



## CROSSWAYS CALENDAR

Wk3 Friday 16/2	CROSSWAYS SPORTS DAY
Wk4 Thurs 22/2	Family Night
Wk6 Thurs 7/3	WCIAC Streaky Bay
Wk7 Mon 11/3	Adelaide Cup Day
Wk7 Tue 12/3	WASSAC
Wk7 (13/3—15/3)	Year 5/6 Camp
Wk8	Harmony Week
Wk8 Fri 22/3	Crossways FETE
Wk9 Fri 29/3	Easter Friday
Wk10 Mon 1/4	Easter Monday
Wk11 Thurs 11/4	Last Day Term 1

## Principal's Word - Greg Miller



I would like to welcome new and existing families, students, and staff to Crossways in 2024. Over the holidays staff and contractors have been busy working, getting our school ready for the beginning of term, and it is wonderful to now have students back.

There is a teacher shortage in Australia, with many schools unable to run their required classes. Crossways has been blessed, and at this stage we are not in that position. Over the next few weeks, we will feature our new staff in the newsletter. Our new staff have come from different locations, ranging from being a local of Ceduna to halfway around the world!

In 2024 we have expanded the number of home room classes that we have. We believe that it is important to keep class sizes to a level where learning can be maximized and so have added additional classes to achieve this.

As you have been driving past the school you may have noticed cranes, trucks, and lots of workers at our school. We have placed 2 new classrooms and offices in our middle school and our well being centre has begun construction, with foundations to be poured shortly.

There are many events planned for this term when you can meet our new staff and see what is happening at Crossways. These include our Sports Day, Friday Week 3, our Parent Afternoon in Thursday of Week 4 and our Fete in Week 8. On Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, we have Pastor Phil Joppich coming from Port Lincoln, and there will be a service at St Pauls Lutheran Church at 10:00am. At this service, as part of a tradition in Lutheran education, new staff will be installed and there will be a rededication of existing staff – you are all invited to attend.

In this week's devotions we have been focusing on 1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 7 This has been good for us as this passage underpins many of the values in our school.  
*"4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."*

Again, welcome to Crossways in 2024.

**Greg Miller**

**Principal**



## CROSSWAYS SPORTS DAY

IS WEEK 3

Friday, 16th February

If students wish to purchase a 'House T'Shirt for Sports Day, please purchase from the Front Office for \$20



## CELEBRATION OF LEARNING - 2023

*Congratulations to all award winners.....*

Library Award	STUDENT NAME
2023 Library Award	Kaya Bilney

100% Attendance	STUDENT NAME
For the ENTIRE YEAR	Emily Muir

FOUNDATION - LOVELL & REID	STUDENT NAME
Most Improved 2023	Brian Barnsley
Academic Excellence 2023	Fifita Pohahau
All Rounder 2023	Efrem Vijesh
Excellence in Physical Education	Alex Miller
Foundation Art Award	Fifita Pohahau
Cultural Studies	Amora Brandon

YEAR 1 - MISS BAHR	STUDENT NAME
Most Improved 2023	Brooke McKay
Academic Excellence 2023	Madison Reed
All Rounder 2023	Zaria Dupree
Excellence in Physical Education	Callum Radloff
Year 1 Art Award	Nate Gascoyne
Cultural Studies	Ariana Sansbury-Burgoyne

YEAR 2 - MRS COOK	STUDENT NAME
Most Improved 2023	Henry Miller-Lampard
Academic Excellence 2023	Litia Pohahau
All Rounder 2023	Millie Mullen
Excellence in Physical Education	Ollie Evans
Year 2 Art Award	Litia Pohahau
Cultural Studies	Litia Pohahau

YEAR 3/4 - Mr DONALD	STUDENT NAME
Most Improved 2023	Freddie Jericho
Academic Excellence 2023	Sarah Fischer
All Rounder 2023	Aniyah Willis
Excellence in Physical Education	Trey Colbung-Bilney
Year 3/4D Art Award	Savannah Guidera
Cultural Studies	Samantha Johnson

YEAR 3/4 - MR CHAMPION	STUDENT NAME
Most Improved 2023	Brighton Spry
Academic Excellence 2023	Evelyn Guidera
All Rounder 2023	Jaikobi Ettridge
Excellence in Physical Education	Maddison Miller
Year 3/4C Art Award	Harlan Mules-Miller
Cultural Studies	Harvey Limbert





## MALISSA SPANN



Hello everyone. My name is Melissa Spann. I am looking forward to teaching at Crossways Lutheran School. My family and I are emigrating from South Africa and we can't wait to make Ceduna our new home. I have been teaching high school Mathematics since 2017. I absolutely love teaching and helping my learners achieve their personal goals. I am teaching one of the 2 Year 5/6 classes this year.

## KIARA UZZELL



Hi my name is Kiara Uzzell and I am one of the 7/8 homegroups. This year is my first year out of Uni and I am teaching the 7/8 English, 5/6 Geography and Year 7 Maths. I have lived in Ceduna my whole life and my family are all in Ceduna. My hobbies include doing creative and artsy things to decorate my home. I am looking forward to getting to know all the students and staff at Crossways.

## KUZI



Kuziva is an experienced educator, is inspired by Christa McAuliffe's powerful mantra, "I teach the future. I am a teacher". Kuziva embodies a family-oriented spirit, rooted in his Christian values and a deep passion for teaching and sports. He is dedicated to inspiring growth in each individual and is known for nurturing students and igniting positive change.

Kuziva is looking forward to integrating his unique blend of values, enthusiasm, and expertise into the fabric of the school, contributing wholeheartedly to the achievement of it's goals and fostering an environment of learning, faith and achievement.

Kuzi is teaching the Year 9/10 class this year.



Term 1 and Term 2 HATS are compulsory for students at Recess and Lunch time. Unfortunately, the school has ran out of hats to purchase and the New Uniform has been delayed. Please ensure your child has a hat. A hat from home will suffice until the new hats arrive. Sorry for the inconvenience.

# TERM 1 CANTEEN MENU

## Monday

	Price	Quantity
Chicken / Cheese & Mayo Burger	\$5.00	
Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$2.50	
Pizza Single	\$2.50	

## Tuesday

	Price	Quantity
Fried Rice with Spring Rolls	\$5.00	
Sushi      Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00	
Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$2.50	
Pizza Single	\$2.50	

## Wednesday

	Price	Quantity
Cold Roll (1) Large	\$4.00	
Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$2.50	
Pizza Single	\$2.50	

## Thursday

	Price	Quantity
Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$4.00	
Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$2.50	
Pizza Single	\$2.50	
Sushi      Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00	

## Friday

	Price	Quantity
Hot Dog                      Sauce <input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00	
Pie                              Sauce <input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00	
Sausage Roll                Sauce <input type="checkbox"/>	\$4.00	
Pasty                            Sauce <input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00	

Snacks	Price	Qty	Drinks	Price	Qty
Cup Cake	\$1.50		Water	\$1.00	
Biscuits	.50		ABC/Apple/Orange Juice	\$2.50	
Peckish / Chips	.50		Strawberry Milk	\$2.50	
Red Rock Chips	\$1.00		Chocolate Milk	\$2.50	
Popcorn	.50				
Yoghurt	\$1.50				
Icy Twist	\$2.00				
Juice Tube	\$1.50				
Chocolate Paddlepop	\$2.00				
Rainbow Paddlepop	\$2.00				

Dear Parents,

Lunch orders need to be in to the 'Canteen' or the 'Class Lunch Bag' every morning by 10am.

Particularly Middle School students are getting their lunch orders in too late and may be given an alternative non preferred option.



## Terena Evans—Deputy Principal



Welcome families, students and carers to a new year at Crossways Lutheran School. I hope you all had a safe and happy break with your children.

I was fortunate enough to get some decent time camping at Davenport Creek, enjoying fishing and water sports with my family and friends.

We look forward to having you all visit the school, classroom teachers and LSO in Week 4 on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February once our new classrooms have been completed. Official invites will come from the students closer to date, however pop it in your diary as we would love to see all families in a relaxed atmosphere.

This term will be another busy one with a lot going on including Sports day Week 3 Friday on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February, NAPLAN testing which will take place in Week 8 & 9, along with the annual school Fete happening on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, also Week 8.

Goal setting will start soon with each child in the school so have a chat to your child and help them come up with achievable, purposeful goals that can help them succeed this year. Talk to your child at the end of each day and find out what they enjoyed in their day. We run morning circles in the classes under the Berry Street Model, which include a WWW (what went well), using the same language at home helps to show your child that you are interested in their learning, that you connect with their school and value their education. Routines are also a very important part of the Berry Street Model and supports students to feel safe in and out of school.

"The secret of your future is hidden in your daily routine."  
Mike Murdock.

If you have any concerns or need support with your child's education, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school so we can help the best we can.

I will leave you with a Bible verse about the value of learning.

Timothy 2:15 tells us that we should study and show God that we understand truth. "This verse refers to knowing God's word and being able to point out false teachings and philosophies, but it applies to education as well. As a student, you should indulge yourself in your work and be the best you can be."

kindest regards

Terena Evans



## From the Chaplain



Well we were off to another exciting year and I'm looking forward to what 2024 brings as the Chaplain here at Crossways School.

It was awesome to see so many students at school on the first day and as I walked around to all the classrooms the students were so engaged in their learning.

Welcome to all the new teachers and staff, it was so rewarding to see your hard work that you have put in prior to the students returning. We are so blessed to have such a diverse and loving staff cohort this year.

In January, prior to school starting we were lucky enough to hold our 9<sup>th</sup> annual January School Program, where it was so nice to see so many of our students attending and lots from the Area School. While the program was running the students performed dances, watched skits, made lots of stuff in arts and craft, played lots of games, were involved in loads of water activities, ate enormous amounts of food and lots more.

We had over 220 students registered, 55 volunteer staff supporting the program, and 5 buses picking students up daily. This program ran for 5 days.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Crossways Lutheran School for the generous donation of the school grounds and the use of the school buses. With out this support this would never happen. You are such a blessing to our community.

Next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so watch this space to see what exciting things will be planned.

I am praying that you have an amazing start to the year and let God direct and lead you into what he has for you this year.

God Bless

Andrew McIlwraith



## Wellbeing Co-ordinator



Welcome Back to a New Year at Crossways!  
This year I will be working as the Wellbeing Coordinator in the Wellbeing Team and I am looking forward to continuing on with past student relationships and developing new ones.

My role is to support students with any worries or difficulties and to make communication

between home life and school life easier for students and parents alike. I'm here if you need to reach out.

We are lucky to be involved in such a caring School environment where we can offer love and support to each other in times of need. We care for your children and their wellbeing.

Please feel free to contact me 86252863 or [ahoffrichter@crossways.sa.edu.au](mailto:ahoffrichter@crossways.sa.edu.au)

Keep Smiling

Anita Hoffrichter - Wellbeing Coordinator

### Practical preparations for starting school

It's a good idea to have **uniforms, lunch boxes, bags and stationery** ready:

- Get your child to try on the uniform and shoes before the first day, just to make sure everything fits. It's a good idea to have your child wear new school shoes for a few days before school starts and practise doing up laces or buckles.
- Choose a school bag that's comfortable for your child to carry. A backpack with adjustable straps is best.
- Choose a lunch box and drink bottle that has an easy-to-open lid. Your child can practise using the lunch box at pre-school, or during a picnic lunch at home or in the park.
- Make sure your child has enough healthy food for both recess and lunch.
- Find out whether your child needs any other items for school – for example, hat, art smock, library bag, pencils, markers, crayons and so on.  
Make sure your child's name is clearly marked on all clothing and other things like their lunch box, drink bottle and school bag.

### Managing feelings about starting school

Starting school can be a big change for your child, and they might feel a bit anxious as well as excited. Letting your child know that you think they'll go well at school can help them feel positive.

Here are ideas for managing mixed feelings:

- Try to organise playdates with other children before the first day of school. It can help if your child knows another child going to the same school before school starts.
- Give your child plenty of love and support. Be excited and enthusiastic about your child starting school. This sends your child the positive message that school is exciting and that they'll cope and have fun.
- If the topic of school comes up during everyday activities with your child, use this as an opportunity to start a conversation. But follow your child's lead – too much talk about school might make your child feel more anxious.

- Read a children's book about starting school with your child. Reading books about school together can help you talk with your child about their feelings. You could try *Starting school* by Janet and Allen Ahlberg, or *Starting school* by Jane Godwin and Anna Walker.

Try to see your child off to school with a happy, confident goodbye – and plan something nice for yourself too, like coffee with a friend. Even if you're feeling sad or worried, it can help to keep these feelings from your child.

When your child starts school, it's a big change in your family life. It's normal if you feel a little worried or sad too. Sometimes it helps to talk with other parents about how you're feeling. Other parents might also have helpful tips for preparing and starting school.

### Starting school: the early weeks

Your child might need some support when school starts. Here are some simple things you can do to help these first few weeks go smoothly:

- Try to drop off your child at school before the bell goes in the morning. Also pick your child up on time. If you're late it could make your child feel very anxious.  
If [your child is worried about being separated from you](#), look for ways to distract your child at school drop-off. For example, you could try meeting a friend at the gate or walking to school with another child and parent.
- Make after-school time a bit special, with a snack and time for you and your child to chat.
- Be patient if your child wants to blurt out every little detail about school, or clams up completely. You could try saying something like, 'Tell me one good thing about your day', rather than asking a lot of questions.
- Be flexible with snacks and meals. Your child will probably be very hungry after school. If you give your child a small, healthy snack straight after school, it'll help to keep them going until dinner.
- Don't expect too much academic progress too soon. If your child is happy and seems to be enjoying school, that's a real achievement. The rest will come later.
- Remember that it's common for children to play with many different children and also to play on their own sometimes. It takes a while before they settle into a group of friends. If your child doesn't seem to be settling well, or tells you about teasing or [bullying](#), speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Some children might be tired after school for the first few weeks. Other children might still have the energy for after-school activities. Depending on your child's energy levels after school, you might want to let your child rest and play at home for a few weeks until you think they're ready for playdates and after-school activities.

[Good-quality sleep](#) helps your child feel more settled, happy and ready for school. Try to get your child into consistent sleep routines before school starts. This means regular sleep and wake times, even on the weekend.

Anita Hoffrichter, Wellbeing Coordinator







## Happy Birthday

31st January David Yorkshire  
 1st February Jordan Coleman  
 4th February Aaniya Bilney-Miller  
 6th February Deon Austin



## Church Services

### Worship Calendar for February

4<sup>th</sup> – St Pauls, Ceduna HC 6pm  
 Evening worship with Pastor RobBorgas  
 Supper to follow – please bring something to share

11<sup>th</sup> – St Pauls, Ceduna HC 10am  
 Crossways Lutheran School staff Installation/ReDedication  
 Pastor Phil Joppich

18<sup>th</sup> – Anglican church 9.30am

25<sup>th</sup> – St Pauls, Ceduna 10am

## Chapel Schedule - Term 1, 2024

Term Week	Date	Class/SRC	presenter	Devo-tion
WEEK 1	Feb 2nd	Andrew	Andrew	Andrew
WEEK 2	Feb 9th	Derani 5/6	Greg	Derani
WEEK 3	Feb 16th	Haesil 7/8	Stuart	Haesil
WEEK 4	Feb 23rd	Donna 3/4	Andrew	Donna
WEEK 5	March 1st	Kerri Found	Andrew	Kerri
WEEK 6	March 8th	Andrew	Andrew	Andrew
WEEK 7	March 15th	Andrew	Andrew	Andrew
WEEK 8	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Champion 3/4	Stuart	Champion
WEEK 9	March 28th	Andrew	Andrew	Andrew
Week 10	April 5th	Andrew	Andrew	Andrew
WEEK 11	April 11th	Janette 1/2	Greg	Janette

## Community Notices

# PLAYGROUP

### Weekly Schedule

**Koonibba Stop and Play**  
**Monday 2:30pm-4:30pm**  
 Koonibba Community Hall

**Quality Time with Family**  
**Tuesday 10:00am-12:00pm**  
 Learning Hub 45 McKenzie Street

**Minya Gidya-Muga**  
**Thursday 10:00am-12:00pm**  
 Ngura Yadirirn Children & Family Centre



For Aboriginal families with children aged 0-5, Koonibba playgroup ages 0-9



Transport available  
 Tea, coffee and snacks provided

For more information  
 86253210  
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## Ceduna Progress Association

First General Meeting

**Monday February 5**  
**6pm - 7pm**  
**Ceduna Foreshore Hotel**

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