



## Crossways Calendar

Fri 7th December	Kindy Transition <b>FULL DAY</b>
Sun 9th Dec 5.30pm	X'MAS CAROLS at Crossways
Wed 12th Dec (wk 9)	End of Year Celebration of Learning
Thu 13th Dec (Wk 9)	End of Term Chapel / Celebration
Thu 13th Dec (Wk 9)	Last Day of School for 2018
9th—13th January	January holiday programme
Tue 29th Jan 2019	Term 1 Begins

## Principal's Word



**Wow!** Another year has flown past and so many great projects were completed: Admin Refurbishment ELC building and nature playground. It is very exciting to be part of so many new things happening at Crossways! I am now finishing my Fourth 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 academic rigour our programs are delivered. As staff, we recognise the fact that we are lifelong learners ourselves and therefore continuous Professional Development are crucial so we can deliver what we promised in our Vision and Mission Statement – Quality Teaching and Learning!

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.

I welcome **two new teachers** for 2019 to our school: Mr. Carl Woodward (PE/ HASS/Eng in Middle School) and Mr. Paul Munday (year 3/4 Teacher Junior School). Both teachers are bringing new experiences and initiatives to our school to contribute to the quality product we already deliver at Crossways. I also would like to thank the Crossways Governing Council for their input this year. Together we achieved many objectives as stated in our Strategic Plan over the last 3 years. It is great to work with such a positive visionary Council who realises and promote the vision of the school. Thanks for your support in helping us pursue the best for our students.

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

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

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 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019. School will start on Tuesday 29th January 2019.

**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!** See you all back in 2019.

**Francois Pienaar**  
Principal



## Reception Farm Visit

On Friday the 23rd of November, the Reception class headed off on their excursion. We began the day by stopping at Denial Bay and letting out some energy on the playground. We then explored the beach, looking for crabs, as well as walking along the jetty. Our next stop was McKenzie's Ruins where we tried to imagine what life would have been like in the past. It was then on to Carmen's farm! We had a ball playing around, going on scavenger hunts, exploring the farm, eating hotdogs and yogurts for lunch, icing Christmas biscuits and generally having fun. It was a fantastic, fun-filled and relaxing day and all of the children were perfectly behaved - which is a great reflection on how wonderful the reception class is! A big thank-you to Carmen for having us, as well as all our helpers.



## Junior School Co-ordinator

The run down to the end of term is upon us, and at this time of year the phrase "There's no tired like teacher tired" is never truer! Reports must be written, events attended, practices for performances at the end of year Celebration of Learning. Learning programs come to a close, and we spend the last few weeks with our classes before they move on to a new teacher and the next year level. And everyone is waiting for Christmas with eager anticipation!

For teachers school holidays are a chance to relax, and for parents, while it is a time to spend quality time with your child, and maybe take a family holiday somewhere, for many it also means having to find child care, and keep their children occupied. Following are some survival tips and ways to keep your child learning during the long summer break.

I will be stepping down from my role as Junior School Coordinator next year, and will be on long service leave in Term 1, but I'm sure you'll see me around town during that time! I wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas, and New Year.

*Tracey Hoffrichter, Junior School Coordinator*

### **School Holiday Survival Guide - from the Life Education website:**

#### **1. Set Boundaries**

The best way to avoid arguments is to set boundaries right from the start. Whether it is holiday spending money, screen time or social activities, ensure your kids understand what the rules and limits will be right from the start of the holidays. If you have a laminator at home (the best thing I ever bought!) why not event print it and display in the home?

#### **2. Don't Demonize Technology**

The biggest concern of many parents is managing screen time during school holidays. Technology is very alluring and engaging – particularly games. Kids quickly become extraordinarily engaged and lose all concept of time. So, setting limits is important but also trying very hard not to demonize technology is essential – any negative connotation given to technology may prevent your children from sharing any online issues such as cyberbullying or approaches from strangers with you in the future.

#### **3. Make a Plan**

Make yourself a nice cup of tea and spend an hour pulling together a loose program of activities. Make sure you weave in a good dose of free ones (beach, walks, playdates – at home!) Most local councils offer several weeks worth of well-priced holiday entertainment.

#### **4. Embrace the Festive Season**

Regardless of your religious beliefs, the holiday period is a great time to gather together with family and friends. If you haven't already developed family rituals, why not start this year? Perhaps a neighbourhood Christmas gathering, a bush walk in your nearest national park or a boxing day swim, a New Year's Eve trip to see the fireworks, a beach picnic for New Year's Day and of course an Australia Day BBQ. Creating rituals around key calendar events is a wonderful way to bring family and friends together and create a true sense of belonging – an essential ingredient when raising children.

#### **5 Ways to Keep Kids Learning During the School Holidays**

by Melbourne Child Psychology & School Psychology Services

The holidays are a time for rest, relaxation, family time and celebrations. But learning doesn't have to stop when the school gates close. You can help foster a love of learning in your children over the holidays. And they won't even know it!

Below are some great school holiday activities that get kids engaged, curious and excited about learning, which will help them to embrace their education once their back at school, and the value of learning for the rest of their lives.

#### **Go to museums.**

It's an obvious choice for good reason - kids love the interactive, tactile and three-dimensional experience of learning at museums.

'Museums offer a dynamic opportunity to expose children to experiences and explore new things in a rich and educational environment,' explains Sara Choi, Education Program Manager of a Children's Museum.

'Through interactive exhibits and hands-on play, children have the ability to take ownership of their own learning and develop and explore their own curiosities. This unique exposure provides the foundation for creativity, critical thinking, and connection to the world around them.'

A study from a few years ago also testified to the educational and personal benefits of visiting museums.

It found that kids who did demonstrated stronger critical thinking skills, displayed higher levels of social tolerance, exhibited greater historical empathy, and; developed a taste for art museums and cultural institutions.

And there's opportunities for engagement and learning for children of all ages.

Younger children can benefit from focused exhibitions that encourage experiential play and problem solving.

And older kids and teenagers can learn about art, history, culture, the environment, science and more outside of the school environment, and without the pressures of assessments. This different experience of learning can foster more active engagement with topics and ideas that will then transfer into their curriculum at school. And active engagement is a crucial element of successful learning.

Take your kids to museums and galleries of all types, and encourage questions and discussions that will ignite their curiosity. It not only provides the perfect opportunity for family bonding. It can also help to boost creativity, develop problem solving skills, support active inquisition and a love of learning.

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### Take them to the supermarket.

You read right!

Questions like 'where does milk come from?' and 'what else comes from a cow?' encourage dialogue and evoke curiosity and inquisition from the children.

The idea is to create opportunities for learning outside of the school setting and in the real world.

Think about how many interesting and potentially unanswered questions we can ask about the world on a daily basis:

What kind of trees line your street, how your groceries get from where they're grown to in your kitchen, or how the technology in your home was developed. There's a of myriad opportunities for learning all around you.

### Let them be bored.

Yes, you read right again!

The holidays can often be a constant battle of finding new and interesting things to keep kids entertained.

But there's a lot to be said for leaving them to their own devices, and letting them just be.

'Children need time to themselves – to switch off from the bombardment of the outside world, to daydream, pursue their own thoughts and occupations, and discover personal interests and gifts', explains Teresa Belton.

Children of the digital age are used to having constant entertainment and instant gratification.

So removing these distractions allows some much-needed time for quiet reflection, a wandering mind, and developing creative strategies to keep them entertained.

The **best type of boredom can be found in the great outdoors**, where they can investigate the natural environment. It also encourages imaginative play, which helps kids to express their creativity.

Encourage your older kids and teenagers to go for walks, sit in the park, and experience the world through their own eyes — even for a few minutes a day — instead of through their phone screen.

### Make reading part of the routine.

Regular routines go out the window when school stops, but you can still keep a sense of routine, and important daily rituals, all through the holidays.

Reading is one of the best forms of learning for all kids (and that includes reading to them). Younger kids develop language skills, improve literacy, and put their imagination to good use. For older kids, fiction books can further support their writing skills, and through non-fiction they can learn about topics that interest them that they may or may not study in the school environment.

Reading can also aid relaxation and reduce stress and anxiety, increase empathy, and promote good sleeping habits.

A recent study found that children who had access to books at home had significantly better reading skills than those who didn't. So consider giving your kids books for Christmas! They really are the gift that keeps on giving.

### Discuss current events.

Discuss timely, relevant events from the media (or otherwise) with your children.

Of course, your discussions should be age appropriate, but you will find that there are appropriate newsworthy topics to discuss with young children and older teenagers.

By encouraging them to be aware of issues in the world, to analyse and engage with them, and to consider events from various angles, you're helping to develop their critical thinking skills, to problem solve, and become responsible, engaged and empathetic. And who knows, you might learn something from them too!

So let your kids enjoy the holidays — but show them that learning can be one of the most fun holiday activities, too.

## Adelaide Cricket Trip

On November 19, a small fellowship of nine brave adventurers set off, in stormy conditions, for Adelaide to play in the T20 Blast cricket competition. For some it was the first time experiencing a plane flight and the excitement was evident from the beginning. Despite the weather, the flight was smooth and all on board had a great time. Upon arriving in Adelaide, we immediately made our way to McDonalds where the children were treated to an almighty feast fit for kings.

The next day marked the beginning of what would be an exciting cricket adventure, however, the weather soon had other plans. The tournament was cancelled, but considering they had braved the freezing cold to be there, they were promptly treated to a hot chocolate. At 9am we made our way to the indoor arena at Adelaide Oval where they played a game of Cricket 4s with the team from the Cleve Area School. The game was played in great spirits as the two schools shared a great cricketing experience together. Everyone had a turn to bat, bowl and field and all gave their best and showed great sportsmanship. They were then treated to a tour of Adelaide Oval where they were able to see inside the old school board as well as the visiting international teams change rooms.

After the tour we made our way into Rundle Mall for lunch. This was soon followed by what may have been the highlight for some of them as they took great delight in going up the escalators and back down the lifts inside the Myer Centre. It was an amazing experience for everyone involved and I can honestly say that I have never been prouder of how this group of students not only represented the school but also themselves. Well done team!

**Paul Munday (teacher)**



Cirena Coleman (LSO), Darryll Coleman, Raymond Coleman, Kent Wilson, Leroy Wilson, Paul Munday (teacher).  
Front : Royden Miller, Norman Boland & Malaki Miller



## Middle School News

Recently Crossways were lucky to have Mr Shaun Miller on University Placement from Adelaide.

Shaun spent 3 weeks working with Miss Amy Norsworthy in the Year 5/6 class.

The students and staff enjoyed Shaun's company, he was such a role model to all students in the school.



## Overdue Library Books



Mr Steve Grant from ACARA came to Crossways last week to conduct a Digital Technology Lesson with the Middle School students.

## Note to parents / caregivers



Please note : Please ensure your child / children's lunch is packed and sent to school in the morning. Teachers are having too many disruptions to class with students wanting to come to the front office to call home because they have no lunch or recess.

Phone calls home to parents / caregivers during school hours are for emergencies only. If students do not have lunch they will be given a vegemite sandwich as an emergency lunch.



Last week the Year 7/8 class walked from Pinky Point at Thevenard back to the School as part of their P.E. class.



Last Friday evening the Crossways Staff enjoyed an end of year catch up / X'mas party at the Hotel.

**CELEBRATION  
OF LEARNING**

**Wednesday 12th December 2018**

**End of Year Service and Awards Evening  
at the Ceduna Memorial Hall**



**Kids & Youth Conference 2019  
School Kids(Rec - Year 12)**

**at Crossways Lutheran School**

**Free Admission & Free Lunch**  
 **Free Pick up and Drop off**  
 (Andrew McIlwraith 0428 017 514)

**9 - 11(Wed-Fri), JAN  
10am - 4pm**

**Bible Story, Games  
Music & Dance  
Art & Craft**

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**12(Sat), JAN, 7pm**

**Worship Concert**

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**13(Sun), JAN, 10am**

**Family Service**

- SUPPORTED BY**
- OASIS Christain Church
  - Crossways Lutheran School
  - Korean Presbyterian Church of Adelaide
  - New Life (Sydney Saesoon Presbyterian church)

# Ceduna Community Carols



A night for  
The whole family



Held at

**Crossways School**

**Sunday 9th December**

**Sausage Sizzle 5.30pm**

**Carols Start 6.30pm**



**Live Entertainment**

**BYO**  
**Snacks**  
**Drinks**  
**Chair**  
**Blanket**



**Carol Singing**



**Free Sausage Sizzle**



**A Great Family Christmas night out**  
**See you there!**





## Community Notices

# PLAYGROUP



Playgroup is held every Friday morning  
at Crossways Lutheran School

From 10am - 12noon

## Happy Birthday to .....

3rd December	Jyileena Wilson
6th December	Tanvi Gunreddy
11th December	Toby Jackson
13th December	Ashania Dixon-Young
14th December	Lareeka Miller
14th December	Aimee Colbung-Ware
16th December	Gareth Bilney
17th December	Teeneill Matthews-Richards
18th December	Leearnah Wanganeen
18th December	Kent Wilson
20th December	Peyton Fielding
22nd December	Jai Freeman
23rd December	Barry Dunnett
24th December	Juan Ma
24th December	Isaiah Bahr

happy  
birthday!

## Church Services

CEDUNA - SUNDAY (10.30am) LUTHERAN CHURCH



# One Pot Sausage Stew



- 1 tablespoon olive oil, 500g sausages, 1 medium brown onion, 2 cloves crushed garlic, 400g can cannellini beans (drained and rinsed), 800g can diced tomatoes, 1/4 cup BBQ sauce, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, chopped parsley, crusty bread to serve.

Heat half the oil in large, saucepan over medium heat. Cook sausages, turning for 5 to 6 mins or until browned. Transfer to plate. Heat remaining oil, add onion and garlic and cook. Add beans, tomato, bbq sauce and sugar. Return sausages to pan, cover and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 25 mins or until sauce has thickened. Sprinkle with parsley, serve with bread.