



Highlight: Year 5/6 Class Day 1 with Miss Bain

# on the horizon

Term 1 | Week 1

28th January 2026

## Important Notices

### A Special Welcome Back Message

Welcome to 2026 at Horizon Christian School, Balaklava and Clare. We all hope that you are surviving the heat well. My car thermometer said 49° at Balaklava on Monday!

The students certainly enjoyed the ability to top up their water bottles with ice today and look forward to their Zooper Doopers this week.

The year starts at full steam with the Year 12 camp. It won't be long before students begin training for Athletics Day.

We also recommence the serious business of learning. We have a new group of Foundation Busy Bees with Mrs McPharlin and Mrs Greenslade. They are starting their school learning journey and it won't be long before they are reading and writing. At the other end, we have our Year 12's starting their final year of schooling. Who knows what is in store after that. There will definitely be a lot of learning, tests and assignments before the end of the year. I'm sure there will be much laughter, and a few tears before we get there. And for our other year levels, there will be new teachers, new friends and new things to learn.

## Recent Updates:

### Term 1 Begins

A red hot beginning to the new term - read a special welcome message from Principal, Dominic Hopps

### Hot Weather

An email has been sent out to all families regarding the hot weather precautions this week

### Chapel

No Chapel this week.

Excitingly as we continue to develop as one school with two campuses we will share things better and combine for some offerings. There will be cross campus online learning for some subjects for the first time and for camps and some excursions will combine for all or part. This is an excellent opportunity to learn new things and develop new relationships.

Our prayer for you and your family is that you thrive in all of life's endeavours, that you enjoy the school community and that you are able to make such of the opportunities that come your way.

Dominic Hopps

Principal



## Caring for Our Students

### Protective Practices

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.

### 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.

### Hats

As per our Extreme Weather Policy: HATS

*During Term 1 and Term 4, hats must be always worn when students 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.

### Extreme Weather Policy

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.

## 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 is valid for 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, please 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.



## Last Chance to Order 2025 Magazine

Our 2025 School Magazine is in the final days for preorder! The 2025 edition captures the highlights, memories, and milestones of another incredible year across our campuses. Magazines are \$25 each and can be preordered through the QKR app. We are accepting orders for a short time so don't delay!

## Chapel Update

There will be no Chapel this Friday. Families are invited however, to attend our first Chapel of the year next week (Week 2) after which there will be a light afternoon supper to welcome you to a brand new year at Horizon. This will be a great opportunity to meet and mingle with other families as we seek to strengthen our wonderful community. More details to come, watch out on socials and next weeks newsletter.

## Breakfast Club Glow Up

This term Breakfast Club looks a little different. We are excited to offer our students an easy way to start the day well by providing accessible breakfast options. Now, not only has the club increased to Tuesday AND Thursday, but to every day of the week!

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday - Cereal Option**

**Tuesday and Thursday - Full Breakfast**

**Community Notices**

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Term 1 Begins**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

**Year 12 Camp**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January -  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

**Year 9 TRJ Meet & Greet**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Whole School Photos**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Generosity Day**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February

**SAPSASA Mid North  
Swimming Carnival**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**TRJ - The Calling**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March



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CONFERENCE**

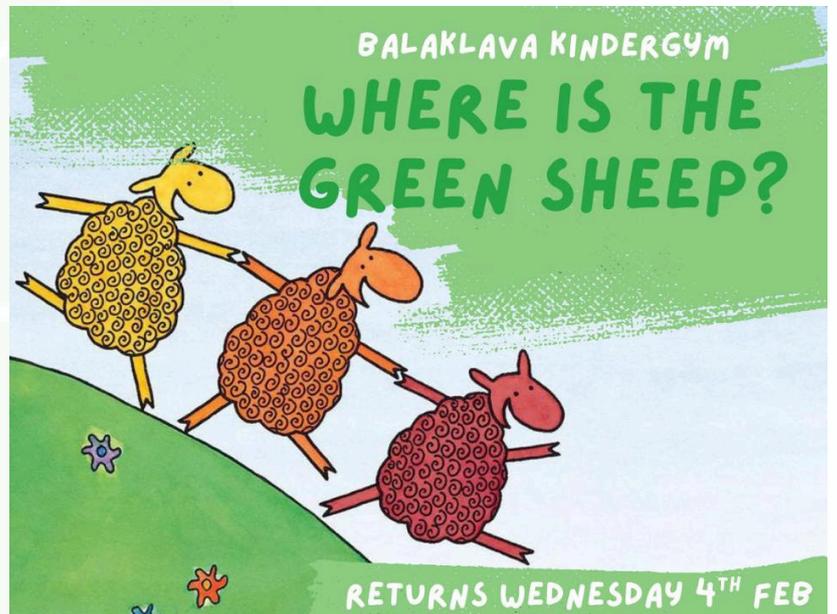
**SAT, FEB 7**

Light Church  
13 Yorketown Rd, Edithburgh

10am - 7pm | \$15pp  
ages 12 - 18  
lunch & dinner included

games, praise & worship,  
elective sessions, giant  
slip 'n' slide, ps seth  
behn (youth alive) + more

to register + for more info contact  
Ryan - 0481 236 055

BALAKLAVA KINDERGYM

**WHERE IS THE  
GREEN SHEEP?**

**RETURNS WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEB**