

HORIZON NEWS

Term 1 Week 1
Wednesday 31st January 2024

Welcome to 2024:

Welcome to the 2024 school year! At the beginning of Horizon's 31st year, we have many changes and a few uncertainties before us. However, there is one simple truth we can all take hold of, and that is: "New Year, Same God"! That brief statement reminds us that, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever*" (Hebrews 13:8). With changes coming at us so quickly, it's wonderful to know God never changes, for He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

I am excited to welcome you all back, and my prayer for you for 2024, is that you may know more of who He is.

Welcome New Staff:

Welcome to our new staff:

- Mr Ben McQueen – Year 4/5
- Mrs Annie Mott – Home Economics
- Mr Simon Eggers – Grounds

We also welcome back to staff returning from leave:

- Mrs Frances Lampe – Science
- Mrs Hayley McPharlin – Primary PE

We pray you will feel welcome as you join our staff team at Horizon.

Staff leaving:

We say farewell to Mrs Laura Barrie who has left Horizon after serving faithfully for 10 years in Administration and more recently as our Debtors Clerk.

We wish Mrs Barrie all the very best in her new endeavours.

Debtors enquiries are currently being handled by Ms Sharon McPharlin.

Meet & Greet BBQ – Thursday 8th February:

I am looking forward to a great gathering at our important 'first function for the year', our Meet and Greet event on Thursday 8th February (week 2). Our evening starts at 5.30pm sharp in the Horizon Centre Gym with a welcome address and details for the event. After this we will enjoy a complimentary barbeque meal and then meet the teachers of your child in their classroom. The evening will conclude at 7.30pm. This is such an important event and I am looking forward to seeing you there.

School Fees and Debtor Information:

We wish to advise our families that the 2024 school fees are yet to be invoiced,, and this will be completed by the end of Week 2.

Families are able to make changes through their FACTS Management account. Should you need assistance with this, either getting logged in or making changes you can contact the FACTS Management Parent Help Desk on: 1300 322 871 or by emailing: Email: support@factsmgt.com.au

Horizon 2023 Year Book:

The Horizon 2023 Year Book is still at the printer and will be available, on schedule, towards the end of this term. Each school family from 2023 will receive a complimentary copy.

Diary Dates:

Year 12 Pt Vincent Camp
Wednesday 31st January to
Friday 2nd February

Meet & Greet BBQ
Thursday 8th February

Casual Clothes Day
Thursday 15th February

WRCSA Board Meeting
Thursday 29th February

Swimming Lessons
Monday 4th to Thursday 7th
March

Swimming Carnival
Friday 8th March

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday 11th March

STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 12th March

Year 4 Monarto Camp
Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th
March

NAPLAN Year 3, 5, 7, 9
Wednesday 13th to Monday 25th
March

Casual Clothes Day
Thursday 14th March

Year 11 P.A.R.T.Y Program
Friday 15th March

**Year 12 Outdoor Education
Camp – Yorke Peninsula**
Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd
March

Year 6 Illawonga Camp
Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd
March

Year 5 Woodhouse Camp
Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th
March

Whole School Photos
Thursday 28th March

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Hats:

As per our Extreme Weather Policy: **HATS**

During Term 1 and Term 4, hats must be worn at all times when students/staff are outside. Students not wearing a hat during recess and lunch times or during other outdoor activities will be sent to the 'No hat zones' for the duration of the outdoor activity/ break times.

Unfortunately we have had in the past a number of students who made poor choices to graffiti and damage/cut the brim of their school hats. Can I remind parents that hats are not to be graffitied, cut or damaged. Names are only to be written on the inside of the hat. Hats that have been graffitied or damaged are not to be brought to school. New hats are available from our Uniform Shop. Thank you for your support with this.

Extreme Weather Policy:

I include this information as it is highly likely that we will continue to have hot weather at this time of year. From our Extreme Weather Policy:

During 'Extreme Heat' weather, recess time for students will still be spent outdoors in undercover/ shade areas only. Students will be encouraged NOT to take part in strenuous physical activities.

An 'Extreme Heat' bell will be rung just before lunch when the temperature is over 38 degrees Celsius. Students are encouraged to remain outdoors in undercover or shade areas. Students are NOT able to take part in strenuous physical activities. There will be classrooms available for Primary and Secondary students to spend their lunch time in, should they feel the outside temperature is too hot for them.

Bush Fire and Catastrophic Fire Danger Days:

Please find attached our Bush Fire and Catastrophic Fire Danger Days Policy. This policy clearly outlines that Horizon will be CLOSED if a day has been deemed as Catastrophic in the Mid North district. Text messages will be sent to all families once this has been declared and no one will be on site at the school for that day. If a Catastrophic fire day is declared in the Adelaide region, our Lewiston bus will not be able to operate. If you have any questions about the Bush Fire and Catastrophic Fire Danger Day Policy, please contact the school.

Access to the yard during school hours:

For the safety of our students, all gates leading into the school are locked between 9am and 3pm. If you require access to the school, please enter via the front office where staff will assist you.

Working With Children Check (WWCC):

As part of a Government requirement, anyone wishing to volunteer their time (helping in classrooms, or going on camps or excursions), is required to have a current Working with Children Check. These can be obtained through the school and for volunteers, are free. Please contact the school if you would like to register for a WWCC. A reminder to current volunteers, a WWCC only last 5 years, and will need to be renewed after such time.

Family Database Check – Email Link Sent To All Families:

This year the Family Database check was sent via an email link. Thank you to the many families who followed this up prior to the commencement of school. Links will be re-sent to families who have not completed this important check. It is important that we have accurate information to enable us to care for your child/ren. If you have any questions about this, or are having troubles accessing the link, please contact the school and we will be happy to assist you.

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Student Medical Care plans:

Our First Aid Policy aims to ensure the health and safety of students at all times. To do this staff must have accurate medical information. Parents and/or guardians are responsible, in relation to their children and/or those in their care for:

- Keeping the school informed of any medical conditions, treatments and medical contact details.
- Providing staff with appropriate information and training/instruction where medical conditions require specialised treatment.
- Updating the school on any changes in medical conditions and/or required treatments.

Students who have a medical care plan (Asthma, Medication, Diabetes etc) are required to update them annually. Please provide a copy of these to the front office at your earliest convenience.

School Card Income Limits 2024:

Please find below the link for the 2024 School Card Application forms. You can complete this on-line or request a paper copy from the office. <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> If you have previously just missed out on school card and received income based fee reductions you may now be eligible.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

NAPLAN Collection Notice:

NAPLAN will be held in Term 1 this year for students in Year 3, 5, 7, 9. Attached is a letter regarding the Collection of Information for NAPLAN tests for your information.

Mike Clisby - Principal

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Piano Lessons:

Mrs Meriel Lane will again be providing private Piano Lessons at the school. Please contact Meriel on: 0428 499 856 for more information.



Saturday 10th February

Balaklava Town Hall

8:30am to 11:30am

Inside sites #15 (3m x 3m, 2 tables provided)

Outside carpark site #5 (BYO everything)

To register contact: bicks1@bigpond.com or through the Balaklava Town Hall Facebook Page.

This is a Fundraiser by the Balaklava Town Hall Management Committee for the upgrade of the sound system.

Term Dates 2024:

Term 1: Wednesday 31 January — Friday 12 April

Term 2: Monday 29 April — Friday 28 June

Term 3: Monday 22 July — Friday 27 September

Term 4: Monday 14 October — Thursday 12 December

Positions Vacant – Administration:

Horizon Christian School requires the following positions for 2024:

- Debtors Clerk – 3-5 days per week – managing school fees
- Bus Drivers

Each applicant is expected to be a Christian, active in the life of their church and willing to join an enthusiastic staff team at Horizon. For more information or an application form, please contact Kelly Bickle: 88622100.

Second Hand Uniform:

The Horizon Uniform Shop will not be selling second hand uniforms. However, we will take donations of uniform (in good, clean order) to be used as 'spare' clothing should a need arise.



Do you love to sing?

Do you love to sing hymns?

If so, you are warmly invited to the first of our monthly

Community Hymn Singing

sessions at the Anglican Church (Christ Church),

7 Humphrey Street, Balaklava

on Sunday, 25th February 2024

(4pm-5pm followed by a cuppa).

For further information contact Di Spence (0419030581), Meriel Lane (0428499856), or Rev Flo Walters (0437795356)

