

# Loxton Lutheran School ELC

## Term 3 - 2017



Welcome to term three of ELC, we hope you enjoyed the holiday break. This term we are so excited to welcome Chrisilla, Elijah, Zara, Lucas, Agnes, Clara, Quinn, Jai, Nate, Archie, Claire, Lucinda and their families to the ELC. Our theme for this term is movement. This is a very open theme that we think will integrate well with the children's interests.

**Change of opening times:** The ELC is now open Tuesday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. As there is no longer extended hours, all children can attend from 8:00am and will need to be picked up no later than 4:30 pm.

### What to bring to ELC:

- A child's bag
- A broad brimmed hat
- A named water bottle (this can be refilled at the Centre any time)
- A spare set of clothing suitable for running and messy play
- A named lunch box – 1 piece (1/2 day) or 2 pieces (full day) of fruit or vegetable, a packed lunch and extra healthy snacks. We encourage healthy eating at all times.  
\* Please do not bring any nuts or products containing nuts into the Centre/school\*  
We also encourage 'Nude Food', which is food brought in containers that can be washed, rather than plastic that goes into landfill.
- A named library bag
- If there is a special comfort item or toy, you are welcome to bring it.

### Staffing

Tuesday: Nicole and Dana on the floor

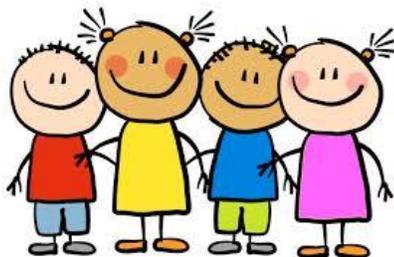
Renee (Admin day)

Wednesday: Renee and Dana

Thursday: Renee and Emily

Friday: Emily

We also have Keely Lyons who is a VET student continuing with us this term.



**Communication:** There are a number of ways that you can contact us if required.

**Seesaw:** The ELC educators like to send photos and other information about your child's day or learning through an app called Seesaw. You can also send messages on here that the staff will read during ELC hours.

**Verbal Communication:** When we (the ELC staff) know children well and establish relationships with families, we can expand the child's learning experiences to support each child's social and emotional development. We really enjoy having discussions with parents and caregivers at drop off and pick up time. These conversations enable staff to get to know more about the children, including what they like and dislike, what they have been up to when they are not at ELC and also about their family and their families' culture.

We love parent input! If you have any ideas that we should add to our program, if you think something could be improved or even if something is working well, please let us know.

**Email:** [reneef@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au](mailto:reneef@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au)

**Phone:** The ELC now has its own phone number 0435 944 964 which you can call any time during ELC opening hours. Alternatively, you can contact us on 85 847 496, this is the school's number and they will put your call through to the ELC.

**Open Door:** Our Centre is an 'Open Door Centre'. If you would like to come and visit your child throughout the day, or you want to pop in and have lunch with them, please feel free to do so. If your child is new and has a relative or friend that attends the school you can encourage them to visit your child at the ELC during their lunch and recess breaks. A friendly face of someone you know can be very comforting when you are in a new place.

**ELC Committee:** The ELC committee is a small group of parents, staff and the ELC representative from Governing Council, who work together to make decisions for the ELC. They help guide the staff with direction of the Centre (in conjunction with the Director), initiate and approve recommendations and strategies, monitor the Centre's progress and help with fundraising to finance projects at the Centre. The committee meets twice a term on a Friday at 4:30om at the Loxton Club (children are welcome to come and play on the playground). If you would like to join the committee please let one of our staff know and we will let you know the next meeting date.

**Contact details:** Please ensure your contact details, including your authorised to collect list is up to date.

**Medical conditions:** If your child has any new medical conditions or allergies please let the staff know ASAP so that we can put the appropriate process in place.

**Thank you:** We are ever so grateful to the Hondow family who have extended the kitchen in our mud pit area and have created the bench and storage area. I am sure that there will be lots of mud pies and all sorts of 'nature cooking' taking place in the future. We now have a very impressive area to keep all of our things required in our mud kitchen. Once again, a massive thank you Rhain and Jo, we really appreciate the time and effort you put into this project.

**Donations:** If you have anything from the list below that you can donate please let us know or bring it in

- Cot sheets
- Size 3-6 boys and girls clothing of any kind (pants, shorts, jumpers, tops, socks) – if you are having a clean out please think of us, we would really appreciate it.
- Gum boots – if your child no longer needs their gum boots we will be happy to take them off your hands.
- Anything that can be recycled to be used as loose parts play – reels, plastic PVC piping of different sizes and lengths, wooden logs or stumps, large cardboard boxes, buttons etc.

We are looking forward to another fun term full of playing, learning and discovering.

Yours in Christ,  
Renee, Dana, Emily and Nicole

