the 4th to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

In 1988 the Aboriginal community decided to use this date to celebrate their children, to give them confidence and help them to feel included. The date 4 August was historically used to communally celebrate the birthdays of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were taken from their families at a young age, without knowing their birthday.

We watched a video of an elder telling the Dreaming story of Waatji Pulyeri (Blue Wren). Discussion was then had about spirit and what it means to different people, guided by the highly informative website <https://www.deadlystory.com/>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples believe that spirit is all around, in the trees, the sky, the earth, the rocks, the waterhole and that stories connect them to spirit through The Dreaming. Students were challenged to have a go at drawing what spirit means to them. To help, students analysed our own Aboriginal artwork outside of the library by Scott Rathman from Rusted Tin. Using this as inspiration and looking at some common symbolism used in Aboriginal art work, students came up with their own very interesting designs.

ATSI students and Mrs Rudiger



Rm 6

A jam packed day 2 of camp for Room 6 at Woodside. We started the day with 'survivor' where we learnt how to keep ourselves safe if we become 'geographically misplaced' aka lost. We built shelters and started fires. Then we did tube sliding which was tiring but lots of fun - even Miss Matthews and Mrs Jacka had a go! After lunch we looked at macro invertebrates living in the creek... one of us got a little bit up close and personal by going for a dip. Can you guess who? We finished the afternoon with team challenges and rock climbing. We'll try to stay warm and dry around the fire tonight!

Miss Matthews



Rm 5

This term we are focusing on **personal safety and the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum**. A great book we love to read to support personal safety is 'My underpants rule' by Kate and Rod Power. Feelings has also been a big topic this term and has been supported by the introduction of our Kimochis characters and books.

For **Science Week** each child drew a picture onto cartridge paper and then sprayed it with water to observe what happened to the colours.



We **made chia seed pudding** and watched what happens to the chia seeds when milk was added. We have had many opportunities to use our senses to look, listen, touch, smell and taste.



Each child has put a small **spider plant** into a container of water which are now on the sunny window sill in room 4. We hope to observe the roots develop and the leaves grow during the

remainder of the term.

We continue to practice **music and singing** everyday at preschool. It is not only fun but is building a solid foundation for literacy and numeracy learning.

Jo and Sue - Curious Educators



Occasional Care

The first five weeks of our Term 3 Occasional Care sessions have flown by, despite the first two weeks being impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Whilst it was initially very challenging navigating the uncertainty surrounding the situation, we managed to become accustomed to our new normal well, with our parents and/or caregivers now being able to enter the site during drop off and pick up. However, it was great to see the children developing their self-help skills during this time by providing them with the opportunity to put away their bags into a locker, place their water bottles into the basket, and put their lunchboxes into the fridge, without any additional help from myself. Our focus book, 'The Very Hungry Little Caterpillar,' has also been very popular with the children each week. Some of the activities we have completed to go with our focus book included making butterflies with materials such as cupcake liners, popsicle sticks, glitter, and stickers, as well as caterpillars using popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners, and googly eyes. I additionally incorporated some Literacy, Numeracy, and Fine Motor activities into our sessions, with all children being encouraged to trace letters, count to five, and be creative with playdough. Although the end of Term 3 is quickly approaching, I am looking forward to what is yet to come. **Kayla Fielke—Early Years Educator**



Pastoral Care NEWS

Albert Einstein is quoted as saying 'Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better'

This picture wheel is a good reminder to us all of the benefits of fresh air, creative outside play and the ability to feel the earth on our feet and the warm Spring's safe sun rays on our skin. As Spring opens the door to September take every possible moment to tick off one of the suggested wedges on the wheel by enjoying our beautiful nature in the Riverland,

even if it is in your backyard. This can be the best medicine for parents and their children's mental health, and it's free!
Enjoy, Karen—Pastoral Care Worker

some very good reasons to SPEND TIME IN NATURE



HOT DONUTS

A big thank you to our volunteers; **Crystal Petch, Eryn Parker, Bruce Pech, Max Pannell, Jacqueline, Hayley May, Imogen, Mrs Jimmy, Tayla Coombe and Pauline Hennig.** What a tremendous effort, sold out by 12 noon! We'll certainly get more donut mixture for next year. Money raised was \$497.00. A big thank you to the Loxton North Sports Club, Loxton Pizza Bar for oil and Country Bakehouse for donut mix. If you missed out they'll be on sale at Sports Day.



School Information

Footsteps Dancing

Preschool to year 7 have been having a great time learning dances every morning with Footsteps dance company. This is part of **The Arts curriculum** learning about dance movement, sequences and to present dance that communicates ideas to an audience. This will be showcased at Sports Day as the warm up activity prior to events.



Tree Scaping

The school is certainly more exposed from the recent tree removal. These trees have actually been identified from a tree audit to have poor structure and formation due to water shortage and drought conditions. We have 50 trees on order, 25 Chinese elms for the street verge, 15 purple ornamental plums and 15 Maple Sensation for along the chook boundary fence. All families will have a tree to plant and watch it grow over the next 70 years. Rob, our grounds person has worked hard to get water to the front verge and to new areas that will be planted. We also thank **Loxton Waikerie Council** for their assistance, **Riverland Treated Pine** for donation of 20 pallets and **P&L Plants** for sourcing the trees at a great price. Students from Room 6 have begun to make tree surrounds for the front verge.

The **Grounds Committee** would like any community member to work with us on ideas for replanting areas across the

school and developing areas. Please contact the office with your interest.



Eddie, William, Cody, Rielly and Matthew have been busying making tree surrounds from pallets. A lot of physical work and enjoyment in seeing the outcome.

Hot Shots Tennis

Year 2-7 students will be attending Loxton Tennis Club on Thursday 16th September. This is part of the PE Curriculum and will see their skill development be put into practise on the day. This is a fun day connecting with many other schools across the Riverland. There is no cost, Mrs Jacka will drive the Department bus for us.



Students can bring their own tennis racquets from home, Tennis SA will have plenty for us to borrow if needed.

School Information

Science Week

Have you ever wondered how many rubber bands it takes to explode a watermelon? That is the question Room 1 & 6 helped to answer last week as part of Science week 2021. Students learnt about explosion, implosion and forces through putting rubber bands, one by one, onto a watermelon. Students first predicted how many rubber bands it would actually take to implode a watermelon. For Room 1, the answer was 378 and Room 6 used 397, with the closest predictions coming from Jacqueline (215) and Mikayla (380). Our results will be sent into the co-ordinators at the Big Watermelon experiment where they will be collated along with hundreds of other schools' experiment results. Once all of the results are in, we will examine the data and learn about how to analyse data sets.

If you would like to try this at home, please check the website below for safety precautions. <https://www.experimentary.com.au/watermelon/>



Nursery Rhymes

We hope you enjoyed the nursery rhymes presented by staff. This is an important experience for children to have from birth to 4 year olds. The skill of hearing sounds, syllables and rhymes develops their phonological awareness skills which is the foundation for learning to read.

Also this connects the brains pathways for sight, hearing and speech; which assists children with communication and understanding printed symbols. And that these symbols make sounds when joined together with out letters to then make words. Share the joy of nursery rhymes over and over again!

Loxton High School

We wish our Year 7 and 8 families a warm welcome to the Loxton High School community. We are looking forward to our Transition program commencing this term and are particularly excited for Year 7s to be joining us next year, along with the Year 8s. All prospective families should have

now received their Transition information, if not please contact the school.

We have provided some reminders about key transition activities below to assist with your planning and preparation. Please note the change in date for the Year 6 Orientation Morning, which was included in the Transition information sent out recently. This is different to the original information provided on the fridge magnets sent out with the enrolment packs.

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION MORNING

Families of Year 6 students are to make their own arrangements for their child to attend the Year 6 Orientation Morning on Friday 10 September. Students are to meet Mrs Beauchamp, Ms Thomas and Mrs Deren at the Loxton High School Gym at 8:45am. Students will be dismissed at 11:05am from this same location, so they can return to their primary schools for the rest of the school day.

Local primary schools will provide their own information if alternate travel arrangements are being made. Students from schools outside the Loxton area are expected to arrange their own transport to and from Loxton High School.

Mentors in hi-vis shirts will be at each major entry point to help direct students to the Gym. Local Primary schools have been encouraged to send a teacher/SSO with students on the day.

Year 6 students will need the following items on the **Orientation MORNING:** Primary school uniform including closed in shoes

Packed recess and water bottle

YEAR 6 & 7 BACK-TO-BACK TRANSITION DAYS

More information regarding the Back-to-Back Transition days will be provided early Term 4.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parent Information Evenings are planned for:

Monday 8 November at 7.00pm in the Junior School Precinct for parents of students in Year 6 going into Year 7.

Tuesday 16 November at 7.00pm in the Junior School Precinct for parents of students in Year 7 going into Year 8.

The Information Evenings will provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about Loxton High School, what students will experience during transition, an introduction to DayMap and a tour of our facilities, with time to enjoy a light supper.

Regards Skye Beauchamp
Assistant Principal, Junior School and Wellbeing.

Community Information

LOXTON TENNIS CLUB COME AND TRY DAY AND REGISTRATIONS!



Registration forms are now available from your school office or can be found on the Loxton Tennis Club Facebook page. Please return completed forms by the 8th of September to Nadia.Kruger1982@gmail.com



Come and Try Day:

Come and Try Day - Wednesday 8th of September from 4:30-5:30pm at the Loxton Sporting Precinct (blue courts). This is aimed at Junior players of school age who have not previously played competitively and want to begin in the 2021/2022 season

Junior Tennis:

Junior Tennis - team selection and preseason begins on Thursday the 9th of September at the Loxton Tennis Club

Hot Shots & L.O.B.S.

Hot Shots & Loxton Orange Ball Squad (L.O.B.S.) will commence in term 4, with dates to follow (ages 4+)

SEE YOU ON THE COURT!



WHO'S READY FOR
3x3
BASKETBALL

CLB 3x3 AUS
PRIDE



THE PRECINCT
LOXTON RECREATIONAL RESERVE - 25 BOOKPURNOING TERRACE LOXTON

OCTOBER 9 OPENS SOCIAL SATURDAY 9TH - 12PM START	OCTOBER 9 OPENS COMP SATURDAY 9TH - 6PM START	OCTOBER 10 JUNIORS U13-U18 SUNDAY 10TH - 10AM-4PM
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AUSTRALIA'S JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

REGISTER NOW

RIVERLAND GOLF

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MYGOLF PROGRAM for Boys & Girls

Day 1 - Mon 27 Sep @ Loxton Golf Club

Day 2 - Tue 28 Sep @ Barmera Golf Club

9.00am - 3.30pm each day

Held by Riverland Golf District over 2 days from 9.00am-3.30pm each day

Ideal for new players or those with experience but not necessarily members
Junior members with a handicap and advanced junior players

Coaching conducted by a PGA Professional with Community Instructors supporting

The program provides for both skill development and on course golf experience

Registration Fee - \$20.00 for each day (\$40 total) - online only

Participants are strongly encouraged to register for both days

There are separate registrations required for Loxton GC and Barmera GC

Contact - Riverland District Golf President Terry Sawade for more details - 0427 643 557

REGISTER NOW AT MYGOLF.ORG.AU

Playgroup
Rhyme
Time

Wednesday 1st September
at Loxton North Pre-school @ 10am
Run by The Loxton Library

Come and Join

Loxton North Playgroup

Wednesdays 9.00 am - 11.00 am

Gold coin donation and a piece of fruit

ALL TOWNS WELCOME





HAPPY
HAVEN
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LOXTON

Join us for the Pupil Free Day

Spa Day

MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER



7:15am - 6:15pm

- Games
- Craft
- Activities
- Relaxation

Bookings can be made via Fully Booked by phone or with one of our friendly staff.

If your child/ren are normally booked in for a Monday then they are automatically booked in for the Pupil Free Day.

To avoid fees, cancellations must be made by close of business Monday 4th June.

\$64.50 BEFORE CCS