

Tuesday, 2 May 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to the ELC, we hope you had a wonderful Easter break and had the opportunity to spend some time with your family over the school holidays.



This term we welcome Emily Obst to our ELC team and look forward to her working with us. Emily will be working on Fridays.

Some words from Emily "I am married to Simon Obst and we have 2 children, a 3 year old boy and an 11 month old girl. I enjoy gardening, cooking and going to the gym. I am looking forward to working at the ELC where I can make a positive impact in children's lives."

At the end of the term we announced that Kristin will also be joining the ELC team, unfortunately, circumstances have changed and this will no longer be occurring.

The Early Learning Centre is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Below is a list of the staff who work on each day.

**Tuesday** – Dana Petch, Nicole Drake and Renee Fielke (Admin day)

**Wednesday** – Dana Petch and Renee Fielke

**Friday** – Emily Obst and Renee Fielke

**Each session children are required to bring:**

- a water bottle (this can be refilled at the ELC when required)
- 2 pieces of fruit, lunch and extra snacks
- a broad brimmed hat – Children will be required to wear a hat when the UV is 3 or higher so it is important that they have a hat at ELC each day. Hats are compulsory from the 1<sup>st</sup> September - 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- a change of clothes (encase of toileting accidents or if clothes need to be changed due to messy play)
- a library bag. The children love visiting the library and choosing books to take home.

**Clothing and shoes** - Please ensure you dress your child in clothes that can get dirty and are Sun Smart (loose fitting clothes that cover the shoulders and the back of the neck). Also please make sure your child is wearing shoes which they can run and play in comfortably, particularly the children who attend Tuesday sessions, as they participate in Gross Motor Games.



**Sunscreen** – Please apply sunscreen to your child before they are dropped off at the ELC. We will help your child to reapply sunscreen every 2 hours. There is a spot to sign on the sign in sheet so that we know that your child has had sunscreen applied.

**Portfolios** - This week portfolios will be handed out so that you can take them home and have a look at them. Please return them the following week so that we can continue to fill them. You can access these folders at any time at the ELC.

**Contact details** – if your address or phone number has changed please email [reneef@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au](mailto:reneef@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au) with your new details. It is important we have up to date contact details.

**Work Placement** – This term Keely Lyons (VET student) and Alana Cook (TAFE student) will both be doing their placement with us at the ELC. Please make them feel welcome.

**Independence** – Children learn best by doing things themselves. Encouragement and help is required at times but it is important that the child is doing the task. Please help promote your child's independence by having them carry their bag into ELC and putting their own lunch box in the fridge.

### **Fundraising -**



This Sunday (7th May), Loxton will be holding the Pedal Prix. The ELC Committee have decided to marshal the event as a fundraiser. For this fundraiser to be successful we need volunteers (2 people at each time slot) to stand at a gate and tell people when it is safe to cross the road. Our gates are in front of Sports Power. It is our responsibility to have 2 people there at all times from 9:30 until the race finishes at 4. Ideally we are looking for at least 12 volunteers. It is super easy and will only take 1 hour of your time. If you can help out, please let Renee know ASAP.

This term our main fundraiser will be a 'Pie and Pizza Drive'. The Country Bakehouse has agreed to doing this fundraiser with us again. The order forms and more information about this fundraiser will be sent out in a few weeks.

**Program** - If you have any ideas or suggestions on things you would like to see in our program please let us know.

**Talented parents or grandparents** – If you have any special talents (for example: you can play a musical instrument and would love us to dance and sing along while you play, you know lots of information about a specific topic that you would like to share or you are an amazing cook and would love to cook with us) we would love for you to come into the ELC and share your special talent with us.



We look forward to another fun term filled with playing, exploring, experimenting and learning.

Kind regards,

Renee Fielke, Dana Petch, Nicole Drake and Emily Obst