



Walk to School Day 2017

## Diary Dates

### 19 May

Walk to School Day  
SAPSASA District Cross Country

### 12 June

Queens Birthday Holiday

### 26-30 June

Rec-3 Swimming @ SA Aquatic Centre

### 7 July

Last Day of Term 2

### 24 July

First Day of Term 3

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## Reminder!

**2017 Materials and Service Charges are now overdue. If this is still outstanding please see Megan to arrange a payment plan via a Direct Debit or CentrePay form.**

**Commonwealth Bank Account:**

**BSB 065144**

**Acct 10234369**

**Thank you**

**I hope you are enjoying the burst of beautiful sunshine we are having at the moment; autumn in the Adelaide Hills is truly magnificent.**

As usual we have hit the ground running this term. I am back in the role as Acting Principal and will be here until later in the term. It is a real pleasure to be back at your lovely school, and although it has been action packed, I am enjoying it. I had the pleasure of attending the Governing Council meeting Wednesday night and was very impressed with the collaborative and enthusiastic way the Governing Council works.

At GC we discussed Visible Learning, which is the professional development program that Crafers has elected to be a part of for the next three years (along with nine other schools within our local partnership).

Visible Learning is a framework that is based on the work of John Hattie, an educational researcher, who has spent the last 15 years researching what actually works in schools to improve learning.



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Hattie has also used the findings of Carol Dweck (Fixed and Growth mindsets) and Dylan Wiliam (Assessment for Learning) to be the key drivers for Visible Learning. The basic unit of Hattie's analysis is 900+ meta-analyses involving a specific outcome (i.e. achievement) and identifying an influence on that outcome (e.g. homework). In general there are two major types of effect size: comparisons between groups (such as comparing those who did get homework with those that didn't) or comparisons over time.

What I really like about Hattie's work is that it allows for opportunities to investigate our practice as teachers and as a school. The data we gather will highlight areas in which the school can develop and will give us evidence to assess programs that perhaps may require high levels of resourcing but have a low effect size. For example, homework has an effect size of 0.29, therefore the effect of homework is small. This is not a big issue in regards to resourcing as the cost is negligible. However, it can be viewed as an invitation to look at the way we do homework, to try something different. This doesn't mean we throw homework out the window, but it opens up discussion about what impact homework has on student learning and how we can approach it differently so the impact size increases. We are very excited about embarking on this Visible Learning journey and

you will be hearing more about Visible Learning as the year goes by.

At GC Wednesday night two Student Free Days were endorsed: **Monday 3/7/17** (Week 10) and the first **Monday** back after the holidays, **24/7/17** (Term 3, Week 1). Please contact OSHC if you need child care for those days.

Kind Regards,

Irene

### OSHC Booking Regulations

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Just a reminder about bookings for OSHC. It is really important that I get our staffing numbers correct for each day - therefore I ask you to keep in mind the following:

For Before school care, bookings **must** be made the day before, you can do this by emailing me or ringing me on 0413483731. **Please do not do this in the morning that you require care.**

After school care bookings for the day must be in by 10am on the day. You can do this by emailing me or ringing me on 0413483731

Vacation Care bookings need to be in by the cut-off date. If I get cancelations I can accept extra bookings on that day.

Rosie

Crafers PS OSHC



## Pyjama Day

Friday the 26th of May is Pyjama day!

Wear your pyjamas or a onesie to school and bring a gold coin donation.

**All proceeds go to the R.S.P.C.A to help animals in need.**

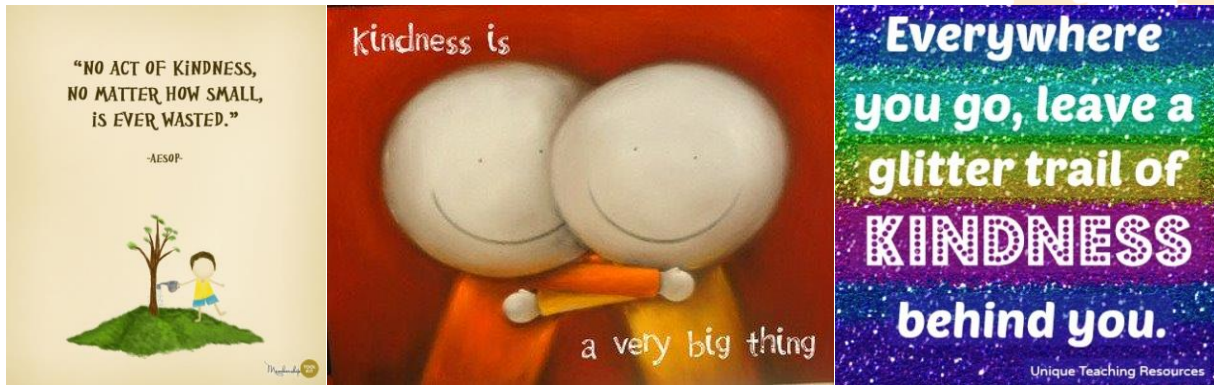
Please bring appropriate foot wear for outside e.g. No slippers outside.

Also, please make sure your pyjamas are suitable for the weather and for school e.g. no boxers, singlets, short or thin strapped nighties etc.





*From the Counsellor*



Hi Everyone

This term we have a focus on *Kindness* at Crafers Primary school. We have a couple of activities being run to support this at our school

*Kindness Trees*

Year 7 students have made large Kindness Trees that are being spread out around the school. Students will be acknowledged when they show kindness and will receive a leaf for a Kindness Tree. I hope to see lots of leaves celebrating everybody's acts of kindness throughout the term.

*Kindness Blankets*

Students are being encouraged to knit squares for blankets for homeless people. Students are able to participate in lunch time sessions in Room 3. They are also able to make these at home and bring to school. Anyone wishing to assist with this can contact me at the school on 8339 1073 or at [Tracey.Barnes204@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Tracey.Barnes204@schools.sa.edu.au).

The squares will be 10cm x 10cm. We will be using 4mm needles and 8 ply wool. Tania, from our knitting group, will be showing us how to knit a specific stitch to help with warmth. This stitch will be taught at lunch times to interested students. I will advise on Schoolbag what lunchtimes these will take place in.

We are also seeking donations of wool (8 ply) and needles (4mm) to help us with our quest to make as many blankets as possible. If you are able to help, please send along these items to room 3.

Thanks

*Tracey*

Tracey Barnes  
Primary Counsellor





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