



Crossways Calendar

Monday 30th January	<b>FIRST SCHOOL DAY OF 2017</b>
Sunday 5th February	<b>Installation Service Lutheran Church 10.30am</b>

## Principal's Word



**Welcome back** to all those returning from holidays, staff and students; and a special welcome to all those joining us for the first time. I trust that you have enjoyed your break and are rejuvenated and full of energy for the year ahead. I love the beginning of the year! It's full of expectation, excitement, and anticipation. I love the buzz when the students bound in the school gate for the first day of the year. For some this year will be their first time on a school camp, their first time learning times tables, or

the first time they're allowed on the oval! I think sometimes adults forget what it is like to experience something new for the first time. I want to welcome all these students and their parents into our Crossways family.

I would like to welcome our **new staff for 2017:**

**Teachers:** Rebekah Zadow (Year 1), Abby Zimmermann (Year 2/3) and Samantha Hickman (Year 4/5).

**Learning Support Officer:** Kirsty Nielsen who will be doing learning support in the Middle School and manage the canteen. We are looking forward to have you as part of our Crossways team this year.

This year promises to be a very exciting year. The shades and rubberizing (of the playgrounds) projects have been completed during holidays and it looks great. What a big difference it makes to our school grounds! Shade for the students to play under on warm days to protect them against the sun. This project falls into our sun safe policy as well. The canteen project is well on the way and will be in use by week 3 Term 1. The Middle School refurbishment will commence mid February and will include a state of the art lab facility and newly renovated learning spaces for our students.

Our oval looks great and the greywater irrigation system is functioning very well. I have never seen Crossways' oval so lush and green before. Feel welcome to come and have a look at the grounds when you pick up your children.

## 2017 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

My focus as principal this year will be on **Teaching and Learning** which is our core business . I want to assure all parents that like last year we will keep our curriculum standard very high and that differentiated programs will be implemented to address students' ability. We strive to develop students holistically through our curriculum. We will be focusing on the STEM subjects (Science, Technology and Math) this year as it is a National Focus in all schools. Focusing on these areas together, not only because the skills and knowledge in each discipline are essential for student success, but also because these fields are deeply intertwined in the real world and in how students learn most effectively.

Curriculum resources will still be updated and staff will have opportunities to attend numerous Professional Development Courses throughout the year. We believe in delivering curriculum (R – 10) that is very engaging for student to stimulate their learning and growth as a person.

*"Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'" (Mark 2:3-5)*

Some of the teachers of the law accused Jesus of blasphemy, because only God can forgive sins. So Jesus, knowing what they were thinking, challenged them by saying, 'Which is easier? Your sins are forgiven, or get up, take your mat and walk?' Can you just imagine being there and seeing that! This miracle is significant because it not only shows the power of Jesus and His grace to those who need Him, but it shows the way we can be part of His ministry.

At Crossways we know **Jesus as our Saviour and Provider**. He has the power to forgive our sins and His love for us is unconditional. In response to this, our community values are love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, service, courage, humility, hope, quality and appreciation. God is blessing our school with increased enrolments, exciting ventures, community trust and excellent staff.

For the new students and their parents, a warm welcome to our Crossways family and for those that are returning to continue their quality education at Crossways; thank you for your support and commitment to our school!

I pray that all students and their parents will have a great 2017 here at Crossways Lutheran School.

God Bless!  
**FRANCOIS PIENAAR** (Principal)

## Whole School Coordinator

Welcome all to the beginning of the school year for 2017. I know some of the children may not be too happy that the school year is upon us again; however, I am sure that many parents would be at that point of saying 'hooray' school is beginning again. Whatever your position is, be assured Crossways School is again ready to begin educating your children. I trust that you all had a relaxing, enjoyable break which will now sit in your archives of memories to share about another holiday season.

This year as School Coordinator, my role will encompass supporting both staff and students to continue riding the crest of the wave to success. Around the school you will notice many physical changes and these have been put in place to enhance your child's learning environment ensuring that Crossways continues to grow and strive to meet the spiritual, social, emotional, physical and educational needs of the children in its care. A reminder to you the parents, you are always welcome at school and are strongly encouraged to communicate on a regular basis with teachers, whether it is to encourage them about their great work or about concerns you may have. I am sure that we are in for another exciting year.

Whole School Coordinator

Mr. Romolo Puccio

**Middle School News, Term 1 2017**

## Curriculum Co-ordinator Middle School

Welcome back Families and Students of Crossways,

As you may be aware we have already made a few classroom changes for the first 6 months of the year. The Middle School will be out of bounds due to renovations which will include a Science Lab with its own outdoor area and new flooring, computer hubs and glass walls throughout the corridor and classrooms. This will give the Middle School a very modernised look which will be very exciting to work in for both staff and students.

The classroom locations for 2017 are as follows:

Year 6 – Mr. Puccio – Library

Year 7/8 – Mrs. Kim – Old computer room – located next to the staff toilets

Year 9 – Mrs. Evans – Art room

Year 10 – Miss Norsworthy – Transportable

### Camps:

Camps being organised at the moment:

## Curriculum Co-ordinator Middle School

Year 6 – Aquatic Camp – Port Sinclair - Term 1

Year 7/8 – Errappa – Iron Knob – Term 2

Year 9 – Port Lincoln – Term 1

Year 10 – Adelaide – Term 2

Home group teachers will send out more detailed information about their camps once bookings have been finalised.

I hope you all had some time off over the holiday period and the students all enjoyed some much deserved time away from the classroom.

We look forward to seeing all students back at school on Monday of Week 1.

Kind Regards

Terena Evans

Curriculum Coordinator

## Curriculum Co-ordinator Junior School

Hello and welcome back to the new school year! I hope you have all enjoyed your Christmas/January holidays, and that students are well rested and ready for school!

This year our class structures have changed, and we welcome three new teachers to our team – Rebekah Zadow, Abby Zimmerman and Samantha Hickman.

Miss Zadow will be teaching Year 1, Miss Zimmerman Year 2/3, and Miss Hickman Year 4/5. Mrs Lambeff will continue as Reception teacher.

I will be teaching Music Years R-5, as well as continuing in the roles of Junior School and Learning Support Coordinator.

Our team will be completed with Jak Fawcett, Andrew McIlwraith and Annette Moyse and Lois Haynes as support staff.

Last year saw the successful roll out of Jolly Phonics across the whole Junior School, resulting in significant improvements in reading and spelling. We also began introducing Natural Maths activities to enrich our Mathematics program. Natural Maths provides open-ended, real life math experiences based on the Big Ideas in Maths. It allows students of all levels to be challenged in their learning and experience success. This year we will continue to build on these and our other programs, as we continue to encourage our students to strive for excellence! We look forward to seeing you in Week 1.

Tracey Hoffrichter

Junior School Coordinator