



Crossways Calendar

12 April (Thursday)	LAST DAY TERM 1
12 April (Thursday)	Celebration of Learning

Principal's Word



We are in the last week of the Term and I would like to encourage all parents/ caregivers to ensure that their children attend school till Thursday. Progress Reports will be mailed on Wednesday. I hope that every report reflects the work ethic displayed during the Term. We are only in the beginning of this academic year and there is still time left to the end of the year to improve. We will have our Parent Interview

Night during week 2 Term 2. All parents will be invited and times will be booked in for the meetings. It is of utmost importance to attend these meetings. This has been a very busy Term and I would like to commend students on their behaviour throughout.

We had our **official Middle School Opening** last week Friday and it was a very successful event. Among the special guests on the day were: Mr. John Proeve (Executive Director LESNW & Member of the BGA Panel for AISSA), Mr. Peter Treloar (Member of Flinders), Mayor Allan Suter, Wayne Miller (CEO of CAC), Mr. Steve Dude (Principal Navigator College, Mr. Dean Heyne (Council Chair) and council members etc. Parents also attended the event and it was a great day to celebrate. The Middle School Refurbishment plaque was unveiled by Mr. Peter Treloar and Dean Heyne. I want to thank everyone for making the effort to attend this event. It just shows how much community support has grown over the last few years - highly appreciated. Mrs. Sara Veerhuis and her music team and their performance astonished me and the audience. The students were very confident and their singing was excellent. To my staff, I want to congratulate you for all your effort in making this event a huge success!

This was a very busy Term at our school and now it is time for a well-deserved rest for staff and students. We need to recharge our "batteries" for the next term. I want to wish all staff and students a very relaxing holiday and if you are travelling,

TRAVEL SAFE! Our staff worked very hard this term and their commitment was reflected in the progress reports of most of our students. Most students did really well this term and I want to congratulate them on their achievements.

We will have chapel and our Celebration of Learning on Thursday at 9 am. I would like to invite parents to attend this special event. A time to be PROUD of what students are achieving here at Crossways Lutheran School.

NAPLAN week 2 Term 2 - Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in **Years 3, 5, 7 and 9** participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. More information will be distributed soon by Mr. Puccio our NAPLAN Coordinator.

IMPORTANT ALERT !!!

Crossways Lutheran School is now a NUT FREE ZONE !
We have students enrolled at School that are allergic to NUTS and products that contain NUTS.
Please ensure your child / children do not bring NUTS to School for recess or lunch.



Why Do Parents Choose an Independent School like Crossways Lutheran School?

The research that ISCA undertook in 2007 and again in 2016 sought to explore what factors influence families in their decision to choose to enroll children in an Independent school. The research was particularly focused on identifying what families consider to be important when choosing a school for their children, the main reasons why families chose to enrol at an Independent school, what families want from the Independent school their children are currently enrolled in, whether parents would recommend Independent schools, and the importance of education as a national political issue.

Why Do Parents Choose an Independent School?

Independent sector parents chose an Independent school for their children for a wide variety of reasons. However, the most commonly nominated reasons indicated that parents made a choice based on the desire to support a well-rounded school experience for their children.

The five most important reasons that parents chose an Independent school were:

- ***Educational excellence***
- ***Supportive and caring environment***
- ***Good teachers***
- ***Student receives individual attention***
- ***Good facilities.***

Each of these reasons indicate the importance to parents of the school being a positive environment and a community in which students can develop academically and personally.

A significant number of parents also had religious reasons for choosing an Independent school. Almost one in five parents said that they chose an Independent school for the school's faith-based environment. Fourteen per cent of Independent school parents nominated the faith-based environment as being one of the three most important reasons they chose the school. **It is clear that parents want their school community to focus beyond simply academic results such as NAPLAN, ATAR or university entrance, but also to play a complementary role in their children's personal development, and provide skills that are important throughout life.**

I am therefore encouraging our local community to consider Crossways Lutheran School as the school for your children. We are a school which put the needs of our students first and we do go the extra mile to assure that their needs are met academically, physically and emotionally. **We have a holistic approach to teaching and learning in a very safe environment.**

Spiritual Focus: Growing Deep by exploring the last 40 days of Jesus and what it meant for us.

One of the most significant periods of the church calendar, and least celebrated or noted, is the 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead. He walked and talked in places where His ministry had been; He was seen in His restored body by thousands; He healed many; He continued to preach, He continued to love. And then He ascended to Heaven, taken up in the sky, which also was witnessed by others.

We really should think more about these 40 days, and the significance of the Ascension. Jesus' birth had been according to Scripture. His miracles had shown His power. His preaching had taught the world wisdom. His persecution and death had fulfilled prophecies. That He conquered death was an astonishing miracle. But His ascension to Heaven – His bodily rise to be with the Father at the Throne, the mystery of rejoining the Godhead – more than any detail of these other manifestations, confirms the Divinity of Jesus Christ.

The risen Savior, Lord of Creation, walks the dark hills, to seek out... me? and you? where we are? in our hurts, in our messes? That's the miracle of the Miracle Man, to me, still – that He loves you and me.

HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY – SCHOOL REOPENS ON THE 30TH APRIL

Blessings, Francois Pienaar



Peter Treloar, Francois Pienaar & Wayne Miller



Francois Pienaar, Dean Heyne & Peter Treloar

Francois Pienaar, Allan Suter & John Proeve

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPENING FRIDAY 6th APRIL, 2018



Music Students performing at the opening



Special Guests



Senior School Choir



Families, Special Guests and Students at the opening



Peter Treloar & Dean Heyne



Azarni Coleman



Darryll Coleman




Francois Pienaar



John Proeve



Peter Treloar

Working Together Towards a Brighter Future 

Curriculum Co-ordinator

Happy Holidays

I would like to wish all the families, especially the students a safe and well deserved break from the middle school staff.

I have been really impressed with the level of learning and assessments handed in this term. It is great to see the middle school functioning well, as teachers, LSO's and students work together to strive for personal bests. We have welcomed some new faces over the year so far and look forward to our middle school continuing to grow. Last week we had the official opening of the building and I felt really proud of the students who participated. Azarni Coleman, Darryll Coleman, Shontayah McIlwraith and all of Sara Veerhuis' singers from the Year 5/6, 7/8 & 9/10 classes.

Enjoy the break and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Terena Evans

MS curriculum coordinator.

Relay for Life

On Saturday 7th of April Ceduna Relay for Life was held at the Ceduna Blues Sports Club. Crossways had fundraised throughout the year for the event and raised \$1000 for the Cancer Council. Teams had to continuously walk around the oval from 2pm on Saturday until 9am Sunday morning. It was a huge effort by the team giving up their time, sleep and having a few blisters and achy muscles the next day. A big Thank You to our team members:

Terena Evans, Sheridyn Giles, Chris Lovell, Maddison Sellick, Rom Puccio, Jak Fawcett, Kirsty Nielsen, Emily Palmer, Georgia Lambeff, Donna Bahr, Cindy Parkyn, Izzy Pienaar and Francois Pienaar plus all the kids.

Jenna Savage, Chaplain



Georgia Lambeff and Jenna Savage holding the Crossways Crusaders banner at the opening.



Left : Addison Coleman participating in the dress up activity. Above : Cindy Parkyn with Whitney Coleman



Kirsty Nielsen, Terena Evans, Chris Lovell and Sheridyn Giles walking around the Relay for life track



Joshua Coleman wearing the Crossways Crusaders costume with his teacher Sheridyn Giles.

YEAR 5/6 AQUATICS CAMP

In Week 9, the Year 5/6 class went to Point Sinclair for Aquatics Camp. Students enjoyed three days of water activities including surfing, paddle boarding, kayaking and wind surfing. They all showed great persistence in learning new skills and had a lot of fun! After the water activities had finished for the day, students loved relaxing back at camp around the fire, fishing and going for walks and exploring. Thanks to Mr Puccio and Eleanor for all their help and to Jenny and the Far West Aquatics Team for making camp so enjoyable!

Miss Norsworthy - Year 5/6 Teacher



Whole School Co-ordinator

Well, where has the term gone. It certainly went quicker than what many would have thought.

I would like to congratulate all students on their wonderful achievements. There has been a lot going on this term and in between all of this, students have in the most remained true to their endeavour to achieve and succeed. Well done Staff and students.

Important Dates

On Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, and Thursday 17th, May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known. Skills that will be tested include: numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

As per every year these tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test.

NAPLAN simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN can't be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

If you have any concerns, please contact

Romolo Puccio, Whole School Co-ordinator at Crossways

Lutheran School Tel: 8625 2873

Have a safe and happy, well earned two weeks break and we will catch up next term.

Romolo Puccio

Whole School Co-ordinator

The Crossways Lutheran School BREAKFAST CLUB

are seeking volunteers to help out on a roster basis in the Breakfast room in the mornings occasionally from 7.45—9am.

Please contact Andrew McIlwraith on 0428017514 or Charmane or Kathy in the Front Office if you are able to help out.

Thanks.....

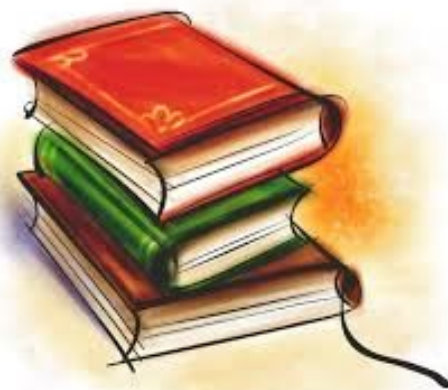
Happy Birthday to

Taiquan Miller	20 April
Nyquella Graham	24 April
Kara Wild	25 April
Nyra Ware	26 April
Tizziana Peel	27 April
Charlie Steeles	28 April
Spencer Benbolt	29 April

Church Services

CEDUNA - SUNDAY (10.30am) LUTHERAN CHURCH

LIBRARY BOOKS RETURN NOTICE



Please return any library books you may have at home to the Library.

Thankyou

Community Notices

PLAYGROUP



Playgroup is held every Friday morning
at Crossways Lutheran School

From 10am - 12noon



Save the Children
Australia

FRIDAY ARVO SKATE

This Friday 13th April
from 2.30 pm until 6.30 pm
CEDUNA SKATE PARK



*Music, Games, Giveaways,
Free Healthy Snacks.*

*Hear about the planned upgrade
to the Skate Park area.*



Happy Holidays!



INFORMATION SESSION

Find out more about respite, emergency,
short-term and long-term foster care and
hear from real foster carers in our
community.

Monday 16th April

1:30pm – 3:00pm

or

7pm – 8:30pm

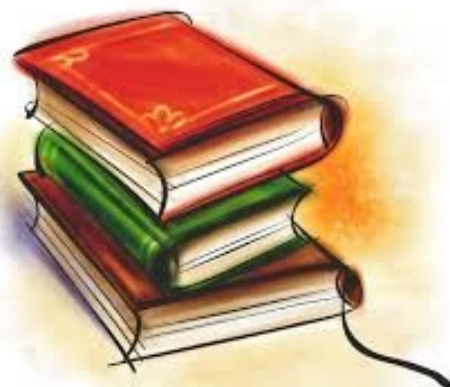
Ceduna Centacare Office

11 McKenzie Street (opposite Sports Power)
Entry via East Terrace



Centacare Catholic Country SA
(08) 8628 7600

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