

HORIZON NEWS

Term 1 Week 8 Wednesday 19th March 2025 BALAKLAVA

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Preparing our Hearts for Easter:

Can you believe Easter is only 4 weeks away? It feels like just yesterday we were welcoming all our students back for their first day, and now we're gearing up for one of the most powerful Christian events of the year. But amidst all the chocolate eggs and colourful decorations, it's important to take a moment to chat about the real heart of Easter and why it matters to stop and remember our risen King Jesus.

Easter isn't about bunnies or chocolates – it's about Jesus and the incredible story of love and redemption that he lived out for each and every one of us. But Easter isn't just about Jesus' life, or even really about his death on Good Friday. On Good Friday, we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for his people. He willingly laid down his life on the cross, taking the weight of our sins on his shoulders, (quite literally) so that we could be forgiven and set free. He did this because of God's unimaginable love for us and His desire to save us. But here's the best part – the story doesn't end there. Three days later, on Easter Sunday, something miraculous happened. Jesus rose from the dead, triumphing over sin and death once and for all. And, our salvation and the promise of Heaven is confirmed by his power over death on the Resurrection Sunday. It's a story of hope, of redemption, and of unending love. And the best part? It's not just a story – it's the truth. It's the foundation of our faith, our School and as Christians, the reason for our hope. This is why as Christians we gather together to celebrate each year.

So as we all prepare to celebrate Easter this year, let's keep our focus where it belongs – on Jesus. Let's take some time to reflect on his incredible love for us, and the sacrifice he made so that we could experience true freedom and joy. John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Casual Clothes Day – Thursday 27th March:

Our next Casual Clothes day will be held on Thursday 27th March (Thursday Week 9). Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation on this day which will go towards 'Save the Children'. Your generous donation today has the power to save and transform the life of a child. You can become the lifeline for a child suffering from deadly hunger, caught in brutal conflicts, or living in constant fear of abuse. Together, we can make a significant impact, both here in Australia and in some of the most challenging regions around the world.

Students are reminded to wear appropriate clothing on this day.

Church Together - Sunday 23rd March:

All Horizon families are invited to come along to Church Together – this Sunday 23rd March 10am in the Horizon Centre. It will be a wonderful time of worship and fellowship together.

Children's University:

Children's University is back for 2025! Information was emailed to all Primary families last week. Registrations for Children's University are open for 2025 via the QR code. Join the Remind group for further updates using code: hcscu25 or email queries to sfitzgerald@horizon.sa.edu.au. Dominic Hopps — Principal



Diary Dates:

Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp Tuesday 18th March to Friday 21st March

Year 4 Camp – Monarto Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th March

Year 5 Camp – Woodhouse Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th March

Adelaide University Visit Wednesday 26th March

Year 11 Art/Textiles Excursion

Thursday 27th March

Casual Clothes Day Thursday 27th March

WRCSA Board Meeting Thursday 27th March

Year 11 Road Awareness Program

Friday 28th March

Easter Sights & Sounds (Primary)

Friday 4th April

SACSA Athletics Friday 4th April

Mission Trip – Indonesia Monday 7th April to Thursday 17th April

SACSA Year 9/10 Boys Volleyball

Monday 7th April

SACSA Year 9/10 Girls Volleyball

Tuesday 8th April

Year 7 & 10 Immunizations Wednesday 9th April

Last day of Term 1 Friday 12th April early

Friday 12th April early dismissal 2.15pm



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Chapel/Assembly:

This week Primary Chapel will be held on Friday at 2:15pm in the Horizon Centre. All are welcome to attend.

Indonesian Mission Trip – Help Needed:

From the 7th to the 16th of April, 12 students and 4 staff members will be travelling to Bali for our school's annual Mission Trip. Simeon Bernhardt, Hannah King and Mrs Sonya Ottens make up the Clare campus contingent.

During our time away, the team will be visiting a women's shelter where we will be handing out care packages. We would greatly appreciate your support to help provide the following items to bless the women we will be meeting. These items are things we take for granted but will make a huge difference to these women. It is a small but practical way that we can share the love of Jesus with these precious women.

Donations can be brought into the front office or placed in your child's class box.

Thank you so much for your support.

Care packs include:

Bars of soap

Mini-shampoo

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Shavers

Sanitary Pads

Hair ties

Lip gloss

Plastic comb

Washing sheets (not powder)

Please uphold the Mission Trip team in prayer as we prepare for this important trip.

