Crossways Newsletter

Term 1, Week 4, 19th Feb 2020



Crossways Calendar

Week 5 (26 Feb)	WCIAC at Ceduna Area School
Week 6 (5 & 6 Mar)	CKAHS Health Screenings
Week 7 (9 Mar)	ADEL CUP DAY — NO SCHOOL
Week 8 (18-20 Mar)	Year 3/4 Camp
Week 10 (1– 3 Apr)	Year 5/6 Aquatics Camp
Week 11 (Wed 8/4)	Last Day Term 1
Monday 27th April	Term 2 Begins

Principal's Word - Tony Peters



Over the last few weeks,

Thanksgiving has been a focus in the Lutheran Church. Visual aids in the form of food and produce are decorated at the front of the church to remind us of God's goodness to us. At times, we forget the lessons of the past and the wisdom of the past. It happens with our lives with God too- we need to remember what God has done for us. We can forget his goodness for us; we need to

remember what God has done for

us. He hasn't left us on our own but provides for our needs. Yes, we have had trials and hardships, but in the end God will do us good. Change happens and we can forget God but he doesn't forget us.

Thanksgiving also reminds us not to become proud in the present- to take the credit for what we have. The simple truth is, it is God who gives us the power and strength to accomplish great things. God ultimately provides for us but that doesn't mean we slacken off; we do need to work and God wants us to work hard and productively in our vocations ,but as we do we are cautioned not to forget that none of it

vocations ,but as we do we are cautioned not to forget that none of it happens without God. We are called to be faithful.

So, how does this relate to us here in Ceduna and in particular at Crossways? Firstly, we can be grateful for our school- it is a beautiful school, a place of learning where skills are improved and developed. It is also a place where we can find out more about God and his love for each one of us. Personally, I am thankful to God for the staff who work at Crossways, their commitment to teaching and learning and for the way they nurture and care for the children. I am grateful for the children who attend the school, for their individualities and their differences.

I encourage you to spend some time giving thanks to God for our school. I pray that we all remember God and give him thanks.

Professional Development

The student free day last Monday saw the Junior School staff participate in a Phonics workshop. The area of phonics is a critical area for teaching and learning and as a school, we want to ensure that this program is delivered in a way which assists students in their development of reading, spelling and writing. The phonics program which we deliver at Crossways is called Jolly Phonics and it is a multi-sensory, systematic synthetic program with direct and explicit phonics instruction so that children master the essential alphabetic code-breaking skills required for foundational reading proficiency. If you would like to know about phonics so that you are able to work with your child at home, please ask your child's teacher as well as looking out for details in your child's class newsletter.

Sports Day

Wonderful to see so many parents, relatives and friends attend the school's Sport Day last Friday. I was very impressed with the level of enthusiasm of the students, particularly the Senior students who gave it their best throughout the day, showing younger students that participation and trying your best is very important if you want to succeed. A little more on that after! I want to thank Mr Woody and Mrs Steeles for their HUGE efforts not only organizing Sports Day but also for preparing

students for the big day. Well done to the individual medal winners as well as the overall House Team winners for 2020- Ospreys. During the day I witnessed much passion and enthusiasm which was fantastic. I'd love to see this from everyone in all areas of school life. It's amazing what can be achieved with focus and determination which leads to my next point



Principal Report Cont

School Council

School Council met for the first time this year and I'd like to acknowledge our newly appointed council for 2020:

Louisa Hissey Chairperson

Andrew Parkyn Acting Chairperson

Heathe Champion Council Member

Tracey Miller Council Member

Stephanie Genrich Council Member

Lisa Mullen Council Member

Katherine Guidera Council Member

Megan Gillespie Secretary/Finance Officer

On the weekend, I was joined by Tracey Miller and Katherine Guidera, where we attended a governance workshop in Adelaide. We joined numerous other Lutheran school council members and principals and discussed, explored and discovered many aspects relating to good governance. The School Council governing body is a vital link to the operations of the school. I commend these people for their commitment and service to our school community, volunteering their time to ensure good governance is maintained.

Communication

If you have a child in Reception to Year 6, you are receiving weekly newsletter from the class teacher. I really want to encourage you to read this newsletter as it provides many aspects of your child's life at school. It is a particularly simple way to keep in touch with what's happening at school and to connect with the teaching and learning at Crossways Lutheran School. It also creates opportunities for you to show your interest in the school by talking about certain aspects of the class newsletter with your child.

Remember that your genuine interest with what happens at school will show your child that you value their school and what they're learning. When this happens, your child is more likely to succeed in all sorts of ways.

Tony Peters (Principal)



Deputy Principal Report



Student Representative Council 2020. I would like to congratulate the newly elected members of our SRC for the first semester of 2020.

In the middle school, our principle leaders are Kara Wild and Kyle Freeman, supported by Charlotte Harry-Temby, Natharnia Scott, Neeka Prideaux and Riley Shephard.

Representing the junior school are Joshua Coleman and Halle Miller as the principle leaders supported by Amarni Champion, Jakylah Colbung-Ware, Noah Veerhuis and Ciarah Gunter.

On Monday the 17th of February, the team were rewarded and encouraged with a lunch at the Ceduna Foreshore Hotel shared with the principal Tony Peters, Georgia Lambeff and myself. (SRC team leaders).

We spoke to the students about their roles as SRC leaders and I would like to mention a few to remind students and families about the expectations set.

Be a positive role model to all in and out of the classroom Care for our environment and try to make sure others also do wear the correct uniform

Speak at events and help run assemblies and chapel
A letter went home with the SRC reps last week along with a code
of conduct that should be read through, signed and returned
before the role of SRC can officially begin.

We look forward to our first meeting and seeing what the student voice hope to achieve this year.

Terena Evans

Deputy Principal



Junior School Co-ordinator



Welcome to 2020. As we come in to week 4, it may feel like we've never left! The children have settled well into their new classes and are beginning to delve deep into their learning. Firstly, I would like to introduce the staff in the Junior School:

This year I am teaching the Receptions as well as my role as Curriculum Coordinator with Amy Norsworthy. Kirsty Nielsen is the class LSO.

Miss Donna Bahr is the Year 1 teacher, with Sonya Degner as the class LSO.

Miss Rhiannon Cannard is the Year 2 teacher, with support from both Annette Moyse and Carmen Lambeff as LSOs.

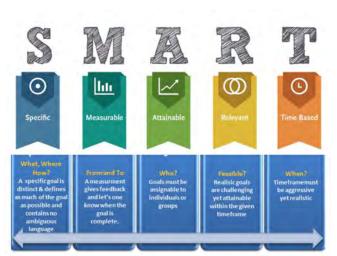
Mr Paul Munday and Miss Amy Norsworthy both have Year 3/4 classes and have Emily Webber and Cirena Coleman as LSOs. Amy also has the role as Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator.

Other staff teaching in the Junior School are Mrs Cath Steeles who teaches PE, health and Drama, Mrs Lois Haynes, teaching art and tutoring, and Mrs Tracey Hoffichter, teaching music as well as being the Learning Support Coordinator.

We are focusing on individual goals this year, and having students take responsibility (along with their families and teachers) for their own learning. Students would have developed a literacy and a numeracy goal that they would like to work on, and thought about strategies that could help them achieve their goals. As a whole school, we have focused on using the SMART goal setting:

Please take the time to look over and support you child in any way possible, encouraging them to meet their goals. If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher.

I will leave you with this quote, I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13. **Georgia Lambeff**



Sports Carnival 2020

What a pleasure it was to see so many of our students showcasing their talents and skills in front of peers, parents and visitors. The day brought us perfect weather for our athletes to perform at their optimum levels.

It all started with a pancake breakfast organised by the selfless and generous Youth Hub members. This proved to be a real winner giving our students the energy required to hit the ground running.

The day was non-stop action and hard-fought competition as the students did their best moving from event to event earning individual points and more importantly valuable team points.

Our school Chaplain Tim Steeles provided excellent running commentary throughout the entire day giving the carnival an enthusiastic and "edge of your seat" atmosphere.

After a long day of sweat and hard work it was the blue team Ospreys finishing on top with the House Shield, with Sea-Eagles in second position closely followed by Kingfishers.

Individual Awards:

Junior Runner Ups: Maddison Miller / Addison Coleman (tied) and Leo Veerhuis

Junior Champions: Steven Harrison / Riley Mullen (tied) and Indi Champion

Intermediate Runner Ups: Kael Coleman and Shia Taylor-Champion

Intermediate Champions: Toby Jericho and Ashania Dixon-Young Senior Runner Ups: Raymond Coleman and Tizziana Peel Senior Champions: Leroy Wilson and Kara Wild

Over-all points award male and female: Leroy Wilson and Kara Wild

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone and anyone who helped out in anyway on the day, and well done to all parents and visitors who took the time to cheer on our athletes.

The Crossways WCIAC team will be announced very shortly and notifications will be sent home to those.

Kind regards,

Mr. Carl Woodward Head of Sport @ Crossways.

Literacy & Numeracy Co-ordinator



This year I am extremely eager to take on the role of Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator. As part of my role, I will be working with staff to create whole school scope and sequence for both literacy and numeracy so that we have a consistent approach across all year levels with high expectations for all students. With our school focus being these two areas, hopefully you would have received a copy of

your child's literacy and numeracy goals for the term.

One of the programs we will be introducing throughout the school is the Big Write and VCOP.

What is the Big Write and VCOP?

Big Write and VCOP is a methodology for raising the standards in writing across all ages and ability levels throughout Australasia. Big Write and VCOP is designed to bring the fun back into writing, to make the children want to write and to be continuously challenged throughout the writing journey.

Teachers and LSO's undertook a PD on the program in Week 0. This term we will be introducing the V (Vocabulary), C (Connectives), O (Openers) and P (Punctuation) elements of the program and then work towards students participating in a 'Big Write' using these skills and features by the end of the term. In weeks two and three students having been focussing on vocabulary. They have been adding 'WOW Words' (vocab that makes their writing more exciting) to their VCOP classroom displays which will be used to support them in the writing process.

This program will be rolled out and integrated within all curriculum areas throughout the year. So far, students are engaging in the games and activities and the program has added lots of fun to our literacy lessons! Please ask your child about their writing to encourage and support them in this process. I am looking forward to continuing to inform you on the literacy and numeracy journey of our school this year.

Amy Norsworthy





Watch this space



be a sea theme and will be bright and colourful and cheerful.

Junior School P.E.

It is wonderful to have the role of Junior School Health and PE teacher once again this year! We have been loving the beautiful weather in our PE lessons as we practiced all of our events for sports day.

In health, the Junior School are learning about relationships, emotions and how to treat one another with respect. A useful tool that we are using is the concept of "bucket fillers and bucket dippers". This is based on the story "Have you filled a bucket today?" by Carol McLoud. Ask your children what it means to be a bucket filler!

This year I also have the privilege of teaching some classes drama. It is great to have a different aspect of the Arts being taught in the school and students are enjoying exploring this fun, engaging subject. Hopefully we will see some students using their new drama skills in chapels and assemblies later in the year.

Thank you to all the families who were able to come along and support your children on Friday for sports day. The day began with delicious fruit and pancakes thanks to the Youth Hub and Save the Children. The weather was amazing and all the students were able to enjoy the events of the morning. It was great to see such enthusiasm and good sportsmanship as we balanced, raced, jumped, kicked, hopped and played team games together.

In the afternoon we enjoyed the whole school atmosphere as the students took turns racing in their sprints and relays. The children also enjoyed watching the teachers and parents race against our fastest students in the last fun relay of the day!

Thank you to all the staff and families who volunteered their time to help the day run so smoothly, and to Mr. Woodward for overseeing the organization of the whole day.

Cathryn Steeles

Year 3/4 - Mr Munday

Week 1 saw all of the students coming together for the first time. It was great to be a part of the experience of introducing the students to each other and myself. Emily proved to be a blessing in our classroom (LSO) as her knowledge of the students really helped the year get off to a great straight.

In week 2, students began the new and exciting Big Write and VCOP program by spending time focusing on Vocabulary building throughout the week. The students greeted this with a lot of enthusiasm and the highlight of the week was the use of the Thinkquick application, which they especially enjoyed.

Congratulations to Jakylah for winning the Junior School Respect award for week 2. She got to keep the Hope bear in our classroom for the week as a reminder of her success.

In week 3, we had a really busy week. On Monday staff participated in a training day on Jolly Phonics that was very productive and taught us some great strategies for teaching spelling and phoneme knowledge. During the week our class attendance was high which resulted in our class winning the attendance cup for the first time this year (hopefully not the last time). Friday consisted of sports day, which was participated in with great spirits by everyone, students and staff alike. It was a great day and I would like to thank all of the parents and family members of my class who supported or helped and made it a great day.

Paul Munday





































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Community Notices



Playgroup is held every Friday morning at Crossways Lutheran School

From 9.30am - 11.30am

SOUTH AUSTRALIA CALL 0468 565 494

Boat Licence Course

COURSE FOR 16 YEARS OVER

20TH FEBRUARY 2020

TIME: 6PM - 9PM

LOCATION: CEDUNA FORESHORE

HOTEL MOTEL



SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

Next visit

Monday 2nd March - Friday 6th March

Call 0434601394

for appointments & enquiries.

CEDUNA MOTOCROSS

Saturday 22nd Feb, racing starts at 9.30am

Full Canteen Facilities

Come along and support our local riders

RILEY MULLEN, LEVI ROSS, ZAC & JARED HOFFRICHTER



Church Services

CEDUNA - SUNDAY (10.00am) LUTHERAN CHURCH

Happy Birthday to

6th February 10th February 11th February 16th February

Raymond Coleman Indi Champion Zahali Miller Benjamin Wanganeen

CKAHS HEALTH SCREENING

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In week 6 this term (Thu 5th March & Fri 6th March) CKAHS team will be visiting Crossways. Consent Forms will be sent home soon with students.

