



17 JANUARY 2018

Crossroads

Chronicle

WEEKLY DIARY

17 JANUARY Wednesday

Learners Start

No extra murals this week

Assembly at 8.00

18 JANUARY Thursday

19 JANUARY Friday

Experi Buddies Demonstration

Grade 1-6

**NO EXTRA MURALS
THIS WEEK OR NEXT**



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good holiday season and are feeling rejuvenated as the year starts. Welcome back to all the families who are returning to Crossroads, and a brand new welcome to those who are joining us for the first time.

Welcome to the following new members of staff who have joined us on a permanent basis:

Susan Laubscher - Grade 3L

Karin van der Walt - Grade 4V

Lameze Hendricks - Grade 4H

Michelle Padayachee - Grade 5P

Perusha Poran - Speech Therapist

Samantha Kaufman - Psychologist

Eddie Mathula - Maintenance Team

Aubrey Chabalala - Security Guard

We are delighted to welcome back **Catherine Raynham** in the locum Learning Support Therapy department while Yvette Smith is on maternity leave.

If, during the year, you have any concerns about your child I encourage you to contact either your class teacher or therapist in the first instance as they will be interacting with your child on a daily basis and will therefore develop a solid understanding of your child's needs.

Should you feel the need to communicate with a member of the management team the following staff are available for consultation:

Deputy Principal: Cornelia de Kock (cornelia@crossroadsschool.co.za)

Deputy Principal: Yolandi Roux: yolandi@crossroadsschool.co.za)

Senior Phase Head of Department: Gr 4 - 7 Betsie Le Roux (betsie@crossroadsschool.co.za)

Foundation Phase Head of Department: Gr 0 - 3 Pam Batwell (pam@crossroadsschool.co.za)

Please do not hesitate to call my secretary, Barbara-Ann, if your concern has not been resolved and you wish to make an appointment to see me.

Please note that staff can be contacted by various methods:

- Write a message in your child's homework book
- Leave a message at the office for a teacher/therapist to return your call
- Send an email to the teacher/therapist (every member of staff

FIELD GOLF

Golf Champs Junior Academy.
Tuesdays

Gr 1+2 13:30-14:00

Gr 3-7 14:00-14:30.

If you would like your son or daughter to play golf, please contact Dave Lewis on 082 731 8648 or dlewis002@gmail.com

KARATE

Lessons will continue on Tuesdays as follows:

Gr 1 + 2 : 13:30-14:15

Spaces limited to 15

Gr 3 - 7: 14:15 - 15:00

Spaces limited to 20

R950 per child per term.

Children welcome to try first lesson to see if they like Karate.

Enrolment forms will be given out at the first karate lesson on Tuesday January 30th. Fee information and banking details will be included. Please do not give cash to the school, teachers or your child.

Attire: casual sport clothes, shorts and t-shirts. Karate uniforms only required later if child is serious and would like to compete at events.

Please sms or email Ryan to book a spot as soon as possible. 2017 pupils will get first preference. An overflow class will be available on Friday afternoons with Shaun Paulsen 083 593 0622
Please sms queries to Ryan on 072 435 4917 or ryan.karatekids@gmail.com

has an email address and in general, it is the first name followed by@crossroadsschool.co.za). These addresses are posted on the d6 for your convenience.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parent Information Evening and Cocktail Party

Tuesday 23rd January, 19:00 to 21:00

This important evening will give parents an overview of Crossroads and clarify our expectations of you, our parents. The evening presents an ideal opportunity to get to know you informally and for you to meet with other parents. Please come and have a drink and snack in the quad. Notices will be sent out to all learners to take home. Kindly fill in the reply slips and return to school by Friday 19th January to assist us with catering requirements.

GENERAL

NEW PUPILS - UPDATED ASSESSMENTS

If your child was in therapy prior to joining Crossroads, please ensure that we have the most up to date report from their previous therapist; this helps give our therapists a better understanding of your child. We also require the last school report.

PTA COMMITTEE MEETING

The first PTA meeting for the year takes place in the Boardroom on Wednesday 31st January at 18:00. Parents who are interested in making a difference should make every effort to attend. Our fundraiser for the first term is the **Crossroads Carnival**, which takes place on the 20th March and we need as much assistance as possible.

PERSONAL INFORMATION UPDATE

During this week your child will bring home Family/Parent/Learner Forms. Kindly take the time to check that the details printed on the forms are correct and make any changes necessary in the shaded column alongside the information. Medication forms will also be sent home. Please return both these forms to School as soon as possible so that our database can be updated.

Parents are encouraged to consult the **General School Policy** on the d6 Communicator where all information relating to school rules and procedures can be found. This document has been posted under "Resources" and should be referred to throughout the year.

CELLPHONE POLICY - we do not allow learners to use or have cellphones at school.

Remember the 3 rules:

Be safe

Be responsible

Be respectful



The school photographer will be taking photos of all our pupils on Tuesday 23 January during the course of the morning.

Please ensure that your children are dressed smartly in their full summer uniform.

Order forms with sample photos will be distributed to pupils later in the term, together with payment information.

SAVE THE DATE

Zumbathon

14 February
18:00-19:30

Tickets available from the office.
R100 Adults, R50 for children
under 16.

PARKING from 13th Street only.

Please be aware that to access the carpark all cars will need to display a parking disk, which is available from the school office. As from Monday 22nd January, parents arriving later than 7:40 or who do not have a disk will be required to sign in with the security guard.

Due to no extra-murals for the first two weeks of school, the security guard has been instructed to close the gate once the carpark is full. Parents may park on the field above or in the street and walk their children to and from class.

To avoid congestion and to ensure that the car park operates smoothly and is safe for our children, please **DO NOT** park in the demarcated drop off zone - this area is for dropping and picking up children quickly, and not for parking. **DO NOT SPEED** through the car park - remember that children are walking in that area and it is up to you, as the responsible adult, to ensure their safety.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

Gr 0: must be collected from their classroom (13:00).

Gr 1 + 2: must be collected from the quad (13:30).

Gr 3 + 4 (13:45) and **Gr 5 to 7** (14:00) must wait at the carpark.

Please remember that all grades finish at 13:00 on Fridays, with the exception of Gr 0s, who finish at 12:45. If parents find collection times difficult, please contact Joanne, who runs a fun-filled, action-packed Aftercare on the premises. Arrangements can be made for full or part afternoon care. For more information contact Joanne Harrison (owner) on 082 336 8768 or email her on joanne.harrison2011@gmail.com

USE OF TAXI E-HAILING (UBER) SERVICES

No parent/guardian is permitted to ask any representative of Crossroads or other member of the School community to assist his or her child/children to make use of an Uber taxi or similar service. Please see the d6, under Resources, Policies for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS TERM

A Term Plan will be posted on the d6 Communicator this week and can be referred to throughout the term. Kindly diarise dates and remember that parents are expected to attend all functions.

ABSENCE DURING SCHOOL TIME

All effort should be made to schedule doctor and dentist appointments for the afternoons or the school holidays. However, should your child need to leave school early due to an unavoidable appointment, for illness, or for any other reason whatsoever, the parent collecting must come to the office **FIRST** to sign out the child. The parent will be given an Exit Card, which must then be handed to the teacher.

OUTREACH

We have a number of on-going initiatives to raise funds both for Crossroads School and for our Outreach initiatives

NEWSPAPERS

These are collected for re-cycling as an Outreach project. No bottles, cans or garden refuse please!



SCHOOL SUPPORTER CARDS

Please continue to use these cards wherever they are accepted. Additional funds are generated through the cards for the school. If you do not have a card, please order one from Linda in the school office. There is no cost attached to ordering the card or swiping it.



PRINTER CARTRIDGES.

Send used cartridges to the office for recycling.



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Place your unwanted bread tags in the jar in the office. It takes 200 kg of tags to buy one wheelchair

PUNCTUALITY

Please endeavour to have your child dropped at school before the bell (07:40). Late arrival causes anxiety and disruption and unsettles the whole class as the teachers are busy organising the learners during the early part of the morning. Teachers cannot spend time chatting to parents as their class needs to be settled.

SCHOOL FEES

Please note that school fees are payable in advance on the first day of each month as per your Method of Payment form. Statements will be distributed via child mail this week.

Annual fees should be received by 29th January to qualify for the 5% discount. Annual Insurance, Tours Levy and Backpack fees are also due in January.

D6 SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

Please go to www.school-communicator.com to download this programme, which is used extensively for important information pertaining to the running of the school. The weekly Newsletter is posted every Monday under Resources, Newsletters, and can also be found on the school's website (www.crossroadsschool.co.za). The Weekly Diary is posted on the d6 under News each Friday, and this gives parents a glimpse of the week ahead. The News tab is also used for interesting information during the course of the week. The Term Plan, with all the important dates and information for the forthcoming term, can be found under Resources, Important Dates. Parents are urged to familiarise themselves with the tabs and headings of the system so that they can be kept abreast of school happenings.

EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES

All afternoon activities will start on Monday January 29th January. A timetable will be sent out this week. Please take time to study it with your child and help him/her to choose at least one activity, and return the reply slip to school as soon as possible. If it is necessary to collect your child before the stipulated end of an extra-mural, please come down from the parking area to fetch your child. Children may not wait in the car park unsupervised.

BULK SMS FACILITY / D6 "RED ALERT"

All important school related information concerning cancellation of sports matches etc will be made utilising the bulk SMS facility or the d6 "Red Alert". Please check your cellphones/computers etc for messages, and ensure that the office is notified of any cellphone changes. As the SMS facility allows for only one cell number, messages will be sent to mothers' phones only, unless otherwise requested by parents.

ADVERTS

Mrs Harper is looking to share morning lifts with someone in the Bryanston, Curzon Road area, near Bryanston Country Club.

Anyone interested to please contact her on 082 372 3317

CALENDARS AND DIARIES 2018

This is an appeal for donations of large wall calendars for classrooms and offices, as well as desk diaries (both large and small) and year planners. Kindly send them to the school office for distribution to staff.

LIBRARY

We have a tradition at Crossroads School whereby pupils are encouraged to donate a book on the occasion of their birthday. The child's name is placed in the book in acknowledgement of the gift, and mention is made of this in the weekly newsletter. Please send books to the office.

We thank Zack Hyde for the donation of books on the occasion of his birthday at the end of last year.

UNIFORM SHOP


The Second Hand Uniform Shop is run by the PTA and is open on the first Tuesday morning of every month, from 07:15 to 08:30. If any parent wishes to assist on a roster basis please contact the school office.

In addition, this week the shop will open on Thursday 18th from 07.15 to 08.00. If anyone has 2nd hand clothes they no longer need, we would appreciate it if they could be dropped off at the office to enable us to re-stock the shop.

TUCK SHOP

The tuck shop is outsourced to a private convenor who prepares nutritious food for the pupils. Only crisps, energy bars, Liquifruits, bottled water etc are sold - no fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolates. The tuck shop is open at both breaks. During first break there is a lunch menu with hot food available and at second break snack foods are on sale. *Grades 0, 1, 2 and 3 use the pre-paid system. Grades 4 - 7 should bring the correct amount of money for their purchases, on a daily basis.* Please note that prices could change without notice.

For a full list of the menu and prices, please look on the d6 Communicator.



CROSSROADS SCHOOL
ZUMBATHON
14th February
ZUMBA
18:00-19:30
Tickets available from the office.
R100 for Adults;
R50 for children under 16.
SAVE THE DATE

The poster features a vibrant background with silhouettes of people dancing in various colors. At the top, it says 'CROSSROADS SCHOOL' in a blue box. Below that is 'ZUMBATHON' in large pink letters, followed by '14th February' in white. The ZUMBA logo is prominently displayed. The time '18:00-19:30' is shown in white. Below the time, it says 'Tickets available from the office.' in white. The prices 'R100 for Adults;' and 'R50 for children under 16.' are listed in white. At the bottom, 'SAVE THE DATE' is written in yellow. On the left side, there is a school crest with a shield containing a cross and a dollar sign, with the motto 'LET NONE BE LEFT BEHIND' below it.