Running the Race (Inspired by Pastor Greg)

I know I and many of the staff and students enjoyed watching the amazing talents of our Olympians and Paralympians who have competed in Rio. One race in particular which sticks in my mind was Usain Bolt in the 100m sprint. A talented athlete who seems to do it with such ease and grace.

It brought to mind a 100m sprint I saw when I was at my High Schools annual sports day (the result was a little bit different from Bolt’s). It was the last sprint of the day and they were nearing the finish line when some of the runners crossed lanes and became tangled together. They didn’t all finish the race, and some of them had bruises to prove it! There was definitely no ease or grace.

Hebrews 12:1 compares the Christian life to running a race. It says, ‘let us run with endurance the race that is set before us’. Taken by themselves, those words are daunting.

As I seek to love God and love my neighbour, I find myself feeling tired. I find myself crossing lanes and getting tangled up with others in unhelpful ways. I find myself tripping and falling. The line of ‘victory’ sometimes seems a long way away! But thankfully, the Christian life is finally not about the efforts or achievements. It’s about what Christ has done for us. He has defeated sin and death for you and for me. He has run the perfect race, and won the victory. And all who live by faith in Him share in that victory.

Through Jesus, we have a relationship with God, however imperfect our own race efforts may be. And what difference does that make to our daily lives? It means that each day is a new day, a new start! It means that we never run alone, because our God is with us and for us. It means that we have the help and healing of God in all the tangles and mishaps of life.

Let us continue to run our own race in our own time and know we are not alone.

Submitted by
Joanne Hondow
Physical Education and Health Teacher
Dear Parents,

School Photo Day
Thank you to the fantastic parent volunteers, Vicki Evans, Angela Rollins, Sarah Lloyd and Karen Waechter, who helped organise the children on school photo day several weeks ago. It was because of your assistance that the whole day ran so smoothly.

Outstanding Learning Opportunities
Congratulations to our teaching and support staff for the huge range of varied learning opportunities they continue to provide for the children at our school. These activities just don’t happen and involve many hours of organisation, well beyond the normal school day and in the teachers’ and school assistants’ own time. We, as a school community, are so blessed to have a staff committed to providing such a wonderful and holistic educational program. In just this past week and the next two, this is what your children in the school have/will experience.

- An environmental day excursion to Barmera (ELC to Year 6) – over 2 days
- Year 4/5 sleepover (in tents)
- Tournament Of Minds (over the weekend at Flinders University)
- “Engage” Team Building & Anti-bullying Program (all classes)
- ELC and JP classes excursion to the Chaffey Theatre to see “Emily loves to Bounce!”
- Year 4/5 Camp to Walkers Flat
- Year 2/3 Camp to Adelaide
- Hotshots Tennis – Berri
- Pedal Prix 24 Hour event – Murray Bridge
- School concert

While not all children are engaged in every event – there is something for everyone with all having the opportunity to be involved in one or more activities – and this is only over a three week timeframe.

We also acknowledge the valuable continued support of our parent volunteers whose assistance enables many of these extracurricular activities to be a reality.

Tournament of Minds – Honours Medallists
Congratulations to Leanne Reichstein and the Tournament Of Minds (TOM) team consisting of Year 6/7 Students, Stefan Kudra, Hudson Hearn, Lily Gunn, Hayley Inglis, Caitlin Andrews, Jess Gerlach and Lucas Cockshell who were awarded Honours in their division at the State TOM Competitions held at Flinders University on Sunday.

This year’s outstanding result follows last year’s where the 2015 team won their division and consequently represented South Australia at the Australasian Finals in Sydney.

This year the team chose to compete in the primary school section of the Science and Technology division. Their solution to a known long term problem, for which they had six weeks to prepare, took the form of a 10 minute presentation in front of an audience and a panel of judges to be assessed against a range of set criteria. A short term, unseen problem before a judging panel, in which teamwork and creativity were assessed, completed their competition.

Many thanks to Amanda Kudra for her continued support of Leanne through the competition preparation process and on the competition day, by providing extra supervision of the team.

Thank you also to Victor Kudra, Warren Andrew, Larissa Cockshell, Clint Gerlach, Michelle & Justin Hearn, Craig Inglis and Simone Gunn who supported their children by also travelling to Adelaide for the competitions.
From the Principal................

By Terry Sawade

2017

We are currently in the process of planning for the 2017 school year which includes reviewing budgets and class structures. To assist us with this planning, we ask members of the school community to let us know of any family or friends who may be considering Loxton Lutheran School as a place for their child or children to attend.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

Chapel Cancelled

Chapel for this Friday, September 16th, has been cancelled due to children from four year levels being away on camps.

Classes remaining will have morning devotions in their classrooms instead.

Pedal Prix – 24 Hour Event

The Pedal Prix team has been practising in both the old and new bike for the Murray Bridge 24-hour event to be held on the weekend of September 24th and 25th. Reports from our riders is that they “love” the new bike.

Thank you to all parents of team members for their support, in particular Brett Tschirpig who has spent a number of hours making sure the new bike is race ready and tuned as well as conducting practices. Thanks also to Jill Obst who is coordinating the event catering and has also been supervising and conducting team practices.

School Concert

Tickets to this year’s School Concert go on sale tomorrow (September 14th) via the school office at a cost of $5 for adults and $3 for children which includes supper at the conclusion of the performance.

Parents are reminded that the LIFE Centre capacity is 575 so that is the number of tickets available for this one performance on Thursday September 29th at 7pm.

A technical dress rehearsal will be held on Wednesday September 28th commencing at 11.45am. People not able to attend the night performance are free to attend this practice but are reminded that there may be interruptions due to technical adjustments.

Enjoy your next fortnight.

Yours in Christ,

Terry Sawade

From the Business Manager

Thank you to parents for their understanding and co-operation, last week, when our “Catch” bus was out of service for repair.

These instances are unavoidable, but thankfully do not happen often. We thank Polly Johnston and Golding’s for being able to hire their buses at the last minute.

Fee statements were emailed last week, please keep an eye out for these every month. If you would like to change the email address of where they are being sent, please contact the office.

Sarah Kruschel

Business Manager
**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**
(Normally every second Friday)

**NEXT ASSEMBLY:** Friday Sept. 16 2:30pm in the LIFE Centre

**SCHOOL WORSHIP**

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

**Friday September 16**

NO CHAPEL

**Friday September 23**

Chapel will be held at 9:15am and led by Pastor Dean Mills. The theme will be “Kind David”.

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

**PRAYER CORNER**

*This week we are praying for some of our ELC Students:*
- Olive Arnold
- Amberly Bullock
- Jaxon Docking
- Ellie Fielke
- Riley Freer
- Caleb Hampel
- Mrs. Andrea Athanasopoulos

*Year 6/7 Teacher*

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**St Peter’s Lutheran Church**
18th Sept. 8:30am HC
10:30am
25th Sept. 8:30am
10:30am HC

**Concordia Lutheran Church**
18th Sept. 10.00am HC
25th Sept. 10:00am

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**ELC News**

By Rachel Hentschke

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Dear ELC families,

Welcome to Week 8! Just three weeks left of this term and only nine weeks in Term 4. Christmas will be here before we know it.

This week the children are working to create the home corner play space - a fire station. If you have any items that would enhance this space, let us know! We will keep it set up for the remainder of this term.

At the moment we are gathering torches for shadows/light play. We appreciate any donations of torches you no longer require.

This week, we took the Tuesday children to the Chaffey Theatre. Thank you to the bus drivers that drove us to Renmark, and to Barmera last week for our excursion to Barmera Primary.

Concert is fast approaching - save the date for Thursday 29th September. Ticketing info is attached. For our "Very Hungry Caterpillar" item, the children need to wear colourful clothes.

Loxton Lutheran School Continental is on Friday 28th October. This year, the ELC children have been asked to each donate a book to create a "bookworm basket" which will be auctioned off at the silent auction. A note regarding the auction will go home this week.

Please let us know if any contact details change for you or other emergency contacts for your child.

The ELC committee meets twice per term on a Friday afternoon. For more information or if you would like to join, speak to me, Nicole, Jo Bullock, Jayne Wishart, Sophie Arnold or Tania Klix.
Hot Shot Tennis

I am looking for Year 4/5 students (possibly some Year 6s) interested in attending the Hot Shot Tennis Carnival in Berri on Wednesday 21st September at the Renmark Tennis courts. Students do not need to be playing morning tennis they just need to have an idea of the rules and have the ability to hit a ball over the net.

The carnival is in the morning from 9:15am until 12:15pm. Students will be taken over and back on the school bus and I will be supervising them on the day. There is no cost for the carnival.

Sixteen students are needed so please encourage your child to have a go. It is a fun morning and a great way for them to mix with students from other schools and improve their tennis. If you have any questions please email me at joanneh@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au

SAPSASA Tennis

Last week, I sent out a letter for students interested in trialling for the Riverland SAPSASA tennis team, which will compete in Adelaide from the 21st-25th of November. If your child is interested and didn’t receive a form please come and see me. The first trial is next Wednesday September 21st from 4:30 – 5:30pm.

SAPSASA Cricket

Today I handed out a letter for students interested in trialling for the Riverland SAPSASA cricket team, which will compete in Adelaide from the 21st- 24th November. If your child is interested and didn’t receive a form please come and see me. The first trial is on Wednesday, September 28th from 4:30-6:00pm.

Break Time Activities

It has been great seeing so many students out having a go at some of the break time activities. We have had badminton in the LIFE Centre and tennis and totem tennis outside. A big thank you to the teachers who have given up their lunch times to supervise these activities. It is much appreciated.
Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2016 has now closed. Data is being entered this week and sent to the organisers. The students who completed the challenge in the last few weeks are to be congratulated for their dedication and determination to finish.

Cooper Morgan    Elise Schaefer    Judd Tschirpig    Nyoka Viney
Jasmine Richards  Zane Sheffield    Will Schultz

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

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

Medals and certificates will be presented to those who completed the Challenge, at a special school assembly in Term 4. More information will be given out about this as it comes to hand.

WANTED:

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

IT’S BACK! A Scholastic Book Fair is being held next term, beginning on the Continental night, in our school library. Brochures will be sent home early next term to show just a few of the many items that will be available.

This is a great opportunity to purchase some books to

- stock up on Christmas presents
- indulge your children
- encourage them to become enthusiastic readers!

Every purchase benefits the school.

Dates: Friday 28th October (at Continental) - Thursday 3rd November
Time: Monday– Wednesday 8.30am-4pm, Thursday 8.30-9.30; 3:15-4:00
Place: Library

Continental Night: The Book Fair will be in the LLS Library—do check it out!

If there are any parents who are available to volunteer for an ‘extra’ job on Continental night and could assist with the Book Fair, please let me know via the school email or pop in and see me in the library on a Monday or Tuesday. Any help would be appreciated as it can get quite busy.
Continental Happenings

Class Baskets - Silent Auction

The countdown is on to our 2016 School Continental & Silent Auction. The Class themed Baskets were a huge hit at last year’s auction and will be created and up for grabs again this year. The Continental Committee is seeking donations from each school family who wishes to donate toward their child’s class basket.

This year the themes are:

- ELC
- Reception
- Year 1/2
- Year 2/3
- Year 3/4
- Year 4/5
- Year 6/7K
- Year 6/7AL

- Bookworm
- Chocoholics
- Art ‘n’ Craft
- Cool Kids
- Pet Care
- Kitchen Thingamajigs
- Dads
- Mums

Each child’s family should have received a note home yesterday (Monday) seeking donations for these items and further information.

All families that wish to donate have until Thursday the 29th September to place their donations in a box provided in each child’s classroom.

Thank you for your support,

2016 Continental Committee

Thankyou the following businesses for their cash donations for our Major Raffle:

- OfficeEverything
- Betta Home Living
- Loxton Hotel
- BULLA BURRA
- SCHWARZ MOTOR REPAIRS

Friday 28th October
(Week 2, Term 4)

- Hot food
- Jumping Castles
- Knock Em Downs
- In it to Win It
- Photo Booth – Circus Theme
- Face painting
- Glitter tattoos
- Go Carts
Sports Vouchers

Some of you may have already used a Sports Voucher this year, but for those of you who haven’t, this is a reminder about the program as summer sports are starting.

The Sports voucher program is an SA Government initiative. The program provides an opportunity for primary school aged children from Reception to Year 7 to receive up to a $50 discount on sports membership / registration fees. The purpose is to increase the number of children playing organised sport by reducing the cost as a barrier to participate in sport.

All SA Primary school aged children are eligible and there are currently two methods of claiming a voucher.

The first:- The sports provider has online registrations. Claiming the voucher has been integrated into their systems when you register and your fee will be reduced.

The second:- The sports provider does not have the voucher integrated into their online registrations. You’ll need to print the voucher from sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

Once completed, take the voucher to an approved sports provider to receive a discount on the fees when you register. Sports providers then access the secure Voucher Portal to redeem vouchers and receive reimbursement.

Remember! It is one voucher for every primary school aged child per calendar year!

sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

UNIFORM SHOP

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

Canteen roster term 3

Sept 16th No helper required
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.
# Vacation Care

We are open: Tuesday 4th Oct - Friday 14th Oct 2016
Two Sessions Daily: 7.15am-12.45pm & 12.45pm-6.15pm

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**IMPORTANT:** Please send back enrolments ASAP and be precise when giving a reason for care. Also be prepared to update forms and sign excursions if required.

**PLEASE SEND A NAMED HAT, WATERBOTTLE AND LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILDREN UNLESS PLANNED OTHERWISE THANKYOU.**

**PLEASE RETURN ENROLMENTS TO OSHC OR WOODLEIGH BY 28th SEPT 2016**

**FEES:** Half day $36.00 Full Day $57.00

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

*Donations of toys, clothing (adults or children’s) any recyclable boxes, and any household items children can pull apart are always welcome and appreciated*

Fax: 85845175 Mobile: 0421154502
BERRI BASKETBALL CLUB
AUSSIE HOOPS & DOMESTIC
INFORMATION
Berri Basketball Club is running their Aussie Hoops and Domestic Competition once again this year!

Aussie Hoops is for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
Domestic Competition is for children in Year 3 – 7.

Registration night will be held at OLOR on Wednesday 21st September from 4:00pm to 5:00pm for Aussie Hoops and 5:00pm onwards for Domestic with a Sausage Sizzle available on the night. Please bring a basketball with you!

If interested but unavailable to make it to registrations please contact Chissy Eleftheriadis for Aussie Hoops on 044 888 7754 OR Rebecca Stokes for Domestic Competition on 0400 956 917.
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Loxton Lutheran School has been involved with this project for ten years and in that time we have sent 1,200 boxes to children in need, what an outstanding achievement.

Operation Christmas Child enables the students to pack gift filled shoeboxes for children in desperate need, who have never received a gift before. Samaritan’s Purse then arranges for these boxes to be hand-delivered to children in remote villages, slums and towns in the developing world. It doesn’t end there! Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are a tangible expression of God’s love and an opportunity to share the Good News of Christmas. At the same time, it teaches students here at Loxton Lutheran School, the importance of reaching out to people in poverty.

As well as packing a shoebox, it is asked if $9 per box could be included to cover the cost of shipping & project charges. If donating online (preferred) you can ‘Follow Your Box’ and will receive email updates that will inform you of the progress of your shoebox/es as they travel to their destination country.

Mrs Taylor and the Year 4/5 class are in charge of distributing boxes and handing out brochures, which lists suitable gift suggestions as well as items not to include when packing your shoebox.

Please contact me if you have any questions or you can visit the website
www.operationchristmaschild.org.au

Have a blessed day
Trudy Battams – School Chaplain

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2016

I ___________________________agree that my child/ren ___________________________

(Parent/Carer name) (Child name and Class)

will participate in Operation Christmas Child this year.

We would like to fill ____________ box/es.

(Parent/Carer signature)
Loxton Lutheran School
2016 Concert

OUR LIGHTHOUSE

Thursday September 29th - 7:00pm

Ticket Order Form

Family Name: ____________________________

EVENING PERFORMANCE

Due to our seating capacity, a maximum of 4 tickets per family are available for purchase until next Friday September 23rd. From Monday September 26th, any extra tickets (if available) can be purchased by contacting the school office.

**No tickets are needed for LLS students as they will be with class teachers.** Students will need to be at school by 6:30pm.

Price of tickets include supper and performance

I would like to purchase:

_____ Adult Tickets @ $5.00 each       Total $_____

_____ Child / Pensioner Tickets @ $3.00 each     Total $_____

Please indicate if you need space for a pram / wheelchair ______

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL

If you would prefer to attend a daytime performance, there will be a full dress rehearsal during the day on Wednesday 28th September from 11:45 until approx. 1:00pm.

**There will be no cost for this performance.**

_____ Number of People likely to attend daytime performance

Tickets need to be paid for by CASH OR CHEQUE with this order and will be sent home with students soon after.

**There will be NO TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT.**
Parents and Friends are looking for donations of food and fruit juice for supper at our school concert. (Thursday September 29th)

We are also looking for helpers to assist with serving food and drinks, as well as cleaning up afterwards.

Donations could include:
- Cake, biscuits, other
- Can be homemade or bought from the store
- Sweet or savoury cold foods
- Fruit juice

Please bring food ready to be served on the night, or deliver donations to the canteen by 3:15pm on Thursday 29th September. It would be appreciated if cakes etc. could be cut into pieces for serving.

**Please remember our No nut policy when baking or purchasing goods.**

For more information please contact Karen Scholz on 0416 077 650 Or Rose Rosebergen on 0411 718 184.

Thanks in advance for your ongoing support of our school.

P & F Committee

Please tear off and return by Friday 23rd September

Name: ___________________________ Contact Number: _________________

[ ] I am able to donate: (Please circle)
- Cake
- Biscuits
- Fruit juice
- Other

Brief description:

________________________________________

[ ] I am willing to assist on the night: (Please circle)
- To help serve
- To clean up afterwards