# Crossways Newsletter

Term 1, Week 9, 2022



(Wk 11) Tue 12/4	Last Day of Term 1
(Wk 11) Wed 13/4	STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

2022 TERM DATES		
TERM 1	1 February 2022 - 13 April 2022	
TERM 2	2 May 2022 - 7 July 2022	
TERM 3	25 July 2022 - 29 September 2022	
TERM 4	17 October 2022 - 15 December 2022	

2022	STUDENT FREE DAYS
TERM 2	6th June - Staff Professional Development
	27th June - Staff Professional Development
TERM 3	5th Sept - Staff Professional Development
TERM 4	8th Nov - Staff Professional Development

## Principal's Word - Tony Peters

Psalm 126: 5-6



The harvest

Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.

'What you put in is what you get out of it' is how one could interpret this Bible reading. God wants us to do the very best we can and there will be sweat and tears along the way. Those who work with children, so that

includes parents and carers, will know the challenges, the hardships, the struggles and the tears it takes to journey with your child. God says "...stick with it and persevere because what you're doing is worth it, you will end up with a great outcome..." You may not see the fruits of your labor today or next year but you will eventually.

I'd like to share a story with you, a story about my son Kurt. He was a typical lad, and when he hit his adolescent years, he tested the boundaries, though nothing too outlandish. There were times when we, as parents, needed to provide guidance and at times consequences for poor choices.

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One particular time, the consequence was that he will need to miss out on a game of footy which he loved. A game of footy was something which Kurt looked forward to each week. It was his passion. He was going to miss out and he begged us to let him play, he even wanted to trade the consequence with something else. To be honest, it hurt me to see my son react this way and I started to question if I was doing the right thing.

But we followed through and didn't 'give in'. Kurt missed the game. It was a number of years later and Kurt was attending Uni, that he said to us one day, out of the blue, that he appreciated the way we brought him up, providing boundaries, consequences and following through with them. Kurt thanked us for doing that. Apart from Kurt's birth, this was the best parent moment for us and it certainly resonates with this week's Bible verse!

It's hard work being a parent. It's hard work being a teacher. But God promises joy from the tears we put into our beautiful and wonderful children.

#### **COVID Restrictions**

Due to a surge in cases, Crossways will continue with its current measures until the end of term, including-

- Limiting mixing of different classes
- Postponing whole school events such as chapel and Assemblies
- Additional cleaning in high traffic areas such classrooms and administration
- Wearing of masks for all adults and for students from Year 7 onwards while indoors

With the first term holidays just around the corner and with 2 weeks break, it is hoped that in term 2 some of the restrictions will ease. Everyone is looking forward to coming together

#### Student-Led Conferences

If you haven't contacted the School Office staff and made a booking for your child's conference, please do so as soon as possible. These will be held in your child's class on **Wednesday 13 April**, this will be a pupil-free day and we ask you to wear a mask.

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## Week 8 Award Winners





Above left : Week 8 Grace Award winner (Isobel Coleman) Above right : Week 8 Hope Award winner (Savannah Guidera)



Above left : Foundation award winner (Ava McIlwraith) Above right : Year 1 award winner (Ariana Wilson)





Above left : Year 2 award winner (Robert Taylor) Right : Year 3/4 Donald award winner (Dre-Shawn Graham)



Above left : Year 3/4 Champion award winner (Freddie Jericho) Above right : Year 5 award winner (Andre Lennon-Tschuna)



Above left : Year 6/7 award winner (Sienna Betts) Above right : Year 8/9/10 award winner (Bronwyn Dodd)



Above left : Junior School PE award winner (Harvey Limbert) Above right : Middle School PE award winner (Gemma Watson)

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## Year 5 news

Hello from the year 5 class. This term has been a busy one for us, only beginning face-to-face in week 3. In English this term we have been reading the novel, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. So far, we have reflected on character's choices, chapter reviews and using our imagination to draw scenes from the book.

In HASS, we have been looking at the colonisation of Australia, and in one lesson we investigated the impact introduced species have had on our environment, and the reasons they were brought to Australia in the first place. This task

challenged us to work on our research skills and creativity. In another task, students were asked to research and present a project on 'Why an Australian Colony developed over time?' I was very proud of the confidence the students showed as they

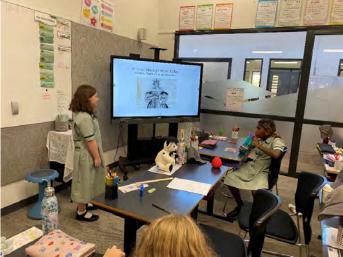
presented their information.

#### Georgia Lambeff











### **Library News**

Hi I'm Jodi Johnson, about a month ago I stepped into the Librarian role here at Crossways. Kirsty has left me with big shoes to fill and I hope that I can bring a fresh new energy to this beautiful, big space. I am really enjoying getting to know all the staff and students here, I feel blessed to have been granted this wonderful opportunity.

Last week we had Harmony Day/week, Tuesday March 21. We had an interactive display in the library all week to highlight our cultural diversity in Australia and the importance of inclusiveness, respect, and sense of belonging for everyone.

April has some very exciting things to get involved in too. We have National Poetry month, National Library Week (the first week), April Fools day (April 1<sup>st</sup>), International Children's book day (April 2<sup>nd</sup>), Anzac Day (April 25<sup>th</sup>), Palm Sunday (April 10<sup>th</sup>), Easter (April 17<sup>th</sup>), and so any more.

Libraries are not only for borrowing books any more, these days you can find all sorts of new technologies, clubs, competitions and so many opportunities to learn. I hope to foster a love of books and library spaces within the school community and encourage more visitors to pass through, pick up a book, and be transported on a magical journey.

I am so looking forward to meeting more of the Crossways School families, please feel free to say 'Hi' if you see me, I'm usually in the Library.

"The Beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you." - - B.B. King

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### **Terena Evans—Deputy Principal**



Isn't it hard to believe we are almost at the end of Term 1 and day light saving is about to end!!!!! What a relief, I personally have really struggled to get out of bed the last couple of weeks with the mornings being so dark!

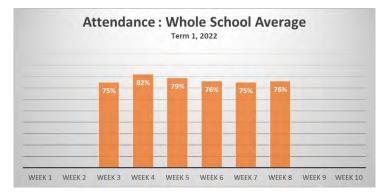
It's been an interesting year so far with many staff and students needing to isolate due to the Government's Covid19

rules. I feel blessed we have still been able to run our school and the middle school elective program even though there have been other areas we have had to do differently, like chapel and assembly.

We have seen a range of skills come through in The Arts including doll making, wall hangings and water fountains being painted to help brighten up the school yard. I would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to our LSO staff who have ran an elective and put in their time and effort, outside of school hours, to make sure materials are ordered and plans are made. Thank you Kerry Taylor for your on-going awesome work helping student design and create art works for the school, Tanya Nielsen for your continued management of the macramé groups and Alita Champion for her planning, organising and delivery of the Textiles program. Without these women our elective program would not be as rich and diverse.

Electives will continue to run next term, if your child HAS NOT returned their form or you have not seen one come home, please ask your child's home group teacher to send one asap as there are limited places in each elective options. We look forward to adding Lawn Bowls, STEM, Gym and Visual Presentations and Merchandising to the list in Term 2 along with continuing the popular options of Swimming, Outdoor Education, Cooking, Macramé and Textiles.

Terena Evans Deputy Principal



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# Chapel Schedule - Term 1, 2022

Wk	Theme	Class/SRC	Guest presenter
9	The Harvest	Year 3/4 Donald	Pastor Andrew
10	Palm Sunday	Foundation	Andrew
11	Good News of Easter	Year 3/4 Champion	Aiden

# **Happy Birthday**

30th March	Blade Crossman
30th March	Isabelle Coleman
2nd April	James Austin

# **Church Services**



#### **Community Notices** Playgroups Term I 2022 Tuesday Thursday 9:30am - 11:30am 9:30am - 11:30a Minya Gidya-Muga ity Time With Fo Ngura Yadurirn ren & Family Ce original families with children aged 0-5 (Koonibba playgroup ages 0-9) Tea/coffee & snacks provide Transport ave mation call our Early Childhood Team on 86253210 or 0456728444 ABORIG

## Koonibba Netball Club Training Times

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JUNIORS	4.30pm	
Tuesdays & Thursdays		
SENIORS	5.30pm	
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