PUPIL FREE DAY LEARNING

During our Pupil Free Day recently our school joined with Kingston-On-Murray and Loxton North Primary Schools to dig deeper into our “student data”. This data included PAT Reading, PAT Maths and NAPLAN testing. Through digging deeper we were able to identify patterns of where students needed more support in Literacy and Numeracy. This allowed us to come up with some whole school focusses to work on. Some of these include:

- Inferring and reasoning (the ability to use all the evidence provided to decide upon and justify what you think is the correct answer).
- Fluency (the ability to retrieve maths facts automatically to answer questions)
- Visualising (the ability to see the mental image of something when solving a problem eg. A cube)
- Multi-step questions (the ability to answer questions that have more than one step involved)

In the afternoon we began the first module in a series of four workshops called “Transforming Tasks”. These workshops are designed to support teachers to reflect and build on current practices to increase the level and kind of intellectual challenge in student tasks. We are looking forward to completing the other three modules in 2016.

WELLBEING IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

Our KidsMatter Action Team attended the WISA (Wellbeing in Schools Australia) conference in Adelaide recently. It was a fantastic conference. It reinforced some of our past learning, while also introducing some new learning around Student Wellbeing. We learnt about:

- How we can make a difference in student wellbeing. The current research shows that a focus on The Arts (Music, Visual Arts & Dance) in schools has a proven positive effect on student’s academic and social/emotional success.
- Identifying needs and data to strategically address wellbeing in our school. This involves using KidsMatter and Wellbeing Surveys to gather data for analysis.
- The current research identifying that the most important indicators of student success in life are that they have a well developed sense of Self Awareness, Empathy, Motivation, Self Regulation and Interpersonal Skills.
- Strategies for working with our most vulnerable students.

The information learnt at this conference will further support our KidsMatter Action team in their work around improving Student Wellbeing in our school.

Diary Dates

- Mon 16th - Wed 25th Nov
  Swimming lessons at KOMPS
- Fri 20th Nov
  Yr 7 Canberra BBQ
- Wed 25th Nov
  Yr 7 Transition Day to LHS
- Thurs 26th Nov
  5-7 Aquatics Day in Barmera
  Parent Info Evening at LHS
  Yr 7/8 Social at LHS

WEEK 8
- Yr Seven’s on the Canberra Camp

- Tues 8th Dec
  5:30pm BBQ Tea
  6:30pm End of Year Concert
- Wed 9th Dec
  Splash Day at Renmark Pool
- Fri 11th Dec
  2:15pm Dismissal & Report Cards to go home

Our school was hit by lightning last week during the storm. We are currently have no network or Internet, and some of our computers and printers were damaged, but we are hoping things will be back to normal soon!
Junior Primary News

This term we have been doing some work on “Weather & Seasons”. The students would like to share some of their work:

I like summer time because I get to swim in a pool and I go to the beach. I like going to the beach because I get to go in the sea.

Ashlen

I love summer because there’s the sun. I love the sun because then it’s hot enough so then I can go in the pool. Sofie

The sun was hot. I went to the beach. I had fun. I put sunscreen on. I like summer. I had an ice-cream. I made a sandcastle with my cousin Lila. The tide came and washed the sandcastle away. Addy

Summer time is hot. I love summer because you can swim. When I go to the beach I make a sandcastle. At home I have a pool and sometimes we put it up. It is a big pool. It takes a long time to put up. Hannah

The sun was hot and my family went to the Barmera lake. We played soccer and Richard kicked a ball into the lake. Orana caught the ball and then we had lunch. We had hot chips with gravy and coke. After that we had blue and red slushies with donuts. Matilda

Some of our enquiry questions were:

How do the seasons change? Hannah

Why are there four seasons? Ursula

How do dust storms form? Matilda

How do bushfires form in the hot weather? Ashlen

Can dust storms break things? Addy

Is go the only time to pool sum- Lachlan
THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to the volunteers who helped out with the gate roster for the Riverstock Music Festival on Saturday. All went smoothly, and it was a great little fundraiser for our school. Thanks also to the Riverstock Committee for giving us the opportunity.

Our volunteers were:

Anne Piltz  
Sonya Warren  
Mel Morena  
Tanya Beames  
Paulene Dawe  
Richard Beck  
Heath Hera-Singh  
Samps Okholm  
Jo Hogg  
Tabatha Beames  
Jacquie Pankhurst  
David Hogg  
Julie Pantic  
Jacey Koop  
Tracy Minogue

HELP!

We are looking to start a lunchtime project for students this term. Our goal is to make scare crows.

We are looking for donations of:
Old clothes (both for the body and for the stuffing)  
Hats  
Boots  
Gloves

Suitable materials can be dropped off at the front office.

Piano Recital

On Monday 30th November our Piano students, who have been learning with Mrs Braun, from Music Alive will be performing for the rest of the school. The recital will start at 11:30am and all are welcome to attend.
Community notices & Info

Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for most school-aged and all preschool children at School Dental Service clinics.

Your local clinic is located at:
Loxton Primary School
Pyap Street
LOXTON SA 5333

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome.

First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

Please call 8585 7014 to make an appointment.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Parenting SA recently held a free seminar for parents and carers of toddlers at The Adelaide Convention Centre.

A recording of the ‘The wonderful world of toddlers’ is now available to watch online until November 25 via this link:
http://webcast.cl/adelaidecc

To the right is the proposed Material & Services Charges for next year. Please look over and if you have any concerns or issues, please speak to the Principal, Mrs Sonya Warren so it can be discussed. Thank you.

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Thank you.
BBQ & Christmas

Concert

Our *End-of-Year Christmas Concert* will be held on *Tuesday 8th December* at the school. We ask that parents pick up their children from school at *2pm* on this day to allow them to have a rest before the concert. There will be a *BBQ tea* at *5:30pm* and the *Christmas Concert & Yr 7 Graduation* will begin at *6:30pm*, under the pergola area. Meat will be provided at a small cost. Please BYO chair/drinks, a salad to share and mosquito repellent. For catering purposes, can you please indicate below if you are likely to attend the BBQ.

*Please note: conservative alcohol consumption is allowed at this event, however, please remember that*

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Please return your slip to the front office by

**Wednesday 2nd December**, Thank you.

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Moorook Primary School Christmas Concert 2015

**FAMILY NAME** ____________________________

☐ Yes, we will be attending the BBQ before the concert

Number of Adults ________ Number of Children ________

☐ No, we will not be attending the BBQ but will still be attending the concert

☐ Unfortunately, we will not be attending the BBQ or concert