



## Diary Dates

### 14 December

Year 7 Assembly and Graduation

### 15 December

Years 3-7 Swimming at Burnside

Last day of Term 4 2017

- 2.20pm finish

### 22 January 2018

Uniform Shop open 9-11am

### 29 January 2018

First Day of Term 1

### 19 February 2018

Pupil Free Day

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As the school year comes to a close it is great to reflect on many of the highlights. We have had many new families join our community, especially in Reception. Our instrumental music program continues to expand with so many children involved in the orchestra who performed at the Festival of Music and the rise of the school band who made their public debut at the Stirling Pageant. Last week's assembly provided an opportunity to acknowledge both Catherine Hannaford and Mark Hudson and all the students who work so hard learning their instrument.

Year 3 to 7 students all had fantastic experiences at Arbury Park camp or Port Vincent.

The Pedal Prix team had a record number of participants and the Children's University was again popular with students from years 3 to 5. There was a significant increase in the number of students who sat the ICAS testing.

This year the school became involved with the Visible Learning program which examines and improves teacher pedagogy. The focus has been developing student learning dispositions to continue our improvement in student achievement.





Our Community Night on Monday was a lovely way to celebrate 2017. It was fitting that Rob Taylor was selected as Volunteer of the Year. Rob in recent years has been pivotal in the Pedal Prix training, but in the past he has been a long serving member on our Governing Council and was instrumental in the development of the Rage Cage. We also thanked long term volunteers who will be leaving the school; Jenny Deans for her work in the gardens, Viv Brand for our Walk to School day, Julie Manning for her fantastic work to establish OSHC and Karen George for her work in developing our History and work on Governing Council. We also farewelled our year 7s and their families and Naomi Smyth, Laura Potts, Kristi Wandner and Meredith Nye.

At the year 7 graduation ceremony on Thursday Night for the first time The Crafers School Community Award for kindness, compassion and empathy was given.

This award recognises a year 7 student who has, throughout their time at Crafers Primary School, shown an outstanding level of kindness, empathy and compassion towards others. It recognises and promotes the core values of the school as a caring community and a safe, supportive and inspiring place of learning for students from all backgrounds and walks of life.

Nominations for the award can be made by teachers, support staff and the Principal.

The award has been donated by the George/Smids family in recognition of the role Crafers Primary School and its caring

community has played in the lives of their children.

This year the award was given to Jessica Corones. Congratulations Jessica!

We have enjoyed listening to the school orchestra mornings and afternoons this week. Thank you to Catherine Hannaford and the orchestra for playing each day for us.

The Governing Council have approved the following pupil free days for 2018: February 19<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>.

I would finally like to thank all staff for their continual high quality work and wish everyone a safe holiday break. It will be great to see everyone on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2018, when school resumes.

Chris Minear PRINCIPAL

## Foodbank Appeal

The Crafers School Community donated 17 boxes – 120kg - of food for the Foodbank appeal.

What a fantastic effort.





## Transition Visits



On Thursday 23rd, 30th November and 7th December our new Receptions for 2018 had their first visits to Crafers Primary school. Over the 3 weeks we listened to stories, sang songs, created, and visited classrooms including the library and gym. Thank you to the many older siblings who helped their sister or brother settle in and to the year 7's who helped during the visits. A special thank you to Kadin Mewett and Harry McGregor for reading the Christmas stories to the children. Maybe we will see them both on Playschool in a few years' time.

Wishing all the families and students a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2018 when they will be part of Room 6.

Kathy and Pam



## Year 6 Aquatics Camp at Port Vincent



On Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, year 6 students from Crafers Primary School left for an Aquatics Camp at Port Vincent on the Yorke Peninsula. The bus left Crafers around 9 o'clock and drove for approximately three hours across the coastline of South Australia. I sat next to my friend Woody, a jovial young boy I've been friends with for years.

After what felt like ages, we stopped for a recess break and time to stretch our legs. Unfortunately, Ms. Wandner told us that we were only on the outskirts of Adelaide. Woody Groaned.

When we had been driving on the peninsula for a while, I decided to open the curtain hiding the window. Flat boggy plains stretched out to the beach on the left while mines stretched out on the right, as well as plenty of crop farms.

We arrived at our accommodation, the *Tuckerway Hostel*, at around noon. The bus driver David helped us unpack our luggage from under the bus and into our dorms. We changed out of our casual clothes and into our bathers before clambering back onto the bus.

When we reached the Port Vincent Life Saving Club, we were immediately sorted into groups of nine. In my group I had the company of Max, Will T, Jamie, Abby, Zara, Izzie, Sophia and Anna. Our first activity was windsurfing, with the help of the instructors Charlie and Kerry. Unfortunately the conditions for windsurfing ended up being too windy so we just sailed along the coastline. Our second activity and last for the day was sailing, with instructor Dan. I was in a boat with Max, Will T and Dan. My role was to be in charge of the left jib sheet, which controls the front sail, while Will T was right jib sheet, Max was in charge of centerboard and Dan was skipper.

After the fun of the first day, we had to walk back to the accommodation. It was only a few kilometers, although it was uphill, which managed to take our breath away. Mr Nielsen held a class meeting when we got back to the hostel. He told us of the rules and expectations. Girls were to sleep in the separate building, whilst boys separated into the two dorms coming off the dining room. For dinner, we had some chefs come in. They cooked us a wonderful dish of hamburgers and chips. They were quite scrumptious.

That night, some of us set out for a walk along the coastline. Once we reached the beach, we skimmed rocks across the surface. Some people went and had a splash in the water, although I didn't as I didn't want to get cold. We got back to the hostel and changed into our pajamas. A projector was set up ready to play a movie. We didn't get to bed until late and to make matters worse, a thunderstorm broke outside so I didn't get to sleep until nearly midnight.

The next day was much the same as the first. The teachers cooked toast and poured cereal for us. Our first activity at the beach was knee boarding. It was extremely fun and I, like most of the students, thought it was the best activity. Our last activity for the day was kayaking. Kayaking, unlike knee boarding, was not as adrenaline pumping, so we sort of found it a bit boring.

Unfortunately, the last day of camp came along too quickly. I thoroughly enjoyed Port Vincent. I was really sad when it was time to say farewell. Hopefully our next camp will be as joyful as this one.

By Oliver Manning – Year 6, Room 13







# Port Vincent ~ Year 6 Camp

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, all of the year 6 students travelled to Port Vincent on the Yorke Peninsula for an Aquatics Camp. The students enjoyed knee boarding, sailing, kayaking and wind surfing!



## Orchestra and Band Students Recognised at Final Assembly

At the last whole school assembly for 2017 students involved in the String Orchestra and School Band were recognised for their contribution to the musical life of the school.

The String Orchestra played for the school assembly every week, community events and numerous school events, with the highlight for 2017 being selected to play at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre as part of the Festival of Music.

The Band has only been playing for a short time and has played at the assembly and made its public debut marching in this year's Stirling Christmas Pageant with the school.

As part of music students' recognition for their contribution to the musical life of the school, each student was presented with a medal by the Chairperson of the Governing Council, Mr Colin Koch.

Congratulations go to each music student for the effort they are willing to put into their musical development.







## LOST PROPERTY

A white 'time teacher' watch – white face, white band, face has extra information to assist with time. If found, please hand into the front office.

**There are many uniform items and plastic containers in lost property, please come and collect yours!**



## KRAFTY KIDS MADE WITH LOVE

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, several year 5 girls are holding a stall at the Stirling Markets!! We are called the Krafty Kids!!

Our products include hand sewn toys, tooth brush holders and bookmarks, hand created gift cards, colourful tomboy kits, handmade Christmas decorations, soft knitted bears, and glittery bath bombs!

We would really love you to bring your friends to come and see us!

From Olive, Jazmin, Annabel, Emma, Cleo and Bea

