Crossways Newsletter

Term 4, Week 8, 2023



CROSSWAYS CALENDAR

Wk 9 (Mon 11/12)	Celebration of Learning
Wk 9 (Tue 12/12)	Last Day for Students (COLOUR FUN DAY)
Wk 9 (Wed 13/12)	Staff Training Day
Wk 9 (Thu 14/12)	Staff Training Day & Clean-up

TERM DATES 2023

TERM 4	16th Oct 2023—12th December 2023

Principal's Word - Greg Miller



The greatest gift

As the holiday season approaches, our hearts are filled with anticipation and joy. Amidst the hustle and bustle of decorations, festive gatherings, and the excitement of gift-giving, it's important to take a moment to reflect on the true essence of Christmas—the celebration of the greatest gift ever given.

In a world often consumed by materialism

and the quest for the latest and greatest, Christmas invites us to pause and consider the profound meaning behind the season. At its core, Christmas is a reminder of the extraordinary gift of love that transcends time and circumstance—the gift of Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." This verse encapsulates the heart of Christmas, emphasizing the selfless act of God sending His Son into the world as a demonstration of boundless love for humanity.

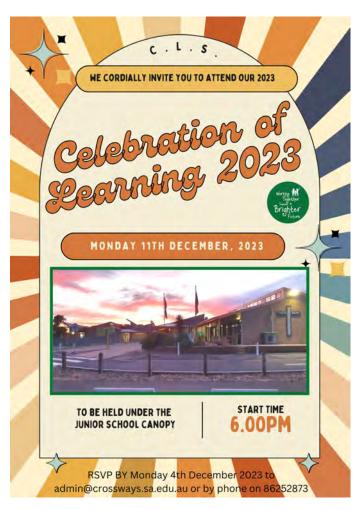
The story of Christmas unfolds in a humble setting, in the small town of Bethlehem. A young couple, Mary and Joseph, found themselves at the centre of a miraculous event—the birth of Jesus. Surrounded by the simplicity of a manger and visited by shepherds and wise men, the scene symbolizes the accessibility of this great gift to all, regardless of social status or background. As we exchange gifts with loved ones and friends, let us remember the true meaning behind the tradition. The presents under the tree are a reflection of the ultimate gift we received on that holy night—a gift that brings hope, joy, and eternal significance to our lives.

This Christmas, let's strive to emulate the spirit of giving and selflessness that characterized the first Christmas. Beyond the festivities, let us extend kindness to others, share the love that was gifted to us, and embody the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives.

In the midst of the carols, twinkling lights, and festive feasts, may the greatest gift of all—the love and salvation found in Jesus Christ—be the guiding star that illuminates our hearts and homes. May this Christmas season be a time of reflection, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to live out the love we have received.

Wishing our Crossways community a Merry Christmas filled with the joy and wonder of the greatest gift ever given.

Greg Miller







AWARD WINNERS - **WEEK 7 Congratulations to all students**





Above left : Hope Award winner (Efrem Vijesh)
Above right : Grace Award winner (Shia Taylor-Champion)





Above left: Foundation class award winner (Dakota Scott)
Above right: Year 1 class award winner (Amiea Brown-Ackland)





Above left: Year 2 class award winner (Ollie Evans)
Above right: Year 3/4D class award winner (Freddie Jericho)



Left : GGSA Spelling Group winners





Above left: Year 3/4C class award winner was Mack Kelly. Above right: Year 5 class award winner (Alexis Kaehne)





Above left: Year 6 class award winner (Monique Weetra-Hart) Above right: Year 7/8 class award winner (Isabelle Coleman)





Above left: Year 9/10 class award winner (Kaliah Lennon-Gray) Above right: Excellence in P.E. (Lekiesha Ware)





Above left: Kaliah Lennon-Gray won the PE Top Design
Above right: Attendance cup was awarded to the Year 5 class

Wellbeing



School holidays, can be a fun time we can sleep in a little, we can eat when we want, there are no school lunches to make and everyone can just take a bit of time to relax and recoup before the next school term starts.

Special time together: why it's good for your child

Spending special time with your child is good for your child's development and wellbeing. That's because it builds your relationship and boosts your child's confidence. Special time with your child is a chance to:

- give your child your full attention
- send the message that your child is the most important thing to you
- see the world from your child's point of view
- find out more about your child's likes, dislikes, worries and frustrations
- give your child some guidance, talk to them and listen to them

be a role model for your child.

When you and your child spend enjoyable time together, it can help your child feel happier and more relaxed. It can also help your child build resilience for the teenage years. That's why it's so important to lay the groundwork early on.

And some regular special time with you can help your child to handle the times when they don't have your full attention or when you're apart.

Special time together: why it's good for you

Sharing special time can be great for you too - it's your chance to be a kid again and just have fun.

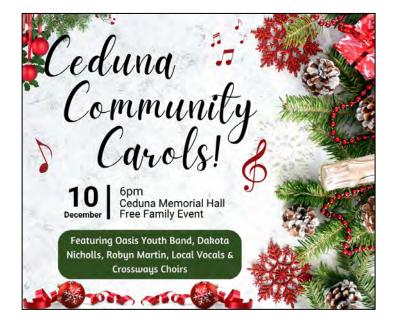
You'll also feel good about being close to your child and staying up to date with what's happening in your child's life.

If you are stuck for ideas on what to do in the school holidays - here are a few fun budget friendly activities to do in the School Holidays.

School Holiday Ideas

- Finger painting
- Vegetable Patch in the backyard
- Cooking
- **Board Games**
- Bedroom Makeover
- Indoor obstacle course
- Wash the dog or take the dog to the beach
- Nail Art
- **Backyard Picnic**
- Water Balloons
- Slip and slide or put the sprinkler on
- Build an Ant Farm
- Visit the Library
- Nature walk and birdwatching
- Playdough
- Build a box cubby
- Painted rocks
- Bike Ride

Anita Hoffrichter (Wellbeing Coordinator)



MOBILE DENTAL SERVICES AUSTRALIA

Are coming to Ceduna in the January Holidays.

Please return your forms to the front office by the end of this week.

There are spare forms in the office if you require one.

The Dental team will be at Ceduna mid-late January and will contact families to book students in.



Terena Evans—Deputy Principal



Year 7/8 Economics Excursion On Monday the 4th of December I was lucky enough to tag along for the year 7/8 Economics and Business excursion. The students had prepared questions to ask the business owners/managers to learn about different aspects of how they function. We visited Ceduna Machinery, On The Run, Ce-

duna Tourist and Information Centre, Foodland, Home Camping and Living and Blue Dolphin. Students worked in small groups and asked relevant questions to the relevant business for their research, which will be reflected in their assignments due at the end of this week.

Excursions are a great way for students to engage with the community or local areas and learn outside of the classroom setting!

Mrs Evans











Didjeribone Performance

During Week 5 we were privileged enough to have an Indigenous performer from the East coast come to our school and perform for us using his version of a Didgeridoo! The student's and staff were very engaged with his hilarious performance using a variety of instruments and songs.















Year 5 HASS - Ms Bailey



In HASS we have been learning about Business and Economics focussing on Capital, Human and Natural Resources. Students had to choose a topic to research and state whether it was a Capital, Human or Natural resource and if their topic used all three resources of capital, human and natural. They also had to show an understanding in general what the different resources mean. These are some examples

of so of the students work.

In Health we have been learning about being Safe and how we keep ourselves safe who are our safety people in our lives. We have also been learning about how our bodies change and grow and learning about the scientific names of our body parts.

Ms Bailey



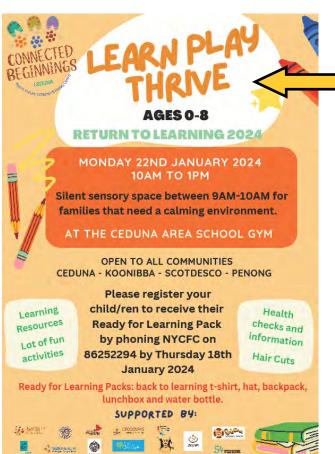




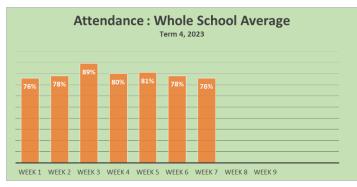








Connected Beginnings are giving every child from 0-8 years a new backpack with lunchbox, drink bottle, sun hat and polo shirt. Families MUST call big Kindy to register.



SCHOOL AIM: Equal to or Greater Than 90%

Church Services

CEDUNA (ST PAULS) - SUNDAY - 10.00am

Happy Birthday

8th December Aroha Paparoa

8th December Ariana Sansbury-Burgoyne

8th December Mason Wotton
13th December Ashania Dixon-Young

Chapel Schedule - Term 4, 2023

WK	Date	Theme	Guest presenter	Devo- tion
WK 8	Dec 8th	(The Best Gift) Jesus Is Born	Pastor Stuart	Aiden



Community Notices





