

HORIZON NEWS

Term 4 Week 1

Wednesday 16th October 2024

Welcome back to Term 4:

Welcome back to our final term for 2024. I trust you had a restful break with some enjoyable family time together.

We are looking forward to a busy term 4, with some highlights including:

- Parent Teacher Interviews: Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October
- Final Assembly for Year 12 students: Friday 25th October •
- Mini Morning: Wednesday 30th October •
- Casual Clothes Day: Thursday 31st October
- Children's University Graduation: Friday 15th November
- Year 9 Rite Journey Graduation: Tuesday 19th November •
- Year 6 Graduation: Thursday 21st November •
- Middle School Transition: Tuesday 26th November
- End of Year Awards: Thursday 28th November
 - Primary: 4pm, Secondary: 6:30pm
- Primary Transition: Tuesday 3rd December •
- Year 12 Graduation Dinner: Thursday 5th December
- Final day of Term 4: Thursday 12th December

Parent/ Teacher Interviews - Week 2, Term 4:

As we aim to 'Nurture Partnerships in Community' we would like to encourage our families to make a booking for our upcoming Parent/Teacher interviews, which will be held on Tuesday 22nd October from 3:30pm to 5:30pm and Wednesday 23rd October from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. All interviews will be held in the Horizon Centre.

Interview bookings have opened today (Wednesday).

Phone interviews: While we are strongly encouraging families to come to the school for face-to-face interviews, we understand this is not possible for some. Should you wish to have a phone interview, can you please contact the office to book your appointment time (this ensures teachers then know interviews are by phone). If you need assistance, please contact the office who will be happy to assist you.

Hats for Term 4:

Hats are a compulsory part of the uniform for Term 4 to ensure our students are 'sun smart' at school. Students will be required to wear a Horizon school hat when outside.

Canteen Volunteers Required:

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in our school canteen on Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 1:30pm. Volunteers are required to have a current Working With Children Check. If you are able to assist, please contact the office to advise which days you are able to help. Your assistance would be very much appreciated.

Bush Fire and Catastrophic Fire Danger Policy:

As the weather begins to warm up, it is timely to send a reminder to families about our Bush Fire and Catastrophic Fire Danger Protocols for Buses. Please find attached our combined school pamphlet. We encourage you to make yourselves familiar with the protocols should a Catastrophic Fire Danger Day be declared. Mike Clisby - Principal

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Diary Dates:

Year 8 Canberra Camp Sun 13th to Sat 19th October

Year 7 Kangaroo Island Camp

Tues 15th to Fri 18th October

Year 11 Outdoor Ed Mountain Bike Camp Wed 16th to Fri 18th October

Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 22nd October 3:30pm to 5:30pm Wednesday 23rd October 3:30pm to 7:00pm

Year 10 Immunizations Wednesday 23rd October

Regional Youth Alive – Year 7-12 Thursday 24th October

Last Day for Year 12's Friday 25th October

Mini Morning Wednesday 30th October

Casual Clothes Day Thursday 31st October

Year 3/4 SACSA Basketball Thursday 31st October

Year 5/6 SACSA Basketball Friday 1st November

Year 6 SA Art Gallery Excursion Monday 4th November

Year 11 Outdoor Ed Surfing Monday 11th November

Foundation SA Art Gallery Excursion Thursday 14th November

Children's University Graduation Friday 15th November



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Assembly:

There will be no Assembly this week.

Student Attendance at Horizon:

Student Attendance is very important at Horizon Christian School. Over this term we have noticed a significant increase of student absence, late arrivals and early departures.

Some of the statistics about missed schooling are concerning and far-reaching. Missing one day a week does not seem like much, but it adds up to 2 weeks in a term. So across one year, this is 8 weeks or nearly a term of learning time lost. Extend this to 6 years of secondary schooling and this will add up to more than a year of missed learning opportunities. This has a serious impact on a child's learning. Under the Education and Children's Services Act (2019) all children of compulsory school age (between the ages of 6 and 16 years) are required to attend the school every day it is open for instruction. Please find attached with this week's newsletter important information about Absence, Arranged Absence, Late Arrivals and Early Departures. We look forward to seeing an improvement in our attendance data over the coming weeks.



Antique & Collectable Valuation Day at Urlwin Park Balaklava Museum

Saturday 23rd November at 12:30pm.

\$20 ticket gives you entry and 1 valuation. (60 tickets available)

Museum open to general public. \$5 adults, \$1 children.

Fundraiser for a new shed.