



Highlight: Year 12's in Pt Vincent

on the horizon

Term 1 | Week 2

4th February 2026

Important Notices

Welcome Morning Tea & Whole School Chapel

We extend a warm welcome to our school families to attend a welcome afternoon tea this **Friday 6th February at 1:30pm** in the Horizon Centre. This will be followed by our first Whole School Chapel at 2:10pm. Families are then welcome to visit students Home Groups at the conclusion of the day for a brief meet and greet with Home Group teachers. We look forward to seeing you there.

Student Leadership Induction Assembly

We are looking forward to our Leadership Induction which will be held **Friday 20th February at 2pm**. Mrs Hollie McPharlin will be our guest speaker, along with other dignitaries. Please join with us as we induct our student leaders.

Whole School Photos

Whole School photos will be held on **Monday 23rd March**. Photo envelopes are being sent home with all students today (Wednesday). Sibling photo envelopes can be collected from the office. However, all photos can be booked on-line: www.advancedlife.com.au using the code: VLB RQW ARL.

Recent Updates:

Colours of Compassion

This Friday students are invited to wear red or yellow accessories... **read more page 3**

NAPLAN 2026

NAPLAN Testing is once again approaching rapidly. Be prepared and see the **attached information**.

Whole School Photos

Note this date **Monday 23rd March** and remember to place your orders.

Primary School News

Primary Buddy Program Kick Off

Our primary students had a great day last Thursday as our Buddy Program began. Our Year 6 students have been paired with Foundation students to help them feel welcome, supported and confident at school.

Throughout the term, buddies will spend time together taking part in shared activities. This program not only helps our youngest students settle into school life, but also gives our Year 6 students the opportunity to step up, show leadership and care, and model our school values



Secondary School News

Year 12's Start the Year in Pt Vincent

Our Year 12 kicked off their final year with three days away together in Port Vincent and joined by our Clare Campus students they spent time building connections and setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

Students took part in a range of water activities including canoeing and paddle boarding, while also supporting and encouraging one another through new challenges.

Alongside the adventure, students engaged in a creative devotion titled "God's Masterpiece," reflecting on how each person is uniquely created by God with their own gifts and talents. As part of this, students captured a photo during camp that resonated with them and recreated it as their own masterpiece.

The camp was a meaningful way to begin Year 12-strengthening relationships, faith, and community.



Colours of Compassion – Supporting a Local Family

Over the Australia Day long weekend, a well-known Balaklava family lost their home and belongings in a devastating house fire. For over 50 years, the head of the family has faithfully served as a member of the Balaklava CFS, and the family has long been actively involved in the local community, particularly through the Arts.

Now it is our turn to support them.

This **Friday 6th February**, students are to wear school uniform and may have a splash of red and yellow (the colours of the CFS). Please bring a gold coin donation to help support the family as they begin to rebuild. Families attending **Afternoon Tea at 1:30pm** will also have the opportunity to make a donation, with a sealed collection box available on the coffee table. All donations will be passed on to the family via the school.

We pray that, in this small way, we can bless a family who has given so much to their community over many years.



COLOURS OF COMPASSION

Supporting a family who has lost everything - wear something red or yellow with your uniform and bring a gold coin donation

Friday 6th February
Students wear red or yellow accessory with their uniform

Welcome Afternoon Tea for Families
1:30pm
A sealed collection box will be available for anyone who would like to make a donation.

Chapel
2:10pm

Classroom visits
Following Chapel there will be the opportunity to briefly meet with your child's Home Group teacher

8862 2100 www.horizon.sa.edu.au

Children's University Adelaide -
Horizon Christian School,
Balaklava PTL- 2026



NAPLAN 2026

NAPLAN is a national test conducted annually for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This year the NAPLAN testing window is from Wednesday 11th to Monday 23rd March.

Please find attached with this week's newsletter the NAPLAN 2026 Privacy Collection Notice for your information.

Childrens University

Families of students aged 5–14 are invited to scan the QR code to join Children's University in 2026. This program is designed to inspire a love of learning by encouraging children to take part in learning experiences with their families outside of school hours, such as clubs, community activities and cultural events.

Please note that the cut-off for joining is **strictly Friday of Week 9**. For students aged 15+ who are interested in the Passport to Volunteering program, **please contact sfitzgerald@horizon.sa.edu.au for further information.**

Stationary – Green Pockets

Replacement green pockets for Foundation to Year 2 students are now available to purchase through the QKR! App for \$10 – Find under 'Uniform Items and Accessories'.

Community Notices

Upcoming Dates:

Year 9 TRJ Meet & Greet
Wednesday 18th February

Whole School Photos
Monday 23rd February

Generosity Day
Thursday 26th February

SAPSASA Mid North Swimming Carnival
Monday 2nd March

TRJ - The Calling
Wednesday 4th March

Year 11 - ODE Bouldering
Wednesday 4th March

Swimming Carnival
Friday 6th March

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.

The price for a replacement bus tag is \$10 and **can now be purchased through QKR! under 'Uniform Items and Accessories'**



Breakfast Club

A reminder that 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



PLAY FOOTY FOR UNITED IN 2026

TRAINING DATES

ALL TRAININGS AT LONG PLAINS FROM 4:30PM

U17'S TUES 17TH FEBRUARY

U14'S THURS 12TH MARCH

U11'S & THURS 26TH MARCH

U8'S



Contact our Junior Coordinator
Alf Bennett on 0428836716



Community Notices



South Australian
**Country
Fire Service**

Balaklava Cadets



Your town needs you!!!



Balaklava Cadet Program - 2026 - Term 1 – Mondays

If you are aged 11 to 17 years old, then your local CFS needs you!

Training is fortnightly during the school Term, from 5pm to 6.15pm.

Learn all things firefighting, give back to your Community, earn SACE points, and receive free Uniform

POC Cadet Co-ordinator - Rebecca Weston – 0497532028

POC Cadet Supervisor – Brigitte Brooker - 0431784173

