

## HORIZON NEWS

Term 4 Week 6

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Horizon Families,

The end of the year is fast approaching and with it my retirement from leading this wonderful school community. I thought I would use my last few newsletter articles to share some final thoughts.

Often times I have found that there is a special peace and an overwhelming sense of gratitude that comes with the concluding moments of each year. I am sensing that this will be so as I conclude my leadership here at Horizon Christian School. I think the peace comes particularly because there is an end point to the striving, list making, meetings, planning and making sure all the details fall into place in a workable way. Even more so year after year, I have a wonderful peace as I see God directing each piece to fall into place. Definitely the gratitude comes from working with an outstanding team of wonderfully committed and purpose-filled staff who look after students and families and each other in a way that brings glory to God and gets things done. Simply amazing.

And as I write one of my final Principal's newsletter articles, I am reflecting on the many years of "simply amazing" and God's blessings.

As a member of the founding Board, meeting weekly in 1992 and 1993 preparing for the school to open in 1994, time and again there were simply amazing moments with God's provision of people, of finances, of favourable decisions from government departments regarding our applications to start a school, and even of land at our current site! I am sure many families would be familiar with the well told story of the 50<sup>th</sup> student arriving on the last possible day to secure the essential government funding required for our fledgling school to survive in our first year. Simply amazing. Reflecting on our development since then, we see clearly a story not just of surviving, but of thriving over our 31 years.

Through this rich history I have been blessed to have worked with an inspiring collection of Board and staff members, just the people God placed in this ministry in education for His timing and purposes. Of these many outstanding people, it has been quite a joy to be working with some of the members of our founding Board, Libby Greenshields, Julie McPharlin and Belinda Semintin.

For a school that was, "Never going to happen..." our history and God's amazing provision as we have journeyed faithfully over our 31 years, has been inspirational for many. More on our journey next week.

God Bless

Mike Clisby

### Nurture Magazine:

The Nurture Magazine will be sent home today with the youngest in the family. I would encourage you, particularly as we enter the A busy Christmas season to read 'Joy to the World' on page 17. Jesus' birth is not just a historical account, but a living testimony of God's faithfulness and love. May you be encouraged by these words, and others in this final instalment of the Nurture magazine for 2024.

### Diary Dates:

#### **Year 6 Graduation**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

#### **Year 10 Group Drama Production**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

#### **Middle School Transition**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Year 6 Market Day**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Year 10 Economics 'Boss Day'**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

#### **End of Year Awards**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Primary:** 4:30pm

**Secondary:** 7:00pm

#### **Year 10 Work Experience**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Primary Transition**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

#### **WRCSA Board Meeting**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Year 12 Graduation Dinner**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Primary Bible Adventures Day**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Secondary Movie**

#### **Excursion**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Year 6 Bounce Excursion**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Year 4/5's AFL Max Excursion**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Secondary Excursions**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Last day of Term 4**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

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### Welcome New Administration Staff:

We are pleased to be able to welcome 2 new staff to our Administration team. Mrs MJ Pearce (Parent Desk Monday to Friday) and Mrs Lucy McElroy (Student Desk part time). We praise God for these 2 new staff members, and welcome them to the Horizon staff team.



### 2025 School Fees and EdStart:

**Have you created your EdStart account for 2025!** It is important that all families log into the EdStart website and create an account as soon as possible. Please visit: [www.edstart.com.au/horizon](http://www.edstart.com.au/horizon) to create your account.

Should you have any questions regarding our new structure for 2025 or need assistance to set up your EdStart account please email our current Debtors Clerk Amy on: [aevitts@horizon.sa.edu.au](mailto:aevitts@horizon.sa.edu.au)

### Casual Clothes Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Week 8:

Our final casual clothes day for the year will be held in week 8 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December (due to the awards being held in week 7). The theme is 'Christmas!' Students are encouraged to wear their best Christmas attire (remembering to dress appropriately), and asked to bring a gold coin donation. Money raised will be donated to the Balaklava Uniting Church Christmas Dinner – supporting those who have nowhere else to go on Christmas day.

### End of Year Awards – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November:

Staff have been busy discussing ways to improve our End of Year Awards, and this year we will be holding these events after school hours. The Primary Awards will commence at 4:30pm, and the Secondary Awards will commence at 7pm.

An information letter will be sent home with the newsletter today, along with a consent form for the primary bus families.

We are looking forward to celebrating our students' success with you.

**Mike Clisby**  
Principal

### Final End of Year Assembly and Farewell for Mr Clisby:

We extend an invitation to all families and friends to attend our final 'End of Year Assembly' and Farewell to Mr Clisby, who is retiring at the end of this year. Come along for your chance to say thank you and farewell.



HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR  
FINAL ASSEMBLY TO SAY...

**Farewell  
Mr Clisby**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
2:00pm  
Horizon Centre

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND



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## Balaklava Christmas Pageant – Float:

This year we are planning to have a float in the Balaklava Christmas Pageant. We are looking for expressions of interest for families who wish to join us.

The Pageant will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 12:30 -3:00.

Pageant Coordinators are Sarah Loffler and Sarah Fitzgerald.



*Balaklava*  
**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
SUN 15 DEC 2024  
12PM- FESTIVITIES  
1PM- PARADE @ TOWN TRIANGLE

FREE JUMPY CASTLE	FOOD VANS	MARKETS	SANTA'S CAVE
ENTERTAINMENT	FACE PAINT	PRIZES FOR BEST	
FAIRY FLOSS	LIONS VAN	LISA'S LATE	DECORATED FLOAT

## Assembly:

There will be no Assembly this week.

## 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.



BALAKLAVA  
COMMUNITY CAROLS  
*Children's choir*  
FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 + WHO LOVE TO SING  
REHEARSALS TUESDAY AFTERNOONS  
3:30PM 26TH NOV, 3RD DEC, 10TH DEC  
BALAKLAVA UNITING CHURCH HALL.  
CAROLS TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 22ND



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND TO REGISTER  
PLEASE CONTACT  
RACHEL JENKINS  
0400254180

## The Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia presents



Sunday  
8 December 2024  
2:00pm  
Balaklava Town Hall  
8 Wallace Street  
Tickets-\$20  
before the concert  
or \$25 at the door

## A Celebration of Christmas

Give Yourself the Gift of Music!

Part proceeds donated in support of  
The Smith Family.

TICKETS:  
TAD'S Embroidery Service  
12 Edith Street, Balaklava  
1-900 384 367  
or visit [www.mmcsa.org](http://www.mmcsa.org)  
or use the QR Code



Proudly Fundraising  
The Smith Family



Psalm 34:3

"Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let's exalt His name together"

# Magnify

Lets Talk about Jesus....

Fortnightly Sundays from 12pm  
Lighthouse Church Balaklava  
Light Lunch Provided

IMPACT

