



5 September 2017

### WEEKLY DIARY

**5 September Tuesday**

No extra-murals this week

**6 September Wednesday**

PTA Meeting  
Secretaries Day

**7 September Thursday****8 September Friday**

Awards will be given out at Assembly to learners who were absent 4 August.  
Heats for Sports Day  
Method of Payment Forms to be returned to School.  
Letters of notice for learners leaving at the end of the year to be sent to School.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to both staff and pupils to the third term of 2017! We trust that you all had a lovely rest. We hope you enjoy this term - it is going to be an exciting and full final term of the year, with the highlight being the Movie Evening and Art Sale. A Term Plan has been posted on the d6 Communicator (Resources, Important Dates). Please refer to this document so you know what is happening at Crossroads.

**Summer Uniform:** pupils may choose to wear either the summer or the winter uniform for the next few weeks while the weather is still variable; however, please ensure that they are wearing full winter or full summer uniform and NOT a combination of the two. Please look on the d6 Communicator, under RESOURCES, for a list of the uniform and stockists.

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

**METHOD OF PAYMENT 2018**

A letter regarding the fee increase for the 2018 scholastic year, together with a Method of Payment form, was sent out to all parents at the end of last term via the pupils.

It is imperative that the completed form is returned to the Administrator by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September to secure your child's place at Crossroads School in 2018.

Please remember to enclose your cheques, should you be paying your fees by way of one of the cheque options.

**NOTICE TO LEAVE CROSSROADS SCHOOL**

Should your child be leaving Crossroads at the end of this year, please take note that we need one full term's notice of this in writing. Failure to give the appropriate notice will incur payment of fees in lieu of the notice period. Please send a letter of notice to the school office, or email [crossxrd@mweb.co.za](mailto:crossxrd@mweb.co.za) by no later than **Friday 8 September**. This notification allows us to offer places to other children who are in need of intervention in 2018. **Please note that, even if it is our recommendation that your child can be mainstreamed, we still require your confirmation in writing that he/she will be leaving.**



**NB:**  
**No extra-murals this week**

### TERM 3

Start: Tues 5 Sep  
Close: Thurs 7 Dec

Half Term:

Thurs 19 Oct at 12:00  
Return: Tues 24 October

**Public Holiday:**

Sun 24 Sept (Heritage Day)  
Mon 25 Sept (Public Holiday)

### **SPORTS HEATS - Friday 8 September**

We will be having our sports heats on the 8<sup>th</sup> September for our Sports Day that will be held later in the month.

All learners must please bring their correct attire: T-shirts and shorts, running shoes, caps, sunblock and water for the day. It is compulsory for learners to wear the correct footwear for all activities as there has been construction on the property.

### **SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

We appeal to each parent to please assist us with this project because this school magazine will always be part of your child's history and will be fondly revisited. Each child will be featured, and each child will receive a magazine free of charge

#### **PLACING AN ADVERT**

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| • Inside front cover, full colour | R4 600 |
| • Full page, full colour          | R4 300 |
| • Half Page, full colour          | R2 500 |
| • Quarter page, full colour       | R1 650 |

#### **PLACING A BUSINESS CARD AT R1 000**

There will be special business card pages

#### **MAKING A SPECIAL DONATION OF ANY AMOUNT**

Your contribution will be acknowledged in the magazine

#### **BEING A PAGE SPONSOR AT R300**

Your name will be printed at the bottom of the page –

“This page is sponsored by .....

Specifications for the adverts will be made available to those who are interested

### **SUNFLOWER DAY - Friday 15 September**

To commemorate Sunflower Day, topes will be on sale from the office from today at a cost of R25. But what is a **Tope**? **Tube of Hope - Tope**. This is a multipurpose article of clothing, with practical functionality, for the whole family and can be worn in a variety of ways - headband, mask, scarf, cap or armband.

You can help celebrate **Sunflower Day** by purchasing your **Tope** to show support for this important cause.

## **REMINDERS**

### **EXTRA MURALS**

Please note that there will be no extra-murals this week. Please ensure that learners are collected timeously after school as there will be no supervision in the afternoons. Extra murals start the second week of term.

### **ASSEMBLY**

This Friday (8<sup>th</sup> September) awards will be handed out to the children who were due to receive them at Final Assembly last term, but were absent. These parents, who would have received an sms last term, are welcome to attend this assembly. **Assembly will begin at 12:40.**

### **SUNFLOWER DAY**

Save  
the  
date

15 SEPTEMBER 2017



Call us toll-free on 0800 12 10 82  
For more info visit [www.sunflowerfund.org.za](http://www.sunflowerfund.org.za)





## CAR PARK

For the safety of our children and to ensure that the car park operates smoothly, we request parents to observe the rules of the car park.

Please:

- Do not park in the demarcated drop off zone
- Do not speed through the car park
- Do not reverse up the car park
- Do not turn around and exit via the entrance gate



## NEWS OF FORMER LEARNERS

Congratulations to Jake Shepherd on being made Vice Head Boy at King David from January 2018. Jake commented: "Deep gratitude to Crossroads. We will always be in your debt."

Congratulations to Alex Mabunda on receiving an excellent report from King's College: English: 77%, Afrikaans 63%, Maths 8r%, Natural Science 87% and Social Science 79%. Well done Alex!

## STOP CHILDREN BINGEING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

by Michael Savage Observer policy editor. Saturday 5 August 2017.

The Children's commissioner says too much time is spent online. Parents are warned that they must intervene to stop their children overusing social media and consuming time online "like junk food".

Anne Longfield said that parents should "step up" and be proactive in stopping their children from bingeing on the internet.

Launching a campaign to help parents to regulate their children's internet use, she said time online should be balanced in the same way that parents regulate their children's diets. "It's something that every parent should talk about. Children are in danger of seeing social media like sweets, and their online time like junk food," she said.

"None of us as parents would want our children to eat junk food all the time - double cheeseburger, chips, every day, every meal. For those same reasons we shouldn't want our children to do the same with their online time.

Her warning comes after a report said that children in all age groups are spending ever-longer periods online. The internet overtook television as the top media pastime for British children last year, according to the media regulator Ofcom. Children aged five to fifteen are spending 15 hours a week online.

Last year the time three- and four-year-olds spent online increased from six hours 48 minutes to eight hours 18 minutes a week, while 12- to 15-year-olds now spend more than 20 hours online.

Parents are encouraged to be proactive as they create a good place and a safe internet place for kids to be.