

HORIZON NEWS

Term 1 Week 1
Thursday 30th January 2025

Welcome to 2025:

Dear Families,

Welcome to the new year. I am looking forward to having a fantastic year as I meet you and get to know you. The last seven weeks have been quite a whirlwind. My wife and I moved to Balaklava in early December and my first day at Horizon was January 10.

So, who is Dominic Hopps, and what is his DNA?

I am a passionate, Christian teacher and love working with young people and their families. I began teaching at Pedare Christian College in Adelaide, where I completed my second degree in teaching IT. A few years later I started my Master of Educational Leadership. From there I became Principal of Mid North Christian College at Port Pirie and then Principal of Hope Christian College. This year is my twentieth year as a school Principal, and I am very much looking forward to being part of the Horizon community.

Horizon is a great school, and going into its 31st year, has become part of the DNA of Balaklava. Horizon also has its own DNA. As a Christian School the person and work of Jesus flavours what we do. We love children and young people and want to see them flourish and strive for excellence in their learning. We want to help all young people to achieve, and look forward to partnering with parents and caregivers. Throughout the year there will also be excursions, sports and camps. There will be Agriculture days, musicals and Eisteddfods, all of which build up children's learning.

We are looking forward to a great year and hope you are, as well.

Blessings,

Dominic Hopps

Protective Practices – Caring for our students:

As we provide the best care we can for students at Horizon, we ask that when **parents collect children during school hours to please come out of your car and into the front office to collect children.** As we have quite a few new administration staff, who are still getting to know you, **please do not be offended if staff ask for ID** prior to letting children into your care.

Family Database Check – Email Link sent to all families:

The Family Database check was sent via an email link last week. 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 trouble accessing the link, please contact the school and we will do our best to ensure your information is correct and up to date.

Student Medical Care plans:

Our First Aid Policy aims to always ensure the health and safety of students. 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.

Diary Dates:

Year 12 Pt Vincent Camp

Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th February

Primary Swimming

Lessons

Monday 10th to Thursday 13th February

Casual Clothes Day

Thursday 13th February

Swimming Carnival

Friday 14th February

Barista Training

Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st February

Primary RAA Street Smart

Thursday 27th February

WRCSA Board Meeting

Thursday 27th February

SACSA Swimming

Monday 3rd March

Year 9 The Rite Journey – “The Calling”

Wednesday 5th March

Sports Day

Thursday 6th March

Whole School Photos

Friday 7th March

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 10th March

Year 11 Outdoor Ed Bouldering

Wednesday 12th March

NAPLAN Year 3, 5, 7, 9.

Wednesday 12th to Monday 24th March

Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp

Tuesday 18th March to Friday 21st March

Year 11 P.A.R.T.Y Program

Friday 15th March (TBC)

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- 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 issue a copy of these to the front office at your earliest convenience.

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 urgently require to see your child, please come to the office and we will collect them for you.

Welcome New Staff:

Welcome to our new staff:

- Mrs Tracey Hopps – Head of Wellbeing/Student Engagement and Learning
- Mr Micah Hamann – Year 2
- Miss Amy Cunningham – Year 2
- Miss Katrina Evitts – Year 3/4
- Miss Kate Bain – Year 5
- Mrs Dearne Prior – Year 6 (returning from the Clare Campus)
- Mrs Jucinta Baker – Year 6 (returning from Maternity leave)
- Miss Kate Edwards – Primary PE
- Mr Sam Agnew – Year 11A/PE
- Ms Sarah Porter – Music
- Mrs Natalie McElroy – Enrolments
- Mrs Caitlin Menelaou – Community Relations/Administration
- Mrs Ingrid Lewis - ESO
- Miss Kayleigh Parker – ESO
- Mrs Katrina Whittaker – ESO/Canteen
- Mr Baylee Coleman – Chaplain/Counsellor

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



Hats:

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

During Term 1 and Term 4, hats must be always worn 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 time.

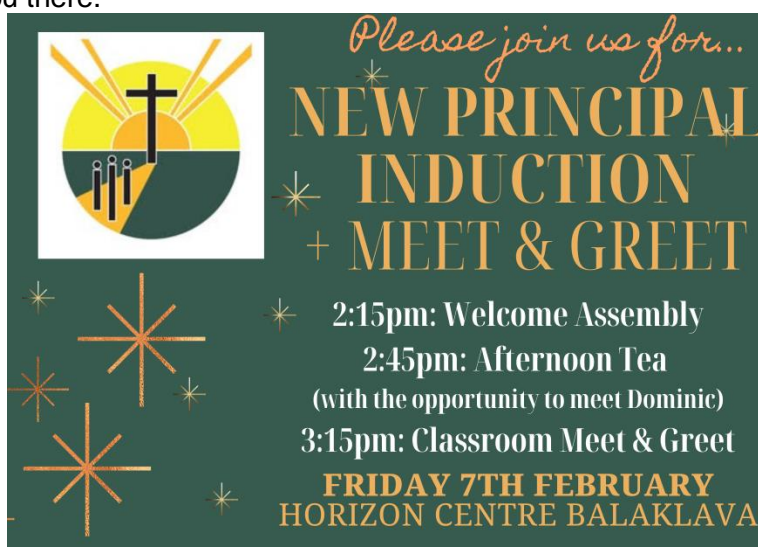
New hats are available from our Uniform Shop at a cost of \$17. Thank you for your support with this.

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New Principal Induction Ceremony:

We welcome all families and friends to attend our New Principal Induction Assembly, which will be followed by a Meet and Greet opportunity, to meet with Dominic, and then class teachers. We look forward to seeing you there.



School Fees and Debtor Information:

The school has partnered with Edstart to improve our school fee payment options. **To pay your fees in 2025: Set up your Edstart account.** Please visit <https://edstart.com.au/horizon> to open an account.

You can contact Edstart on 1300 139 445 or email contact@edstart.com.au if you have any queries or require assistance with setting up your account. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Cathie Fabian for a confidential discussion (88622100 or cfabian@horizon.sa.edu.au).

School fees and the new CLEAR levy will be billed to you at the beginning of Term 1 each year and are payable in full unless a payment plan commitment has been made.

All payment plan commitments MUST be made before week 2 of Term 1.

School Card concessions are available. You will need to apply at the beginning of each year to the Department of Education School Card Scheme to receive a School Card discount. This can be done online at

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> or you may request a form from the school which would need to be filled out and returned to the school.

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. 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.

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Term Dates 2025:

Term 1: Thursday 30th January to Friday 11th April
Term 2: Tuesday 29th April to Friday 27th June
Term 3: Monday 21st July to Friday 26th September
Term 4: Monday 13th October to Thursday 11th December

Uniform Shop:

The updated Uniform Shop hours for 2025 are:

- Monday morning: 9:00am – 10:00am
- Friday afternoon: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Uniform can also be purchased on the QKR App.



QKR PAYMENT APP

The QKR App is used for Canteen and Uniform ordering.

We encourage you to download this App, connect to Horizon Christian School, and set up your account. If you require any assistance with this, please contact the office.

Horizon 2024 Year Book:

The Horizon 2024 Year Book is currently at the printer and will be available towards the end of this term. Each school family from 2024 will receive a complimentary copy.

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.



Roll Call – Bus Management System:

All bus families are required to use Roll Call.

This is an important form of communication between home and school, and ensures your child is best looked after during travel to and from school. If you need a registration email sent, please contact the office.

If you know your child is going to be absent from the bus, we encourage you to use Roll Call to notify the driver. This allows the buses to leave on time.

We encourage students to care for their issued bus tag. The price for a replacement bus tag is \$10.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Meet 'Apples'

Children's Riding Lessons

Ages 5-14 (weight restriction of 60kg as only a small pony)

\$50 cash for 45min-1hr lesson, including learning to groom, saddle up, & ride

Waiver to be signed by parent/guardian

Preference will be given to those committing to weekly or fortnightly lessons

Availability for Monday to Friday afternoons (please note weekend lessons are not being offered at this stage)

No Experience Needed

Call or Text Candace on
0467 248 076

Located Balaklava SA

Dreamers Youth Clare Valley

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GRADE 7-12

FAITH, FAMILY, FUN

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH EVERY FORTNIGHT @ 6:30PM

JAN 31	1<3 Jesus!	MAR 22	CROWN
FEB 14	Valentine's Day	MAR 28	March Madness
FEB 28	YOUTH IS ON!	APR 11	Family Dinner
MAR 14	Holy Spirit Night	APR 13	Holidays Church is still on! Come along!

SUNDAY SAINTS PROGRAM EVERY SUNDAY @ 10AM

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