

Diary Dates

3 Feb

Occasional Care
&
Preschool begins

16 Feb

Playgroup begins,
9-11am

7 March

Rec-Yr6 pupil
Free Day

11 March

Assembly—
induction of SRC,
School Leaders
and School
Captains

14 March

Public Holiday

17 March

Preschool pupil
free day

21 March

Harmony Day

22 March

Harvest Festival
Raffle books due
back.

National Ride to
School Day

25 March

Grape Night
Out—Family
Grape stomp
5:30-7:30pm

7 April

School Photo Day

8 April

Assembly

From the Principal's desk

Dear Families

A different start to the school year! Thank you for your support in assisting your child to settle into learning whether at home or school. We start the year with 64 students, this is great considering our year 7's have gone to high school. When I first started at the school, 6 years ago the enrolments were 42 students. It's great to see the school thrive and families choose to travel and send their child here. ***Word of mouth and recommendations go a long way—thank you!***

We have a fantastic, dedicated group of staff who have a range of roles and responsibilities to support your child with their education; whether it be facilities, teaching and learning, management of the school or extra curricular activities. ***Meet the team*** - PTO

To stay connected to the school and what is happening we have our weekly note which will be sent out Friday through the Loxton North School ***Skoolbag app***; you'll have the weekend to prepare for the coming week if needed. The ***school newsletter*** will go out 3 times per term and you'll receive this via email, paper copy or view on skoolbag; we appreciate you choosing what suits you best and reduce paper where possible.

Facebook and Instagram will continue to be used to share our learning, facilities and promote events. At any time you can request to talk with a teacher or myself, please organise a time prior so we can give you our full attention.

Our traditional ***Meet 'n Greet and Annual General Meeting*** has been postponed, a date will be set once restrictions ease.

Our ***school improvement plan*** focuses on reading and maths achievement. In our newsletters we'll share research and tips for how you can support your child. Our other focus is learning ***Ngarrindjeri language***, we are excited to do this with Aboriginal Elders of the Riverland. Being culturally aware is important for everyone; knowing our history, culture and languages strengthens everyone's educational journey.

AUSLAN has not been forgotten, in fact it is embedded in daily communication. Teachers will still model, use and encourage students to use sign language i.e. yes, no, thank you, giving directions, going to the toilet. Very useful without attracting the attention of others.

Next week I'll send out information about how you can be connected with the school. We have our ***Governing Council*** and ***VIP Volunteer program*** which will be launched in week 5. There's also other ways you can be involved in the school i.e. help out at fundraisers, sell raffle tickets, come to our working bee. Being connected is important for your own well being as well as modelling to your children.

Please save the date 25th March, our ***Harvest Festival event; 'A Grape Night Out'*** will be with our families only. Work out which family members will stomp the grapes, who'll run the juice and who'll get sticky fingers holding the bottle! A great night to be had.

Regards, Vanessa.



2022 Loxton North School Team



Vanessa Wainwright
Principal



Sophie Arnold
Administration Officer



Gillian Casey
Choir teacher, librarian,
classroom SSO



Trish Gillard
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Classroom SSO



Rob Gillard
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Lara Haenen
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Sheridan Heinze
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Pauline Hennig
Room 6 teacher



Sue Jacka
Classroom SSO, OHSW,
ICT support



Sue Jones
Occasional care
educator, Classroom
SSO, Library support



Karen Knight
Pastoral Care Worker
(on leave for Term 1)



Amanda Krieg-Owens
Room 3 and P.E Teacher



Lauren Matthews
Room 1 teacher



Steph Rudiger
STEM teacher & Leader of
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Emme Sauerwald
Classroom SSO



Jo Size
Preschool educator

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