Being a Parent Who is a Friend – Not a Friend who Happens to be a Parent

Recently, a parent of the school sent me a text message which he had passed onto his teenage daughter. It read –

“My promise to my children ~ as long as I live ~ I am your parent 1st – your friend 2nd. I will stalk you, flip out at you, lecture you, drive you insane, be your worst nightmare & hunt you down like a bloodhound when needed because I LOVE YOU! When you understand that, I will know you are a responsible adult. You will NEVER find someone who loves, prays, cares & worries about you more than I do! If you don’t hate me once in your life – I am not doing my job properly.”

These words are certainly very strong – and most probably not those which I would choose. However, this quote did get me thinking about our roles as parents and the practice we often refer to as TOUGH LOVE. There were certainly times in my teen years when I thought my parents were mean and unfair because they had not allowed me to do things I wanted to do. Looking back now, it is easy to see why they often said no. Quite frankly – some of my wants were simply crazy!

Unfortunately, many parents, often shy away when it comes to dishing out tough love. Sure, disciplinary measures can be as unpleasant to the parent as they are to the child; that’s why it takes wisdom and courage. However, when we continually say yes to every request or shield our children from the consequences of their actions, we often deprive them of the opportunity for the growth and learning that could possibly eradicate their problematic behaviour altogether. Throughout the Bible we see instances of our Father God using tough love.

Look at the example of God’s love toward his first child, Adam. He had great plans for him. He talked to Adam about everything and told him how much He loved him. God expected Adam to look after the garden and name all the animals. Then God made Eve. They had much freedom and great joy in the garden and enjoyed a wonderful relationship with God, just as our own children do in our homes.

However, like any loving parent, God made rules and set boundaries for Adam and Eve. They had access to all the trees in the garden but one. So what happened? Eve took of the forbidden fruit and Adam followed suit. Do you think God said, “Haven’t I already told you not to do it? Okay, let’s have a time out—just don’t let it happen again.” That sounds more like what we’d do these days, doesn’t it? But God only speaks once. Human-kind had to know God meant what He said. So the penalty was carried out, not because He did not love them but because He did. Without further ado, Adam and Eve were banished from their beautiful home to make their way into the world. They were introduced to a rough existence, which required great effort in order to simply survive.

So, as parents, what’s the best position to take? My belief, without doubt, is that we should strive to – BE a parent who is a friend and NOT a friend who happens to be a parent – because that’s how you help your kids most and that’s how you get to be the one they talk to, listen to, confide in and love – even after the times you say, “No.”

Submitted by Terry Sawade
Principal
Dear Parents,

School Photo Day

Parents are reminded that the annual school photograph day is tomorrow – **Wednesday August 31st**. All Students are required to wear their formal winter uniforms.

Bingo Night

The school is hosting a Bingo night this Thursday at the Loxton Club. All proceeds raised will be put towards upgrading the school’s recycling processes and increasing the sports storage shelving in the LIFE Centre. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated for this worthwhile cause.

Student Free Day

The school will be closed on **Friday September 2nd** for a Student Free Day to allow staff to attend the Annual LSA State Staff Conference which, this year, will be held at Immanuel College at Novar Gardens in Adelaide.

DECD Schools Closure

Loxton High School, Loxton Primary School and Loxton North Primary School will all be having a School Closure Day on **Friday September 9th**. They will also be closed on **Monday September 12th** for a Student Free Day to enable staff to undertake professional development.

This means that **DECD buses will not be running on September 9th & 12th**, meaning that parents of children who normally use that service to transport their children will need to make other arrangements on these days.

Loxton Lutheran School buses will continue to operate on these days.

Head Lice

We have recently had reports of children having NITs. Parents are advised to check their children’s hair and report any instances of NITs to the school as soon as possible.

SAPSASA News

Congratulations to Will Schultz and Judd Tschirpig who were selected in the Riverland SAPSASA football team which recently participated in the State SAPSASA Championships in Adelaide. The team performed really well, ending the competition in second place.

Congratulations also to Macy Wright who was selected in the Riverland Netball Team and which also recently participated in the State championships in Adelaide.

VSC Training

Parents are reminded that it is a requirement that they have completed a Valuing Safe Communities (VSC) training session in the last 3 years to be able to volunteer to work with children or to attend school excursions or camps.

This is now an online process which is easily completed from home and takes about 45 minutes. Once complete, participants print off a certificate and present it at the school.
From the Principal.................

By Terry Sawade

30th August 2016

front office.

Parents wishing to undertake the process need to contact the front office for login details.

After School Student Pick-up

We are asking parents to support staff in reinforcing the rule that children waiting to be picked up after school from the area adjacent to the outside courts, are NOT TO PLAY ON EQUIPMENT, irrespective of their parents being present and talking to someone. This is so children are ready to ‘go’ when parents arrive or are ready to leave.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Competitions

We have recently presented certificates for a range of competitions children have participated in during recent months.

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements in the respective competition areas.

Digital Technologies

Merit  Mikayla Drake
       Lucas Cockshell
       Gurleen Kaur

Credit  Amelie Arnold
       Jonas Tankard
       Hayley Inglis

Distinction  Shaun Fulham

Science

Merit  Amber Hundertmark
       Tilly Drake

Credit  Lila Arnold
       Olivia Pfeiler
       Shaun Fulham
       Gurleen Kaur
       Lucas Cockshell
       Brady Fulham
       Hayley Inglis

Distinction  Stefan Kudra

Writing

Credit  Tahlia Hearn
       Gurleen Kaur
       Amber Hundertmark

Enjoy your next fortnight.

Yours in Christ,

Terry Sawade

Principal

Loxton Tennis Club

Junior Tennis

Registration forms are now available for the 2016/17 season.

Forms are available from the front office and need to be returned by the 16th September 2016 to Phil Smith. Details are on the forms. Please contact Phil on 0487 425 968 for more information.

Our AGM will be held on the 15th September 2016 at 7:30pm, at the Loxton Hotel. All welcome.
**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**
(Normally every second Friday)

**NEXT ASSEMBLY:** Friday Sept. 9
2:30pm in the LIFE Centre

**SCHOOL WORSHIP**
Chapel services are normally held at
9:15am, every Friday in the LIFE Centre. ALL WELCOME.

**Thursday September 1**
Chapel will be held at 9:15am and led by Pastor Jason Sander. The theme will be “Samson.”

**Friday September 9**
Chapel will be held at 9:15am and led by Pastor Darrin and the Year 4/5 class. The theme will be “Ruth and Naomi”.

*Please join us for a cuppa and catch up after the service.*

**PRAYER CORNER**
This week we are praying for:
- Cody and Taj Rawlings
- Sienna Reichstein
- Emme and Clara Reid
- Jasmine Richards
- Keely Rollins
- Jemma Rosbergen
- and Mrs. Rachel Pontt

*Bus driver*

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**St Peter’s Lutheran Church**
4th Sept. 8:30am
10:30am *Picnic*
11th Sept. 8:30am
10:30am HC

**Concordia Lutheran Church**
4th Sept. 10:00am
11th Sept. 10:00am HC

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**ELC News**
By Rachel Hentschke

**Dear Parents,**
We are half way through Term 3 already! We are looking forward to the Loxton Lutheran School Concert on Thursday 29th September where we will perform Eric Carle’s "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".

Please return the form indicating if your child is participating as soon as possible.

Our Friday ELC children enjoyed an excursion to Loxton Public Library last week and we are looking forward to visits to The Chaffey Theatre to see “Emily Loves to Bounce” and the Barmera Primary School to see the Environmental Expo in the next few weeks. Please look out for consent forms in your child’s bag.

This fortnight at the ELC, we are exploring mixing primary colours and making Father’s Day presents. Our veggie patch is growing and we have been thinning out the carrots and weeding. Many worms have been found in the garden beds and dry river bed too.

Thank you to Dawn Schwarz and Rebecca Schaefer for ELC donations. It has been a big year of fundraising at the ELC and we thank you for your support. We have purchased a new kitchen for our home area, two easels, an oversized die for numeracy games and many animal figurines for small world play. At our next ELC Committee meeting we will decide on more items to buy. If you have any suggestions please let us know. If you would like to join the ELC Committee contact a staff member. We meet twice per term, from 4-5pm on a Friday and children are welcome.

Thank You to Rochelle McKenzie and Catarina Santini who have recently stepped down from the committee. We value the time, enthusiasm and ideas they contributed.

Some parents have been asking about the fundraiser toy catalogues. The catalogues will be available from the school office or ELC if you wish to browse but we are not promoting it as an official fundraiser as we have had several fundraisers this year. Note: This is in addition to the Modern Teaching Aides catalogue that is the school fundraiser. Please advise me, via a text, if you would like a catalogue sent home. The ELC receives a voucher for 20% of all sales. If you purchase, your order will be delivered to your home and you will be required to pay the delivery fee ($7.90 or free if you spend over $150). We will not be accepting deliveries to the school. These catalogues are a great way to get organised for Christmas!
National Child Protection Week, 4-10 September 2016

National Child Protection Week aims to raise awareness of the rights of all children to be safe and well and to encourage more adults to play their part in making this a reality. This year’s theme ‘Stronger Communities, Safer Children’ builds on the concept ‘Protecting Children is Everyone’s Business: Play Your Part’. This theme emphasises the importance and value of connected communities in keeping children and young people safe and well. Research shows that communities where children are seen and heard, where their participation is valued and where their families can get the support they need, are stronger communities that help to keep children safe and well. Some of the students have participated in designing posters that show themselves with people they trust and places where they feel safe. The posters will be displayed on the outside board near Room 4 from next week, so check it out and help to keep our children safe and our community strong. If you have any questions/concerns/issues please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Trudy Battams – School Chaplain

PE / Health News

Whole School Cook Book

Thank you to those families who have sent in their recipes for our whole school cook book. They look delicious. For those who haven’t could you please get them in asap so we can start putting the cook book together? You can email them to joanneh@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au or bring them to the front office.

BINGO

This Thursday 1st September is the schools bingo fundraiser at the Loxton Club. Eyes down is at 7:30pm so you will need to be there by 7:15pm to leave enough time to get your books. Bingo isn’t for everyone but this is an easy fundraiser for the school and the money will be put towards a new school recycling system and storage for the PE room. Bring your friends and make a night of it. Hope to see you there.

School Photo Day

Tomorrow - Wednesday August 31st

Official winter uniform is to be worn by ALL students on the day. However, due to the fact that windcheaters vary greatly in colour, we will be asking students to remove their windcheaters for the photo - they will then all be wearing the striped formal shirt.

Angela Rollins has, once again, kindly offered to organise helpers and assist us on the day. Please send a brush or comb with your child if you think they will need to tidy their hair.

Photo Envelopes have been sent home and must be returned tomorrow with the correct money or credit card details enclosed and handed to the class teacher.

*All payments are collected and processed by Focus School Portraits on that day!
**We will be unable to provide change for your cash orders!

If you would like a sibling photo - Sibling Photo Order Envelopes are available from the Front Office and MUST also be returned on School Photo Day.
Premiers’ Reading Challenge -

We’re on the home stretch....

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Challenge in the last few weeks:

Nate Borgas  Isabel Clift  Harry Eatts  Ishleen Kaur
Summer Kaur  Bella Mawdsley  Aurelia Mayfield  Layla Hutchinson
Ayrton Giles  Sophie Tullett  Jemma Rosbergen  Emmanuel Amaechi
Eamon Cockshell  Scarlett Hall  Angel Kargas  Yasmin Westbrook
Maitilda Morgan  Arabella Pannell  Jacob Sander  Leeroy Scholz
Charlie Setchell  Claire Scholz  Lila Arnold  Luke Borgas
Claire Ellbourn  Anastasia Kargas  Taj Rawlings  Lily Rothe
Carter Wright  Francois Pauer  Quinn Smith  Kye Fielke
Mercedes Phillis  Lucas Cockshell  Stefan Kudra
Declan Felder
Asha Bagley

A special congratulations to the following classes where every student in the class has completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge:-

- Reception Class
- Year 1/2 Class
- Year 2/3 Class

Reminder letters went home today to students who are yet to hand up their record sheets. Thank you for supporting our goal of attempting to have 100% of our students complete the challenge for 2016.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE:- Monday 5th September

Bookweek Thank You

Thank you to everyone who got into the spirit of Bookweek. It was a sensational week of celebrating books and reading. Thank you especially to those students in Years 2 to 7 who wrote the descriptive stories some of which were read to others in the library at lunchtime. This project was well supported by the teachers who chose one of the student’s characters to dress up as during our Bookweek Parade on Friday. On Tuesday and Wednesday at lunchtime, we had quite a crowd relaxing in the library and enjoying the film “Storm Boy” based on the book by South Australian author, Colin Thiele. The Bookweek costume parade on Friday was definitely one of the best ever. Thank you to all of the students who dressed up and the parents who sourced and made costumes. We hope that the students all enjoyed their gift of a lucky dip, pre-loved book to take home and add to their own collection of books.

Old plastic VHS video covers. These make good shelf markers and labels. If you have some that you no longer use and are happy to donate to our school library, please drop them off at the library on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays. We would be very grateful. Thank you.
**What's Happening?**

**Loxton Lutheran School**

**BINGO**

**Fundraiser**

Come and have some fun at our bingo fundraiser on

**Thursday 1st September, 2016**

**At the Loxton Club**

7:15pm for eyes down at 7:30pm

There will be scrumptious supper and raffle tickets to be purchased so please bring a bit of extra money for those delicious homemade cakes.

All proceeds will go towards recycling systems for the classrooms and some much needed storage for the sports room.

Bring some friends and make it a night out. The more the merrier.

It would be appreciated if you could RSVP by 26/08/16 for catering purposes. Please contact, Joanne Hondow at joanneh@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au if you have any questions.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

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**Loxton Primary School Disco**

**Friday 2nd September, 2016**

Receptions to Year 3 from 6:30pm until 7:30pm

Year 4 to Year 7 from 8pm - 9:30pm

at Living Waters Christian Community Centre

All Primary Schools Welcome

$5 entry

includes chips, drink and glow stick

Pre purchased tickets

Go in a draw to win

Tickets available through front office or at the door

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

NEW! Our uniform shop is currently open on the following days:-

**Monday** - 2:30pm - 3:00pm

**Wednesday** - 2:30pm - 3:00pm

**Thursday** - 2:30pm - 3:00pm

**WINTER JACKETS**

We have ordered extra jackets in multiple sizes if anybody would like to purchase one.

$70.00 (all sizes)

Uniform order forms can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from our website or Skoolbag app.

**BUSINESS MANAGER HOURS**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

**LLL SCHOOL BANKING**

Every Tuesday

**CACTEEN ROSTER TERM 3**

**Sept 2nd**  
**STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Sept 9th**  
**Ethan Grosse**

**Sept 16th**  
**Sandy Falting**

**Sept 23rd**  
**Charmaine Mawdsley**

**Sept 30th**  
**Nikki Tullett**

Please sign in at the front office and be at the canteen for a 9.15am start.

If you are unavailable at your rostered time please arrange a swap with someone else.

**New Twirly Pop ice blocks - $1.50**

**Paddle Pop Tropical Yoghurt ice blocks reduced to $1.00**
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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

FAITH5

Holding Your Family Together

You can be well on your way to a healthier, happier, more resilient family in 6 weeks. No. Really. Check out www.faith5.org/about/ for a short video on the 5 steps, then join us for this 6 week worship series with family and friends. You’ll notice a difference in the first week! Yes. Really!

DATES: Sunday mornings starting July 31, 2016
PLACE: St Peter’s Lutheran Church
CONTACT: Pr Mark Hansen

You are invited to St Peter’s Lutheran Church Father’s Day

Join us for a worship service at Lock 4 followed by a BBQ and games. BYO salad and sweet to share. Gold coin donation for meat.

RSVP to Lutheran Ministry Centre
8584 5522
Sunday
4th Sept
10.30am

BBQ

LOXTON AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Invites

JUNIOR PLAYERS
To two pre-season player trials for the Riverland Competition. To be held on Monday 12 and Wednesday 14 September, 2016 at the Lockton Stadium
Under 12 & Under 14’s – 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Under 16 & Under 16’s – 7.00pm to 8.00pm
All interested players welcome

FIRST SENIOR PLAYER TRIAL NIGHT
A Men – 7.00pm-9.00pm Monday 19 September, 2016 at the Lockton Lutheran School
A Women – 7.00pm-9.00pm Monday 19 September, 2016 at the Lockton Stadium
All interested players welcome

For further information please contact
President Jason Hughes on 0439802655 or Secretary Sue Schultz on 0428976511

OLA YOUTH THEATRE

September 25
Kids & Tween Movie Club
Time: 10am-1pm
Ages: 5-13 years

Location: Lockton Lutheran Peace Hall
Cost: $20 each workshop

September 25
Teen & Young Adult Horror Film Making
Time: 2pm-6pm
Ages: 13-26 years

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