



Crossroads

15 JANUARY 2019

Chronicle

WEEKLY DIARY

15 JANUARY Tuesday

Learners Start

No extra murals this week

Assembly at 8.00

2nd Hand Uniform Shop open 7.15

16 JANUARY Wednesday

17 JANUARY Thursday

18 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:

Zaheera Mohammed - Grade 4M

Kerry-Lee Mays - Grade 5M

Karla Bekker - Speech and Language Therapist

Louisa Massyn - Afrikaans teacher

Olga Timbe - Receptionist

We are delighted to welcome back **Karin Stander** as a locum grade 6 teacher, and **Ann Raynham**, locum grade 5 teacher.

Anne will be covering for Carolyn West, whose family was involved in a devastating car accident in December. In order to support the family, Crossroads has decided to set up a fund to help them financially in some small way. Should you wish to make a donation to this fund, cash can be handed in to Linda in the office or an EFT made, clearly marked West Family Fund. Banking details are: Nedbank Killarney Branch A/C No: 191 600 2587 Branch Code: 191 605.

We congratulate **Chantel Swart**, former grade 5 teacher, on her marriage during the holiday, and welcome her into the Learning Support Department. Welcome to **Denise Northcott**, former grade 2 teacher, who also joins the Learning Support Department on a part-time basis.

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 for grades 0 - 3 Cornelia de Kock:

(cornelia@crossroadsschool.co.za)

Deputy Principal for grades 4 - 7 Yolandi Roux:

(yolandi@crossroadsschool.co.za)

Senior Phase Head of Department: Gr 4 - 7 Betsie Le Roux

(betsie@crossroadsschool.co.za)

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 take place 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

R990 per term

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

Enrolment forms will be given out at the first open karate lesson on

Tuesday January 29th. Fee information and banking details will be included. Kindly EFT fees - 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. 2018 pupils will get first preference. An overflow class may be available on Friday afternoons with another instructor.

Please sms queries to Ryan on 072 435 4917 or ryan.karatekids@gmail.com

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.

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 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 22 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 18th 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 recent 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 30 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 **Soap Box Derby**, which takes place on the 14th March, for which we need as much assistance as possible.

PERSONAL INFORMATION UPDATE

During this week your child will bring home personal detail forms. Kindly take the time to check that the details printed on the forms are correct and make any changes necessary on the form. Medication forms will also be sent home. Please return both these forms as soon as possible so that our database can be updated.

Parents are encouraged to consult the **General School Policy** on the d6

Remember the 3 rules:

Be safe

Be responsible

Be respectful



The school photographer will be taking photos of all our pupils on Tuesday 22 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

CALENDARS AND DIARIES 2019

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.

Communicator where all information relating to school rules and procedures can be found. This document has been posted under "Resources, Policies" and should be referred to throughout the year.

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

PARKING from 13th Street only.

Please be aware that to access the carpark all cars will need to display a 2019 parking disk, which is available from the security guard or the school office.

Due to extra-murals not taking place in the first two weeks of school, the security guard has been instructed to close the gate once the carpark is full. Parents may park in the street and walk their children to and from class. The 13th Street pedestrian gate will be open for the grades 0, 1 and 2 parents and children.

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

Grade 0: to be collected from their classroom (13:00).

Grade 1 + 2: to be collected from the quad (13:30).

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

Please remember that all grades finish at 13:00 on Fridays, with the exception of Grade 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.

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.

OUTREACH

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



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

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Place your unwanted bread tags in the jar in the office.

It takes 200 kg of tags to buy one wheelchair

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.

PUNCTUALITY

Please endeavour to have your child dropped off 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. Should you need to speak to a teacher at length, please email the teacher requesting an appointment.

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 31st January to qualify for the 5% discount. Annual Insurance, Tours Levy and Bookpack 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 28th 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.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

We regret to advise parents that the two School Link buses that transport learners in the morning from Linksfield and Highlands North are both full.

Kindly contact School Link directly if you wish to put your name on the waiting list for a cancellation.

They may be contacted on:
083 307 7132 or
makhavhu@mweb.co.za

ADVERT

Parents with a child in grade 4 and living in Waverley are interested in joining or starting a lift club.

Please contact Michele
082 970 8750

BULK SMS FACILITY / D6 "RED ALERT"

All important school related information concerning cancellation of sports matches will be made utilising the bulk SMS facility or the d6 "Red Alert". Please check your cellphones/computers 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 mother's phone only, unless otherwise requested by parents.

LIBRARY

We have a tradition at Crossroads School whereby learners 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. Please send books to the office or to grade 15 for processing.

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 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.

If any parent wishes to assist on a roster basis please contact the school office.

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.