Crossways Newsletter

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Crossways Calendar				
Week 9 (13 Dec)	Celebration of Learning			
Week 9 (14 Dec)	Last Day Term 4			
Monday 29th Jan 2018	FIRST DAY TERM 1, 2018			

Principal's Word



Wow! Another year has flown past and so many great projects were completed:

New refurbished M/S Science lab Shade on the playgrounds Canteen Facility

I am now finishing my third year as Principal here at Crossways. I love our school community and I am very proud of what we have achieved as a team together over the past few years. This School has undergone a transformation – not just external (Physical looks) but also internally by which I mean academ-

ic rigour program delivery. We see ourselves as learners doing continuous Professional Development so we can deliver what we promised in our Vision and Mission Statement.

As we continue to grow in the future and gain the support of the Ceduna community, we will deliver quality teaching and learning which is our core business. I am proud to be part of our Crossways family as we care, nurture and deliver programs that enable each student to perform at his/ her best within a very safe Christian environment.

As our Mission statement states: "Working Towards a Brighter Future" – We see a brighter future in each one of our students and it is our calling to support them in attaining it.

We are also fare-welling two of our staff members whom we all got to know this year. I must say they did a wonderful job at Crossways. Both of them grew immensely as teachers and one thing I admired is that they were not afraid to ask for support or advice. Abby Zimmermann our 2/3 teacher is moving closer to Streaky bay as she has won a position at Miltaburra Area School. Sam Hickman will continue her service in the Lutheran system at Navigator College in Port Lincoln.

I also would like to thank the Crossways Governing Council for their input this year. Together we have a vision for the school and I really enjoy working with the council to make dreams become a reality at Crossways. Thanks for your support in helping us persue the best for our students.

A quote from Aristotle: "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all"

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At Crossways we do just that, we believe in educating our students holistically: **body** (Physically promoting healthy living), **mind** (Academic Programs at different levels) and **soul** (Lutheran Ethos – Christian beliefs – knowing our Creator).

Newly Appointed Staff member for 2018: Donna Bahr will be our 3/4 teacher in the Junior School next year. We are looking forward to have her on our team at Crossways.

I want to wish all the staff, students and our school community a blessed festive break. Enjoy the holiday, relax and recharge. If you are travelling, please travel safely. School office will be open from the 15th January. School will start on Monday 29th January 2018.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you all back in 2018.

Francois Pienaar



TONIGHT



2017 End Of Year Celebration of Learning

6.30pm, Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Ceduna Memorial Hall



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Principal's Word

SEASON OF HOPE

But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.' Luke 1:30-33 (NIV)

Advent

A time of anticipation and hope. As a child, Advent excited me. Growing up in Ireland December meant that darkness would come not long after school finished. It could also be bitterly cold. But Advent was there to comfort me as a visual countdown to the gifts and the type of food that only ever came around once a year. I also have fond memories of how we would often eat by candle light (sometimes because the power was out due to the weather) and this is the type of memory that has stayed with me from my childhood Christmas experiences. There aren't many presents I remember receiving as a child anymore. When I look back on those Christmas times now, what stands out is the time I spent with my family and in particular, my late grandparents. I fondly remember the carols and the worship times when the Church was so full that people would brave the cold three and four deep outside the doors. Although the weather was cold, something kept me warm at that time of year and only looking back now do I realise that it was the hope that the people around me felt at this time of year. Life was tough for the people and communities I grew up around in Ireland but at Christmas time everybody found a way to find hope and this shaped my own experiences. I hold these memories and lessons dear today. Schools can be interesting places by the time Advent comes around each year.

Sometimes the anticipation and hope is for the end of term and holidays rather than the celebrations that recognise the light that Jesus Christ brought with Him into the world.

But Advent and the visuals that come with it such as the candles, wreaths and colours, offers us a reminder that this season is not just about consumption and spending. No matter what life is like for you at the moment, welcome these reminders to refocus and reflect on why this time of year is worth truly celebrating.

By Jason Fay

Random Acts of Kindness



Jordan Coleman and Kael Coleman At Mozzies Truck Stop

Ronald Freeman And Ofi Ochigbo At Shell Roadhouse





Caitlyn Milne, Raymond Paparoa, Juan Ma & Aneylah Wilson At Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health

Jaziah Miller, Kai Edwards, Joshua Coleman, Aiden O'Driscoll and Kael Coleman At the Council Office



Enro Now For	THREE intakes scaffolded throughout the year:	Birthday dates before
	Beginning Term 1	Turn 5 before 1 st May
	Beginning Term 2	Turn 5 before 31 st July
	Beginning Term 3	Turn 5 before 30 th September.
	(Mid – year intake)	

Please contact the front office staff for more information including Enrolment Packs, guided tours of the school, Scholarships and more

Working Together Towards a Brighter Future

White Ribbon Day











Year 10 Instant Restaurant



On Thursday, 30th November the following students, staff and community members were invited to attend the Year 10's Instant Restaurant for a three course lunch:-

Emily Palmer, Montana Scott, Azarni Coleman, Sheridyn Giles, Andrew Parkyn, Mark O'Driscoll, Kyle Freeman, Rohan Lambeff, Andy Cox, Charmane Fricker, Abby Zimmerman, Sam Hickman & Christelle Catsambalis.

The guests were very grateful and absolutely enjoyed the meal which consisted of :- Zucchini & Pea Fritters with Smoked Salmon, Chinese Honey Chicken with Rice & Mango & Passionfruit Pavlova

Palliative Care Fundraiser

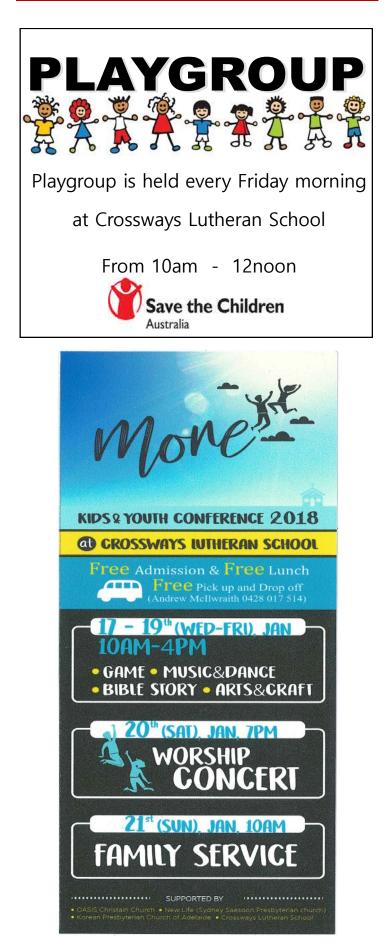
Crossways students held a stall at the local Christmas Craft Fair recently to raise funds for the Palliative Care Unit in Ceduna. The students, with Mrs Evan's guidance raised \$180 and presented a cheque to Janet Evans at Chapel. Janet was very grateful for the kind donation from the School.





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Community Notices



Recipe of the week



CHOC—COCONUT CHRISTMAS BALLS

250g Packet plain sweet biscuits 180g block dark chocolate, chopped 395g can sweetened condensed milk 1.5 cups coconut 100g packet red glace cherries, chopped

Process biscuits until they resemble fine breadcrumbs. Melt chocolate. Place all ingredients together and roll into balls. Coat with extra coconut. Store in fridge.

Happy Birthday to



Church Services

CEDUNA - SUNDAY (10.30am) LUTHERAN CHURCH

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