As we near the end of Week 6, our year is quickly coming to a close and we are busy planning for the year ahead. Our projected numbers for 2019 are indicating that we will have 14 classes next year. We are working to shape our classes and configurations and are taking all factors into account to ensure the best outcomes for our students in the year ahead.

In regards to 2019 staffing, we are still going through the process of confirming appointments and will announce these when possible. I would like to congratulate Bernie Lipman on her appointment as Deputy Principal in Terms 1 and 2 next year.

Our welcoming of the Kindy students to participate in the Reception transitions have been very successful. We were pleased to welcome many new and returning families to Loxton Primary. We were thrilled that the transitioning students have been very settled and working well with our current Receptions. We would like to thank the many parents who were able to join us for the new parent meeting and trust that the information provided was useful in beginning their child’s journey to school.

While we know our friends from East Murray Area School are currently going through the difficult process of saying goodbye to their school, we are excited to welcome some new students and families to our school community. Beginning tomorrow, we will be having some transition visits for the East Murray students. We look forward to working with these students and families to support their move to LPS.

One aspect of our planning for 2019 includes completion of our Site Improvement Plan. The Site Improvement Plan is developed from our student data and guides the direction of the school in the teaching and planning of the work for our students. The plan has a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy and assists staff in building a consistent approach across our school. We aim to have our plan completed by the end of Term 4, ready to be signed off by our Governing Council early in 2019.

Finally, the remainder of the term is extremely busy, with both school commitments and many community commitments families have, in the final weeks of the year. Please try and make sure your children are getting a good night’s sleep where possible and are eating healthy food. They will need plenty of energy during this busy time as we look forward to the many exciting events ahead. Please keep a watch on our Facebook page, class newsletters and student diaries to ensure you know what is happening and when.
On Thursday the 8th of November Reception Voigt and Reception Borgmeyer travelled to the Monarto Zoo. We saw meerkats, cheetahs, chimpanzees, hyenas, lions and giraffes. My favourite animal was the Hyena.

By Isla Walkington (Reception Voigt).

A big thankyou to Bunnings who have donated a Japanese Maple tree in recognition of our 2018 Graduating year 7s.
Class 5H have been involved in Biscuit Business this term. They designed their own biscuit in groups, produced advertisements to show at assembly, made and then sold their biscuits last Monday. Throughout the process the class learnt new skills. Before they made their advertisement they looked at good camera work including different angles, lighting and the editing of scenes.

As part of their business studies they looked at the costs of productions and had to present Mr Haenen with a cost overview and profit margin. They discussed how if this was a real business they would need to consider other costs like wages, money loans, decorating, advertising, site rental and uniforms.

They made 380 biscuits and sold out before the end of recess. They made $236. The money will go to the SRC to help in getting the sound system in the stadium updated.

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**MOVIE DAY!**

**FRIDAY WEEK 6!**

On Friday the 23rd of November SRC will be holding a MOVIE DAY for everyone. Come with a Gold Coin donation and choose a movie/episode to watch during lunchtime. All students will be given a bag of popcorn to eat while they watch.
THE BODY

2 weeks ago I had a surgical procedure on my left hand. The procedure itself was quite quick and I didn’t even need to be fully asleep for them to be able to do what was needed. The tricky part is that I left the hospital all bandaged up and unable to use my hand. Recovery from this particular surgery is quite hard to predict as each person is different. I am also left handed, so for the last 2 weeks I have not been able to hold a pen to write or hold a fork or spoon in my left hand to eat. On the up side it has got me out of lots of dishes at home 😊.

This whole process has made me think more about our amazing bodies. Sharon Witt in her book Girl Wise – A guide to taking care of your body, has these amazing facts about our body. Every single person on earth has a unique fingerprint. The strongest muscle in the human body is the tongue. Your nose can remember 50,000 different scents. The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot repair itself. Your brain does not stop working even when you are asleep! The human brain can hold up to five times as much information as an encyclopaedia. It takes around 20 seconds for your blood to circulate around the entire body. The heart does more physical work than any other muscles in the body. Humans and giraffes have the same number of bones in their necks! During your lifetime, you will produce enough saliva to fill two swimming pools! And there are many more facts that could be mentioned as well.

It was once written: What we have is one body with many parts, each its proper size and in its proper place. No part is important on its own. Can you imagine Eye telling Hand, “Get lost; I don’t need you”? Or, Head telling Foot, “you’re fired; your job has been phased out”? If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance. I think that it is the same with people. If we take the example of a school it would not exist in the same way if there were no students. The teachers might have an easier day – but a much less rewarding one. If there were no teachers the students would have no direction and their learning would be compromised. If we had no administration or leadership staff the school would not be as well supported and would certainly not run smoothly. Similarly, there are people in our lives who play a special role for us: maybe they make us feel loved, maybe they encourage us, maybe they make us laugh. We need each other. It is good when we can appreciate others around us, the role that they play in our lives and in our community.

So as you look at your body may you be Blessed as you are grateful for the amazing things that it can do for you, and may you be blessed as you consider just how important the people around you are in the roles that they play.

Rebecca Whillas
Pastoral Care Worker

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Loxton Primary School 4-7 swimming carnival will be held at the Loxton Pool on Thursday 29th November. Students will be walking down at 11:00am with events scheduled to start at 11:30am and finish at 2:30pm for presentations and the walk back to school for normal dismissal. It promises to be fun day focussing on participation with ALL STUDENTS expected to take part and have already been nominated in several events for their team.

Students are able to attend school in HOUSE COLOURS and need to also bring their appropriate swimming attire, including a swimming top for the novelty events. Students also need to bring a hat and plenty of water.

PLEASE NOTE: students must have an updated pink medical consent form to take part in the carnival.

There will be a fundraiser sausage sizzle lunch on the day, although students may bring their own. Some canteen facilities will also be available at the pool.

We do require some volunteer helpers to assist with time keeping and cooking the BBQ.

Parents and caregivers are invited to come along and enjoy the day. If you have any questions regarding the day, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 8584 7408.
OUR STAR OF THE WEEK

Name: Rosemary French
Favourite Colour? Blue
Favourite Food? Ice cream
Favourite Sports team? Crows
What are your hobbies? Scrap booking and card making.

How long have you been volunteering at school: 13 years but I would have volunteered when my children were at school too.

Why did you start volunteering at L.P.S.? Because I attended this school and I wanted to give something back to the school that I enjoyed. Also because my children and grandchild attended here and so I am part of this school community.

What area/s of our school do you volunteer in? Listening to reading, Cooking lessons and helping with Breakfast Club.

What do you enjoy about volunteering? I like being involved and I enjoy helping others.

What advice do you have for others who might like to volunteer in our school? Be involved because it is nice to be involved.

Thank you to Rosemary and to all of our amazing volunteers who help in so many areas of our school.

If you are interested in volunteering at Loxton Primary School please see Mrs Liza Gibbs (Leader of Wellbeing) or Mrs Rebecca Whillas (Pastoral Care Worker) for more information.

LOST PROPERTY

If you have lost something, don’t forget to check the lost property bin.

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KEEP UPDATED WITH LOXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Absence text only
0447158038
2019 MATERIAL AND SERVICES CHARGES (School Fees) - $241
The Loxton Primary School Governing Council has set the Materials and Services Fee at the standard sum of $241.

2019 EXCURSION/PERFORMANCES/MISC. - $40
In 2019 we are again offering a bulk payment for whole school excursions/performances and miscellaneous activities. This is to avoid parents/carers and staff collecting one or two dollars at a time throughout the year. The charge has been set at $40 for all students (Reception – Year 7), which will go towards whole school local excursions, performances (visiting artists), swimming and transport. The amount is subsidised by the Country Areas Programs. SAPSASA is not included in this fee.

2019 STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN LEVY (years 3 -7) - $15
A Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden levy has been set of $15 for students in years 3 – 7 to assist with cooking costs.

STATIONERY COLLECTION
Stationery Packs are available to be picked up in January (on payment of school charges) on the dates below.

This will allow time to cover and name the stationery items prior to school commencing in 2019.

Our opening day for payment and collection of stationery during the holidays are:

Tuesday 22nd January 2019
&
Wednesday 23rd January 2019
9 am – 11 am, 12 – 2 pm, 3 pm – 4 pm
Uniforms are also available from the Front Office
It would be appreciated if all parents/caregivers could visit the school during these times for fee payment, to arrange an instalment plan or to make a School Card application.

“Agreement to Pay” forms will be available from the Front Office. School card forms and Centrepay can be accessed online. Access to the internet is available at the school.

Bank deposits can be made to BSB: 105-059 Account: 245 039 340. Please include your FAMILY CODE and email your remittance to dl0760.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

Book Covers will be available at the school at a cost of $1.00 for 10 clear plastic covers.

Happy Holidays!
School Resumes on Tuesday 29th January 2019
COMMUNITY NEWS

LOXTON DISTRICT OUT OF SCHOOLS HOUR CARE
HIGHEST QUALITY RECREATIONAL CARE
Open for Before/After School, for early dismissals, on pupil free days and vacation care.
Relax knowing your children are being cared for by qualified staff in a full environment.

For all enquiries
Phone 0421 154 502

LOXTON foster carer information session
Your invitation to chat with Tenille and Mandy about becoming a foster carer for children or young people in your community.

Date: Thursday 29th November
Time: 5:00pm—7:00pm
Venue: Loxton Library, East Terrace, Loxton 5333

Country kids need local foster carers
If you can’t make it, please feel welcome to drop into ac.care, at 5 Kealley St, Berri any Monday (except public holidays) or call 8582 2344 between 10am to noon and ask to speak to a foster care team member.

ac.care
08 8582 2344
care@accare.org.au
www.accare.org.au

Register Your Children at
vacswimsa.com.au

The Riverland Domestic Violence Action Group is holding a small commemorative ceremony to acknowledge the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the commencement of the 16 Days of Activism to End Violence against women.

We are meeting at the Vaughan Terrace Lawns in the Town Centre, there will be a sausage sizzle from 10.00am Monday, 26 November 2018

Come and join us to acknowledge the work that local domestic violence services provide to our community in keeping women and children safe from family violence.
For more information please contact: Brad on 8582 4122 or email berri.intake@rasa.org.au

In support of
Australia’s campaign to stop violence against women