



Highlight: Colours of Compassion Day

on the horizon

Term 1 | Week 3

11th February 2026

Important Notices

Social Media Age Restrictions

We would like to advise students and families that the school has an obligation to follow-up and make a notification if we become aware of students under the age of 16 are using Social Media.

In the first instance, parents will be notified by a Head of School. If the School becomes aware of activities such as online bullying or harassment it will be reported to the appropriate authorities. We encourage students to be good ambassadors, living Christlike and following the law set by our Government.

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 February**. Photo envelopes have been sent home with all students. 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:

Social Media Age Restrictions:

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Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 17th February - Pancakes available at Recess for students. **Read more page 3**

Whole School Photos

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

Whole School News

Colours of Compassion Day

Last Friday, Horizon's Balaklava campus came together for a heartfelt Colours of Compassion Day, reflecting our core value of nurturing partnerships in community.

Students wore red and yellow accessories in honour of the CFS, recognising the many years of service given by the head of the local family we were supporting after their devastating house fire.

Our community gathered for a special afternoon tea followed by a chapel service, and it was wonderful to welcome so many parents and caregivers on site to share in the moment.

This week, we were honoured to be able to bless the family with our donation in person. More than a fundraiser, the day was a meaningful opportunity for students to learn the importance of community, compassion and giving back. A beautiful reflection of the care that defines Horizon Christian School.



Shrove Tuesday at Horizon Christian School

Next week, our students will mark Shrove Tuesday, an important day in the Christian calendar that falls just before the season of Lent. Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday is a time for reflection, preparation and gratitude as Christians prepare their hearts for Easter. It is also a day often associated with sharing pancakes, a simple reminder of community, generosity and the joy of gathering together.

Each student will be able to have a small pancake at recess on Tuesday 17th February. We look forward to marking this special occasion together as a school community.

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.

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.**

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



Roll Call - Bus Management System Stationary - Green Pockets



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'

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'.

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

Community Notices

Upcoming Dates:

**Prefect Retreat Day
Shrove Tuesday**
Tuesday 17th February

**Year 9 TRJ Meet & Greet
Year 12 Eng/Drama
Excursion**
Wednesday 18th February

Whole School Photos
Monday 23rd February

Generosity Day
Thursday 26th February

SSSA Swimming
Friday 27th February

SACSA Swimming
Monday 2nd March

**Senior Secondary Cross
Campus Learning**
Tuesday 3rd March

**Year 11 - ODE Bouldering
TRJ - The Calling**
Wednesday 4th March

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE TEA**

TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY
6:00pm
BALAKLAVA LUTHERAN
CHURCH HALL



Everyone Welcome!
2 Course Meal
Free entry



**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

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