



Diary Dates

November 18

Yr7 LHS transition day

Social for yr 6/7/8 at Loxton High School

Yr 7 parent information evening at LHS

Whole school transition visits 8:50-1:45pm

November 19

NO OSHC BUS

November 23

Governing Council

November 25

Last transition visit for preschool and reception students

Harvest Festival Meeting 5:30pm

November 29—3 December

Swimming week at Hayden Stoeckel Swimming Pool, Berri FREE

November 30 to December 3rd

NO OSHC Bus

December 2

Presentation Night

Check Skoolbag events calendar

From the Principal's desk

Dear Families

Yesterday was our last golf session seeing students playing on 'the greens' at **Loxton North Golf Club**. They have certainly been practising a range of skills showing great progress over the past 3 years. We thank **Sporting Schools Grant** for enabling this program to occur. The school has provided 2 scholarships for 2022 membership at the golf club. Congratulations to Grayson and Nate.



Tomorrow the **whole school** will **transition** to their class for 2022, from preschool to year 6; including new students from other locations. Most of our staffing has been completed, we are just waiting for a few placements to be finalised.

Specialist subjects for 2022

STEM (Science, Technology, English and Maths) & AUSLAN (sign language) - Mrs Rudiger
PE (Physical Education) - TBA

Early Years

Preschool -Jo Size Occasional Care -Sue Jones Playgroup- Trish Gillard

Schooling

Room 3, Reception to Yr1—Lara Haenen (4 days) and TBA (1 day)

Room 1, Year 2/3—Lauren Matthews

Room 6, Yr4/5/6 Pauline Hennig Leading Improvement Coordinator—TBA

Curriculum SSO's—Sue Jacka, Sue Jones, Gill Casey, Karen Knight, Emme Sauerwald
ACEO (Aboriginal Community Education Officer) - TBA and **APAS** (Aboriginal Program Assistance Scheme) Karen Knight

Front Office SSO's—Sheridan Heinze & Sophie Arnold

Library Managers—Sue Jones and Gill Casey, **School Choir** -Gill

Casey, **ICT Support**—Sue Jacka and of course our magnificent

Grounds person—Rob.

'It takes a village to raise a child', which you can certainly see from the roles of staff to manage facilities and services within the school as well as the teaching and learning of children in the early years and schooling R-6.

Regards Vanessa



Vanessa Wainwright
Principal

Sporting Schools Grant—Golf

Sporting Schools offers grant opportunities for primary schools. Grants support the delivery of sport-based programs to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life. Sport Australia has partnered with more than 35 national sporting organisations (NSOs) to facilitate delivery of Sporting Schools programs. The objectives of Sporting Schools are to:

- increase the awareness of the value of sport in schools
- engage children in high quality sporting programs
- connect children with sport in their local communities
- improve children’s fundamental movement skills to encourage lifelong participation in physical activity



Yarn Circle—Preschool Philosophy

A big thank you to preschool families for reviewing the Preschool Philosophy. This outlines the purpose and principles which the service operates.

We believe:

- collaborative relationships with all four educators has a strong impact on a child’s learning: 1st family, 2nd teacher, 3rd environment and 4th animals.
- celebrating and acknowledging others culture and abilities; unites us and fosters respect.
- children need a balanced routine to ensure their needs and rights are met; relax, be safe, play, learn, meet other children and receive special care & support.
- families are connected to the school community; fostering relationships, connections and continuity of learning.
- play based learning environment invites the child to explore, wonder, and use their imagination to make sense of themselves and their world.
- in continuous improvement, best practice and quality outcomes for children; educators use current research and best practice which is applied to Loxton North School context.

‘Together we nurture, grow and challenge’

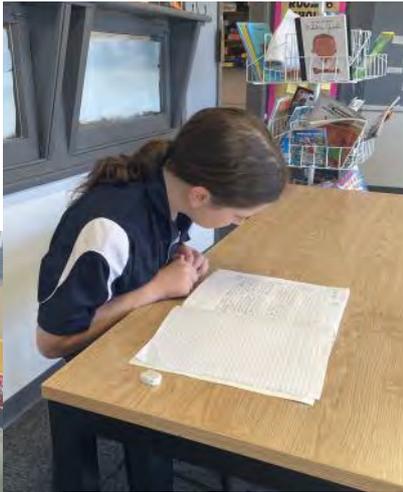
Room 6 - Fantasy Writing

As part of English this term, students in Room 6 have been writing the first chapter of a fantasy novel.

We have read the first chapter of 5 different fantasy novels and discussed the different features and purposes of each. We also looked at lots of aspects of writing such as varied sentence beginnings, paragraph structure, description of characters and varied sentence lengths to build suspense. During our library time each week, Mrs Amanda Schubert shared her experience writing and publishing fantasy novels. Students enjoyed hearing all about the process and some have even been inspired to one day publish a book of their own.

Our first chapters have now been completed and will soon be published in the library. We hope that you enjoy reading them as much as we enjoyed writing them.

Lauren Matthews
Classroom Teacher



Room 5

Welcome to our preschool.

Our pre-entry children had their first of three visits on Thursday and have already begun making connections with others and exploring our learning environment with enthusiasm.



Our preschool children had their first visit into their classrooms last week and we have heard lots of great feedback about their visits. At our last assembly they presented the acknowledgment of country and were amazing, Sue and I are so proud of how far they have come with their learning this year.

Jo Size—Preschool Educator

Library

At the last assembly, students were presented with their Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates or medallions. It was so wonderful to see every student complete the Challenge this year, and I wish to congratulate them all once more on a fantastic effort. You should all feel very proud!

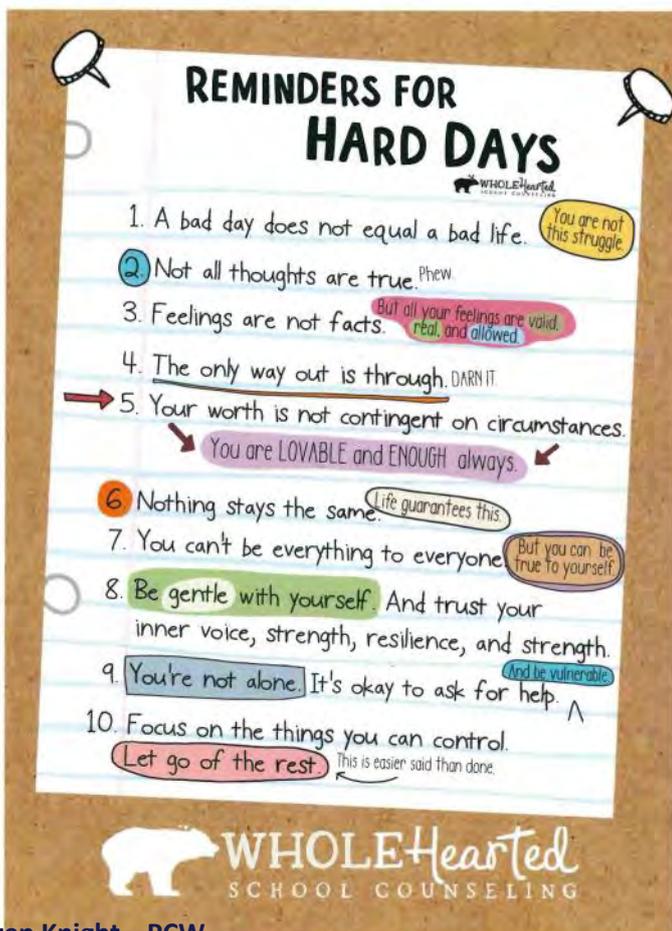
As we approach the end of the year, could you please check your home/car for any books and please return them to the library ASAP. Borrowing books for home will cease from week 7 while we conduct our annual stocktake. Students in year 5 and below will be allowed to borrow books in week 9 to take home for the holidays.

It has been a pleasure sharing a love of books with the students this year. Reading is such an important and enjoyable part of life, and I thank you all for supporting your children in becoming enthusiastic readers!

Mrs. Schubert—Librarian

“A book is a gift you can open again and again.” – Garrison Keillor

Pastoral Care Worker



Karen Knight—PCW

Occasional Care

The first five weeks of Term 4 at Occasional Care has seen us have a focus on the book ‘The Gruffalo’ by Julia Donaldson and celebrate Remembrance Day. We’ve participated in activities such as making gruffalo puppets/ headbands and poppies which all incorporated the use of our fine motor skills. For these activities, the children were asked to try and cut the individual character pictures from our focus book out and then glue them onto some popsicle sticks. Some of the older children were quite confident doing so, however some more words of encouragement was needed for the younger ones. To make the poppies, we used red cupcake liners, black and red feathers, black



shredded paper, and some red paint. The children enjoyed assembling their own individual poppies.



We have also had a hair salon/ café set up, with the children loving cutting and brushing the dolls hair, as well as serving coffees and answering the phone to take appointments. Water play has additionally been a huge hit outdoors as the warmer weather starts to appear. We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas in the remaining half of Term 4 as the 2021 school year comes to a close. **Kayla Fielke—Educator**

VACSWIM—change to dates

There will only be Block 1 for VACSWIM at the school pool, 10th January to 14th January. This is a great program and goes from ages 3-12 years of age. Explore the website and put in 5333 postcode to see session times. The school has waived the location fee and you’ll only pay \$31.50 for the week per child. Also a great way to keep the children busy in the holidays and come and visit the school.

[\(VACSWIM Surf Lifesaving Program Finder\) - GameDay Location Finder](#)



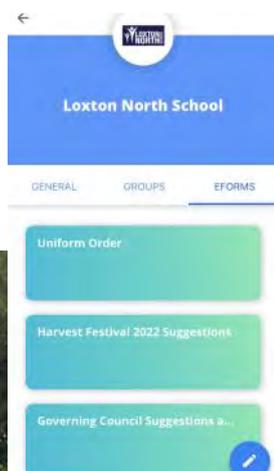
School Information

Harvest Festival 2022

It's that time of the year again to plan for Harvest Festival. The event began to celebrate the end of harvest and reconnect with one with neighbours, friends and community.

Come and join the committee! This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, volunteer your time, assist with planning a great event and raise funds for the school. A meeting is being held on Thursday 25th November at 5:30pm in the multipurpose room.

Please complete the **eForm on Skoolbag** with your suggestions regarding raffle, wine fundraiser, great stomp and other ideas.



Presentation Night

Classes are working on their presentation night act. This is a great opportunity to all come together and celebrate the year and graduate our preschool and year 6 & 7 students.

Presentation Night is on Thursday 2nd December at 5:30pm.

We will be under the school COLA, there will be a stage and great PA system so all can hear. Families are asked to sit in their 'bubbles' and social distance. We will have a picnic blanket sitting area and deck chairs towards the back. Families are welcome to bring along a picnic hamper and non alcoholic drinks. Rm 6 year 5 students will be selling drinks prior to the evening starting and at the end of the night. A program will be sent home next week.

Swimming R-7

Students from R-7 will have their Department swimming lessons Week 8 of this term, 29/11—3/12. This will be at the Hayden Stoeckel Swimming Pool, Berri. Notes will be going home shortly requiring 2 consent forms to be returned. Please return promptly, there is no cost involved. Students will travel by bus, we are very fortunate Mrs Jacka has her bus license and we can use the Department bus for FREE.

Splash Carnival

Tuesday 7th December is our annual **Splash Carnival and Pool Fun Day** which will be held at the Loxton Swimming Pool from **9:45am to 2:00pm**.

It is a day designed for maximum participation, fun and teamwork. Students will continue to practise their swimming laps in preparation for the championship events that will occur at the beginning of the day.

A detailed note with what to bring will be sent home next week along with a consent form which will need to be returned. There is no cost for the day, we ask that parents take their children directly to the pool, or arrange for them to travel with a friend. If this is not possible students will be transported by staff from Loxton North School to the swimming pool. Students will gather at the pool in their classes for a roll call at 9:45am. Families can take their children home from the pool at the end of the day, (approximately 2:00pm).

Families are welcome to spend the day with us at the pool. As with all COVID protocol families would QR code on entry and sit in 'bubbles', if talking with other adults wearing a face mask and social distancing.

Here's looking forward to a day of sunshine and fun!

Yr 6 & 7 Aquatics

Due to extreme weather conditions aquatics day was rescheduled. Please return new consent notes. New dates:

Year 7's Thursday 2nd December

Year 6's Monday 6th December

Community Information

Loxton LIGHT UP DAY COVID STYLE

SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Light Up Day marks the beginning of the month-long Loxton Lights Festival. Traditionally our town's biggest party of the year, the event has been adapted due to COVID restrictions. There are still many ways to join in the celebrations, marking **30 years** of lighting up Loxton for Christmas.

SHOPS OPEN ALL DAY 9am - 7pm!

Loxton's thriving village-style main street is the best shopping strip in the Riverland! Open for a **HUGE DAY** of Christmas Shopping from 9am to 7pm, you can explore the unique and diverse range of specialty shops with many independent, family-run small businesses offering a unique Christmas shopping experience.

FESTIVE FERRIS WHEEL 2 FOR 1

After you've bought something local for Christmas, take your receipt down to the Ferris Wheel and get 2 tickets for the price of 1.

10am - 10pm - Murray Street crossover, East Terrace

**GIVEAWAYS &
FACE PAINTING**

VISIT SANTA

Children can visit Santa in his magical workshop from 9am to 7pm and receive a free gift! Professional photos available.

Riverland Motor Group, 1 East Terrace



CHRISTMAS STORY & CRAFT

Enjoy listening to a festive story and then join in a fun craft activity at 10.30am and again at 11.30am.

Loxton Library & Visitor Centre, 25A East Terrace
Bookings essential on 8584 8051

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR!

A fantastic fireworks display will light up Loxton to start the Lights Festival with a bang.

A ticketed event, gates will open at 7pm with 'Boomstars' entertaining the children from 8pm and the fireworks launched at 9pm.

Tickets essential

Available through the website soon

7pm - 9.30pm - Loxton Oval

Book your tickets— [Loxton Light Up Day Fireworks Spectacular Tickets, Sat 27/11/2021 at 7:00 pm | Eventbrite](#)

Follow the link from Skoolbag notices, Term 4 Week 5