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**OLOR SPORTS**
SAPSASA Football:
Congratulations to Oscar Kregar who represented Our Lady of the River School as a part of the SAPSASA State Team that competed in sunny Maroochydore Qld, at the Australian National Championships last week. Oscar performed well and the team made it to the grand final against Victoria. The team ended up with a silver medal and an invaluable experience. Well done Oscar.

**Mark Le Messurier’s Tip**
Loving your children too much to say ‘no’. Do your children eat too much, eat what they like, do what they like, go to bed when they want and watch too much television? Building on the idea of developing rules as a positive way for everyone in the family is to know what’s expected from them and from others. So often it’s not making the rule that tips the balance, but more the act of asking and participating with your children that will make a difference. The start of a new term is an ideal time to review the family structures and rules. Start by putting to your children, no matter what age, the questions:

- What rules do you think will help our family e.g. bed time for everyone to get adequate sleep to be your best.
- What rules should be negotiable e.g. the types of vegetables to eat.
- What rules need to be non-negotiable e.g. going to school each day with correct uniform.

**School Uniform**
With the start of the new term, we ask for parents’ support in ensuring that the correct uniform is worn at all times. At this time of year, we often see variances to the required jumpers and tracksuit pants. Coloured stripes, logos and brand name emblems are not permitted. Anytime there is a difficulty in fulfilling the requirements of correct school uniform, we ask that parents please acknowledge this either with a note or by ringing the school. Your support and co-operation in this matter is certainly valued.

**COMMUNITY/PARISH NEWS**

**St Albert’s - AUCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE**
St. Alberts Catholic School Loxton has a fundraising event 13th August to be held at the Loxton Sporting Club. Celebrating 60 Years of Catholic Education in Loxton. Theme for the evening “Come dressed in your Nifty Fifties gear and Rock the Night away” 5.30pm till Late – Pre Auction drinks Hammer down at 7.00pm Cost $15 entry –BYO Nibbles tea/coffee and cake provided. Live Entertainment Kylie Loxton & Co. Please ring St Albert’s School to arrange bookings or for further enquiries on 85845110

**Special Mass on Sunday 14th, 11.30am in Loxton with Bishop Greg O’Kelly to mark the 60th Birthday of St Albert’s School.**
**CONFIRMATION**
We pray for our Our Lady of the River Parish members who will receive Confirmation with Bishop Greg O’Kelly on Sunday 14th August at Renmark, 9.00 am.

**2016 RE News**
Fr. Paul Bourke: 85821894
Fr. John Stuart James: 85882452 ~ 0419176514

**MASSES TERM 3**
**Thursdays 9.00 am**
St Mary’s Church

**New Weekend Mass Times**
**Weeks 1,3 & 5 Sundays of the Month**
Berri 9am, Waikerie 11am, Loxton 11am, Barmera 6pm

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Morgan 6pm and Renmark 6.30pm

**Weeks 2 & 4 Sundays of the Month**
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