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Term 3 | Week 1

23rd July 2026

Important News

Welcome to Term 3

It was wonderful to welcome our Mid-Year Foundation students to Horizon on Monday. What an exciting time as you begin your schooling journey at Horizon. It was also great to welcome some new students at other year levels.

We are looking forward to another busy term, with the Eisteddfod, Pedal Prix, Year 10 Work Experience, Year 9 and 11 Camps, Book Week, Grandparent and Special Friends Day and a highlight of the term, our biennial Fireworks Night.

It will also be a rich cultural experience when we welcome this year's Japanese students at the end of Week 2. They will be with us for 2 weeks, experiencing life in rural South Australia. A special thank you to those families who will be hosting these students.

This term the Board will also be undertaking new Principal interviews for 2027. They will continue to keep the school community informed as the process unfolds.

We look forward to the many blessings Term 3 will bring.

Blessings, Dominic Hopps – Principal

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Chapel

There will be no chapel this week. We welcome families to attend our next Primary Chapel in Week 3 – Friday 7th August. Secondary students will have the option of attending Bible Study, Oasis or a variety of other activities.

School Notices

Mobile Phone Policy Update

Just a reminder that from the start of this term, Smart Watches will either need to be left at home, or put in the Home Group box along with Mobile Phones. Many Smart Watches are simply an extension of the mobile phone and are able to make and receive calls, text and messaging, and it is for this reason that they fall under the Mobile Phone Policy. We have noticed an increase of students misusing their Smart Watches while at school, which is causing disruption to the important learning in the classroom, and incidences within the yard.

For students who use their Smart Watch to make purchases at the Canteen, they will need to bring cash or an EFTPOS card.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this as we aim to provide our students with a distraction free environment.

Welcome New Staff

This term we welcome new staff to Horizon. Mrs Melanie Evans will be taking middle school Music, and Mrs Rebecca Boon will be working as an ESO in the Foundation class.

Mr Micah Hamann has moved from middle school Music and will now be working in the Year 3 class following Mrs Guetter returning to America. Miss Olivia Carslake will be in the Mid Year Foundation class. We welcome back Mrs Kathy Niejalke (Year 2) and Mrs Jucinta Baker (Year 6) who will be working 1 day a week in the Primary school.

Fireworks Night – Save the Date

Mark your calendars for our Fireworks Night on Thursday 3 September 2026.

This exciting community event will feature student-led activities, local business and community stalls, family fun, and entertainment across the entire school, all culminating in a spectacular fireworks display.

Tickets will be available for purchase online, with further details coming soon.

We are now welcoming applications from local businesses and community groups who would like to partner with us by hosting a stall at the event. For an application form or more information, please contact Caitlin at cmendelaou@horizon.sa.edu.au. We look forward to celebrating with our school and wider community.

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. Students are able to access breakfast each day at school.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday – Cereal Option

Tuesday and Thursday – Full Breakfast





Upcoming Dates:

Year 11 Snow Trip

Year 12 ODE Tree Planting

Thursday 23rd July

Year 12 Food and Hosp. Excursion to Pauletts

Friday 24th July

Yr 7&8 SACSA Basketball

Monday 27th July

Yr 9&10 SACSA Basketball

Tuesday 28th July

Balaklava Eisteddfod

Friday 31st July

Pedal Prix – Tailem Bend

Saturday 1st August

Year 11 Snow Trip

Monday 10th August –
Saturday 15th August

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 10th August – Friday
14th August



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