**ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Acquaintance evening last night. I heard many positive comments of appreciation from parents about the high quality of information presented and our focus on developing positive school and classroom environments.

A big thank you also to Sally Wright, Sheridan Heinze and Andrew Caire for manning the barbecue in the very hot weather conditions. Although our numbers were down, the evening was very successful.

If you were unable to attend last night, here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education.

- Discuss with your child what learning has occurred during the school day.
- If you have children in the Junior Primary Years, read to them every night. We have a fabulous public library in Loxton which is free to join, so join up and broaden your child’s experiences with books.
- Direct your conversation through the correct channels such as your child’s teacher, the leadership team or the school’s governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish the school’s reputation.
- Become an advocate for our school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in our school through your example.
- Attend school activities such as special days, assemblies, sporting events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.
- Discuss with your child’s teacher about practical ways you can assist both at home and school in relation to your child’s learning.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven contributor to student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school life.

A very big thank you to Mandy Clayton-Ling for volunteering in the Stephanie Alexander Garden over the past few weeks to clean up our garden beds. Your efforts are very much appreciated! If any other parents would like to assist us in this venture, please don’t hesitate to volunteer.
ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT
It is interesting to observe what happens with friendships as a new school year gets underway. There is a sort of sifting of the pecking order as children get to know and become friends with the children in their class. For many children their friendships are largely a product of who is in their class at school, particularly in the lower year levels. As children get older they seem to be able to 'find' their friends in the yard a little easier even when they are not in the same class. However, for some children break times are difficult because they don't feel confident with the other students in their class, or maybe they don't feel confident in themselves, or maybe they have been excluded from friendships for some reason. Thankfully, Loxton Primary School is addressing some of these friendship struggles by providing lunchtime activities which are open to all children, including those who are not confident or have been excluded. We also have our school values of belonging and caring which encourages all children to include and look after each other.

When thinking about our children's friendships it is also interesting to reflect on your own friendships and values. What is being taught by our example set? Have you had lifelong friends that you are still friends with? Do you show your children how to include new people? Have you had to move and make new friends? Have you ever done a random act of kindness for someone you don't know or don't really get along with?

Two quotes to leave you with about friendship "A faithful friend is the medicine of life" and from Mother Teresa "Don't expect your friends to be perfect. But help your friend to become a perfect person, that is true friendship."

May you be blessed and be a blessing to those around you.

Rebecca Whillas
Pastoral Care Worker

ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Assemblies will now be held in the LPS Hall every Thursday morning at 9am. All parents/caregivers are welcome and are also welcome to join us in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen for morning tea afterwards.

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NATIONAL RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY

On Friday 4th March 2016 we'll be celebrating the ninth National Ride2School Day event, where over 300,000 Australian students, just like yours, will ride, walk, scoot or skate to school.

We will be meeting at the LOXTON SCOUTS HALL from 8:15am and leaving at 8:30am either riding, scooting, skating or walking safely to school together under teacher and police supervision.

SPORTS CALENDAR

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THE GARDEN
An Infant/Toddler group 0 – 4 years and their parent(s)

An opportunity for shared positive experiences and sensory exploration activities through play, music and movement to support the relationship between you and your child.

The Garden program will be held in Berri at The Vine Community Church. Enrolments open now.

Where: The Vine Community Church
corner of Jubilee Rd and Old Stuart Highway, Berri
When: Tuesdays: 1, 8, 22 & 29 March and 5 April
Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm
Contact: For more information or to enrol phone Nicole or Chelsea at Relationships Australia SA Berri on 8582 4122

Foster Carer Information Day

Have you ever thought about becoming a foster carer?

Learn about the different types of care that might be right for you.

Find out what is involved in being a foster carer.

Information Sessions
Deep in for a chat with one of our foster care sessions.

Date: Wednesday 7th March
Time: 10.00am - 1.30pm
Venue: ac.care, 7 Wilson Street, Berri

Renmark Triathlon
February 27th to 28th 2016
Renmark Club, Murray Ave, Renmark, South Australia

Sprint
750m swim / 20km cycle / 5km run

Surf
300m swim / 10km cycle / 2km run

ITU Surf
ITU Teams Relay 200m swim / 5km cycle / 1km run

Paul Hutchins Loan Centre Tuffkidz Triathlon
100m swim / 2km cycle / 1km run (Saturday race)

• Your school/sporting club will have a chance to win $500

• Win a specialized bike valued at $900

• The Renmark Club will be hosting a pasta night on Saturday 27th February from 6.30pm

For more information and to enter visit:
www.xcelsports.com.au

Hookin2 Hockey
Calling all children aged 5-12 years!

Come get Hooked in2 Hockey with the Loxton Hockey Club

All equipment provided! Sessions are free!

Providing opportunities for children to learn the basic skills of hockey while having a lot of fun!

Information can be provided at our Registration Day
24th February 4pm-7pm at the Loxton Hockey Clubrooms

or

Contact
Vickie Heinrich (08) 8587 6228

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