



# Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2, 8 February 2017

## Crossways Calendar

Tues 14 Feb	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wed 22 Feb	Willpower Visit to Crossways
WEEK 5	Year 6 Aquatics Camp
Fri 3rd March	Sports Day
Thu 9th March	WCIAC Streaky Bay
Monday 13th March	ADELAIDE CUP DAY—NO SCHOOL
Monday 20th March	WASSAC
Thurs 13th April	LAST DAY TERM 1

## Principal's Word



We had a great start last week and most students are on board. A **special welcome to our Reception students** this year. Ms. Lambeff will be their class teacher and she has planned a very exciting program for them this year.

### New developments at school:

Our shade sails are up and the play grounds have been rubberised – looks great and the students are

enjoying playing in a very safe environment. Safety is a priority and that is why we did the rubberising where our play equipment is.

Our oval looks great and our Middle School students love playing footy, soccer, softball etc. on the lawn which is lush and thick.

The canteen is still a work in progress and will be completed soon.

Our students are transitioning into the **new school uniform** which was introduced to parents last year. I want to thank all staff for their input and the parent community for their support in this new endeavour. Students are very positive about the uniform (proud) and really enjoy this new look. We have a **new summer dress for the girls** which is made of lighter material and will be great to wear during Term 1 and 4 – hot weather. I believe that a uniform gives identity to a school and a sense of belonging. Please contact our front office to purchase uniforms for your children if needed.

I also want to congratulate all staff for a great start to the year. I have visited all the classes (R – 10) last week and everybody is working diligently. Our **core business** at Crossways is teaching and learning and that's why our primary focus is the effective implementation of the National Curriculum. We believe that every student has the potential to achieve and that is why our teachers plan their programs to cater for student's learning at all levels. Differentiation, whether it is extended learning or scaffolding is vital for students' engagement and success.

I would like to encourage our parents to get involved in their children's learning and to attend our first **Parent Information Evening on the 14<sup>th</sup> February from 3:30 – 6 pm**. The aim of this evening is to meet your children's teachers and to have a general discussion on how they started this year. We want to work as a team with our parents to ensure that our students achieve success at Crossways Lutheran School.

**Bus Service** - Our school bus is running daily to pick up and drop off students (am and pm). If you want to make use of this service please contact our front office and complete the necessary consent forms.

It is going to be a very busy Term with a lot of public holidays and therefore I encourage all parents to ensure that students attend school to prevent gaps in their learning. If students are absent, please inform the school on the day.

**I want to encourage our school community with this verse at the start of the year:**

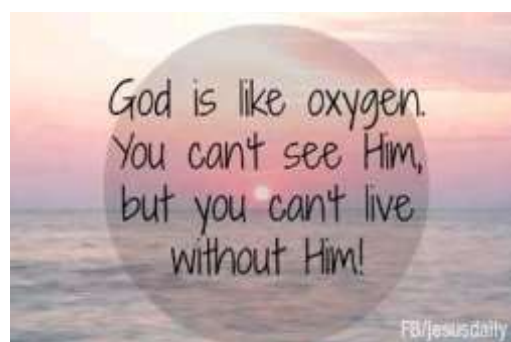
**Psalm 27:1**

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

I encourage everyone to let the Lord be your support, your pillar, your strength and trust in Him to help you in everything you want to accomplish this year.

God Bless

**Francois Pienaar**



## From the Principal cont .....

### **BLESSING/ Installation SERVICE**

Our Blessing and Installation service was held at St Paul Lutheran Church on 5<sup>th</sup> February. I would like to thank all staff, parish members and parents for attending this special event. It is great to start a year being blessed by God and knowing that He is with us every step of the way.

### **Know God's Character**

It's important that we know God's character. Why? It gives us discernment. If we don't know the character of God, how can we ever know who is from God and who is not from God? Here are three character traits of God that help me stay in tune with who He is and what He is doing:

1. Justice: God is a God of justice. That word justice is so awesome because it means that He will always make anything that's wrong right. This helps me to not worry when I am mistreated because I know God will bring justice. It's who He is.

2. Goodness: God is good, this fact never changes. And He's good all the time, not just once in a while or when things go your way. Psalm 34:8 says, "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him" (NIV). When things are bad, I find great encouragement in God's goodness.

3. Holiness: God is holy and righteous, and He desires to make us holy, pure and clean, free from the defilements of sin. To be honest, it has helped me in my walk with God to realize that whatever He does is right, whether I like it or not. This helps me to stay in sync with Him.

These three traits are not the only characteristics of God, but they are some of the most significant and powerful ones to me.

I encourage you to spend some time looking up these traits, and other traits of God that are important to you. When you study who He is, the Holy Spirit will help you incorporate His traits into your own personality. Begin to practice them in your daily life, and see what God does... You won't be disappointed.

From: Joyce Meyer

## Whole School Co-ordinator

Welcome everyone to 2017; 2017 at Crossways is shaping up to be another exciting, event filled year. This last week or so it has been most rewarding sharing chit chat about holiday adventures with staff, students and families.

From many accounts it is obvious that the holiday season served many of us well, allowing us to spend quality time with family and friends, or take off on a vacation abroad.

To our new families and their children, Crossways welcomes you all and hopes your time with us is filled with many wonderful learning experiences.

This year we continue on our journey to consolidate on the excellent achievements of 2016, and ensure ongoing growth in 2017. We hope that in addition to success educationally, that you will enjoy being a close part of the Crossways' family this year.

Our school grounds are looking very vibrant, and the children seem to be very eager to make use of the new playground equipment.

At the beginning of each term it is good for us to set personal goals to try and achieve. These don't have to be huge challenges, but they have to be achievable.

Goals like :-

- 1) Wear correct school uniform every day.
- 2) Attend school every day.
- 3) Keep my work up to date
- 4) Complete set tasks by due dates

Ownership of these types of goals belongs to the student, however parents can play a vital role in helping children in their quest by being politely reminding them and encouraging them on successes.

This is what Crossways staff does on a daily basis and it is by no means always easy, they go above and beyond to encourage your child to achieve challenging goals that are within their grasp.

**Romolo Puccio**

**Whole School Coordinator**

## Reception News

Welcome to the new Reception Students of 2017! Crossways Lutheran School is blessed to have so many bright-eyed and excited students in the Reception Class. It has been, and will continue to be a busy and productive term and year!

The children have made a spectacular start to school. Wasting no time at all, they have embraced the routines and expectations of the classroom.

Already they have been busy learning the first few sounds of the Jolly Phonics Program, and have begun learning about numbers in Maths, through hands-on games and activities. From these types of activities, they have shown me how capable they truly are! Due to this huge effort, it has been no surprise that we have had a few tired children at the end of lunch.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled year of exciting learning experiences and sharing our journeys with you all!

***Mrs Georgia Lambeff***  
***(Reception Teacher)***




Kitahrna Miller, Addison Coleman and Anastasia Muir proud of their work



Learning our sounds and playing games with Jak

Some Reception children on their first day of school, visiting Mr Pienaar in his office



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## Public Art

Last year the Year 9 & 10 classes worked together to create fabulous mosaic art for our school. The Year 9 group with the help of Evco Building who constructed the table and stools, donating time and materials, produced this lovely setting for the students to sit at during their breaks.

The Year 10 group created a massive wall artwork of a cross made up with the school's name going across it. Again Evco building donated materials and time to help get this project started.

I would also like to acknowledge Simon Pleas - Mrs Georgia Lambeff's father who worked with Rohy Lambeff concreting the table in place and donating his time, Andy Cox and Jodi Bergmann for helping locate the timber stumps and put rims around the table and stools, Rohy Lambeff for erecting the cross on the wall and also putting a protective resin on the stool and table tops!

Also a special thanks to our LSO Kerry Taylor who is a massive help in the art room with her creative ideas, skills and relationships with the students!!!

If it wasn't for all these people it would be difficult to get projects like this completed around our school.

This year there will be more public artworks being created for our school by the students which helps to create pride and interest in our school grounds.

It just goes to show the value of team work!!!

**Terena Evans**

**Middle School Art Teacher  
Curriculum Coordinator**



Our new Crossways Summer Dress has arrived from overseas.

The dresses range from size 4—size 22 and are available at the front office for \$70.

Modelling the new dress are : Zahali Miller, Latiyah Scott, Jakylah Colbung-Bilney, Shazniquah Chester and Shontayah McIlwraith.



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## New Teachers



Samantha Hickman (Year 4/5)

Hello, my name is Samantha Hickman and I will be the 4/5 classroom teacher at Crossways this year.

I grew up and completed all my schooling on the Yorke Peninsula then moved to Adelaide to study Primary Teaching at the University of South Australia.

I have always had a passion for teaching children, in particular children in rural areas.

I am a keen sportswoman and love involving myself in different aspects of small communities.

I look forward to starting my career here in Ceduna and becoming involved in the local community.



Abby Zimmermann (Year 2/3)

Hello and welcome to the 2017 Schooling year. My name is Abby Zimmermann and I will be teaching the year 2/3's this year at Crossways.

I grew up in Kimba and completed most of my schooling at the local area school. I completed Year 11 and 12 at Mercedes College in Adelaide. I then went on to study a Bachelor of Education (Primary R-7) / Bachelor of Arts at Flinders University.

Since graduating in July 2014 I have worked in multiple schools across Adelaide as a TRT, PE and Classroom Teacher. Most of my teaching was undertaken at St Peters Lutheran School in Blackwood.

In 2016 I moved back to the West Coast and was fortunate to receive employment as a TRT at Crossways and now as a classroom teacher in 2017. I look forward to meeting the School and local communities and working at such a fantastic school.

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# YOUTH CONFERENCE AT CROSSWAYS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - JANUARY 2017



## New Teachers



Rebekah Zadow (Year 1)

Hi! My name is Rebekah Zadow and I have been blessed with the opportunity to teach Year Ones at Crossways Lutheran School this year. I grew up in Lobethal in the Adelaide Hills with my family. I have always been a part of Lutheran Education having attended Lutheran schools. I have also been heavily involved with my home church in Lobethal which has continued to grow my passion for Christ. Besides my love for teaching my other interests include netball and music. I am excited to see how I can be involved in the community of Ceduna and look forward to the year ahead!

## New Canteen

The new Crossways Canteen building will be up and running in the next 3 weeks. The new building is situated near the oval at the top of the car park and is currently being renovated.

A new menu and opening times will be sent out to all students soon.



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## Community Notices

### CEDUNA DENTAL CLINIC

#### NEXT OPEN

Monday 20th February  
To  
Friday 24th February

PHONE 0434601394



### PLAYGROUP



Playgroup is held every Friday morning  
at Crossways Lutheran School

From 10am - 12noon



## Recipe of the Week !

### FREEZABLE ZUCCHINI SLICE



4 Bacon rashers, 1 chopped brown onion, 2 grated zucchini's, 1 cup grated pumpkin, 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables, 1 cup grated cheese, 1 cup SR flour, 1/2 cup chopped parsley, 4 whisked eggs, 1/4 cup milk, 2 tablespoons olive oil.

Cook bacon & onion for 5 mins until softened. Combine all ingredients and season with salt / pepper. Pour into baking dish and bake at 180 degrees for 40 mins or until cooked.