



on the horizon

Term 3 | Week 5

20th August 2026

Important News

Horizon Christian School Strategic Planning for the Future

Horizon is currently working with Christian Education National to develop a Strategic Plan for the future develop of our schools.

Next week, families will receive a link from Christian Education National to complete a survey to provide a picture of what families know about, and would like to see at Horizon Christian School. We encourage you to take the time to complete this important feedback to help us shape our Christian school for the future.

We look forward to sharing further information as the Strategic Plan process continues.

Government Buses

Due to the upcoming School Closure Day & Student Free Day for Balaklava Primary School & Balaklava High School, there will be no Government buses running on:

- Monday 7th September 2026
- Friday 13th November 2026

Recent Updates:

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Chapel

We welcome families to attend our Primary Chapel tomorrow, Friday 21st August. Primary Chapel will begin at 2:15pm. Visitors please enter and sign in via the Horizon Centre foyer. Secondary students will have the option to participate in a variety of activities during this time.

Church Together

We invite all our school families to attend Church Together on Sunday 30th August in the Horizon Centre. Church Together commences at 10am. There will be worship, activities for the children, a message and morning tea. We hope you can join us.



Inspire a Love of Learning

5/6 boys SAPSASA Soccer

Last week, three of our Year 5/6 boys from across both Horizon campuses represented the Mid North District at the State SAPSASA Soccer Championships in Adelaide. Will from Balaklava, and Charlie and Jimmy from Clare, were selected in the 14-member Mid North team from across 22 schools.

After committing to six weeks of training, the boys played nine games across three days, demonstrating great skill, teamwork and determination against strong opposition. They also enjoyed making new friends and taking part in team activities throughout the carnival.

We congratulate Will, Charlie and Jimmy on this fantastic achievement and for proudly representing Horizon and the Mid North.



5/6 girls SACSA Netball

Last week our 5/6 girls competed at Golden Grove in the SACSA Netball competition. Working hard as a team they played 5 games confidently winning 3 with a nail biting 2 losses they made it through to the finals. Coming out on top as Champions of their division, the girls had an incredible day. Congratulations Stella, Annie, Dakota, Evie, Hannah, Sophia, Meezie, Juris, Harper, Annalise.

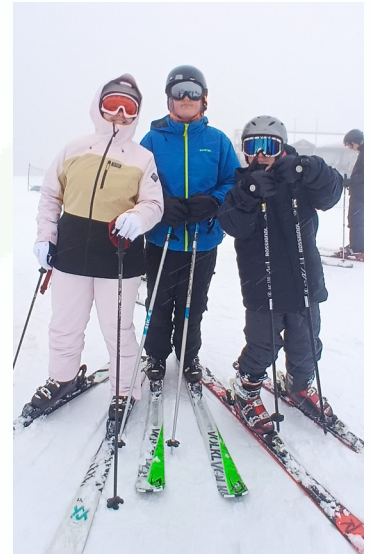




Year 11 Snow Trip

Last week, our Year 11 students from both Horizon campuses travelled to Mount Hotham for their annual snow trip. These opportunities to come together as one school are something we greatly value, giving students the chance to experience new things, challenge themselves and try new skills.

Trips like this are also a wonderful opportunity for students to branch out, build confidence and form new friendships across our campuses. A huge thank you to the staff who worked hard to care for and support our students throughout the trip. From the photos, it certainly looks like there was plenty of snow, fun and laughter along the way.



Introducing 40 km/h School Speed Limits – Gwy Terrace

We are pleased to share an important safety initiative that will enhance travel to and from school for our children and families. Beginning in November 2026, new 40 km/h time-based school speed limits are being introduced on roads near schools throughout South Australia, where existing speed limits are 50 km/h or higher. The aim of this project is to improve safety for students during key travel times.

About the Project

This initiative forms part of a broader road safety program, jointly funded through a \$168 million Road Safety Program and a \$2.36 million allocation in the 2024–2025 State Budget. With this change, South Australia will align with other states in addressing high-traffic and arterial roads near schools.

What's Happening?

- Installation of Signs:

The installation of 40 km/h speed limit signs began in November 2025, with advance notice provided to schools and the community. Installation is expected to be completed by late 2026. Signage along Gwy Terrace, Balaklava High School, is scheduled to be installed in late September 2026.

- When Speed Limits Apply:

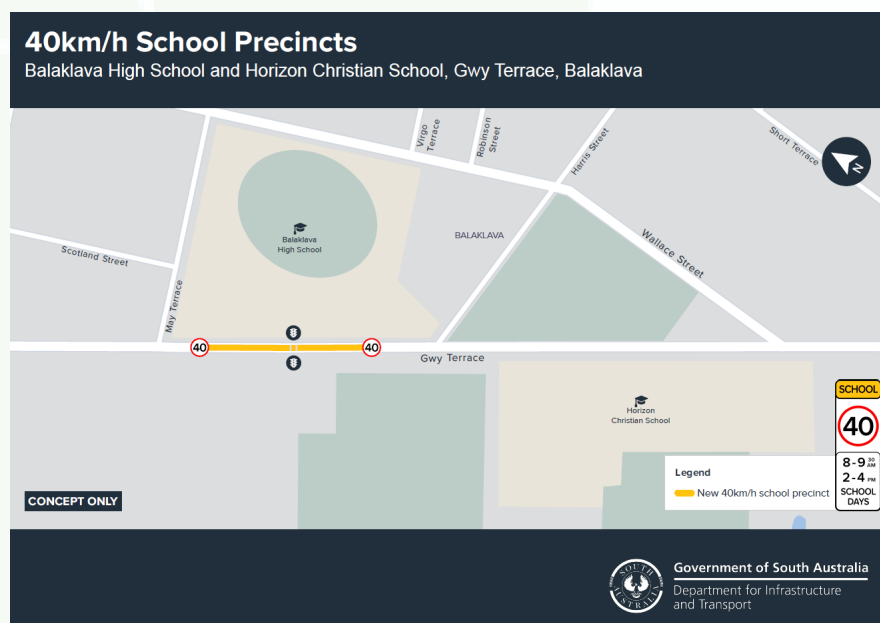
The 40 km/h speed limit will be enforced during the following periods on school days: Please note that these times exclude weekends, public holidays and school holidays. School days are defined by the Department for Education; term dates can be found on the Department's website [Term dates for South Australian state schools](#)

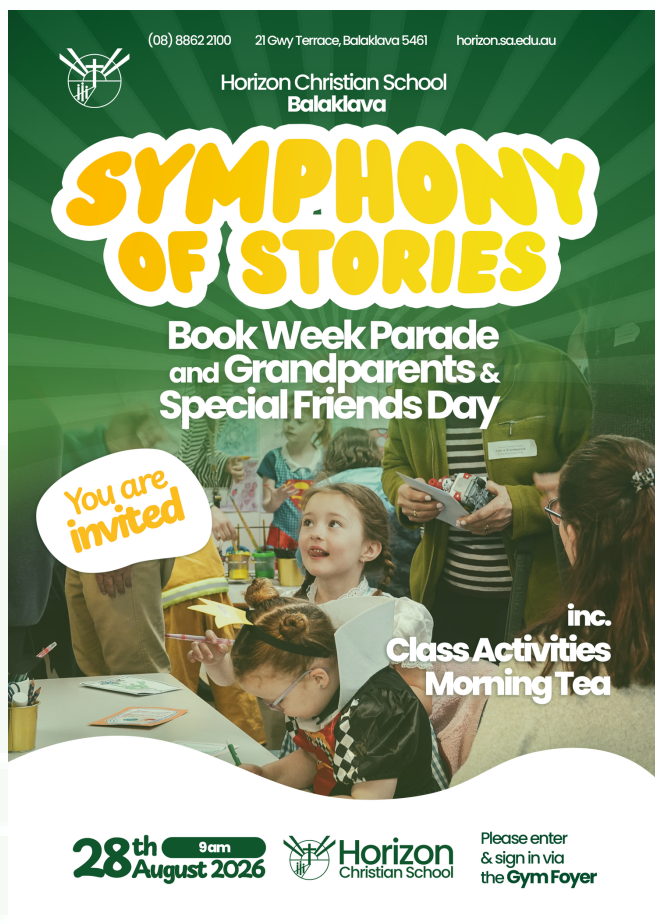
- 8:00 am – 9:30 am
- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- Enforcement:

The new speed limits will be enforced from the date of completion at each site.

For further information, please visit [40 km/h school speed limits – Department for Infrastructure and Transport – South Australia](#) or contact DIT Engagement at DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au or on 1300 794 880.





Fireworks Night – Stallholder Applications

Mark your calendars for our Community Fireworks Night on Thursday 3 September 2026. This community event will feature student-led activities, local business and community stalls, family entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display to conclude the evening.

We are currently welcoming applications from local businesses and community groups interested in partnering with us by hosting a stall. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our school community and be part of this special event. Tickets are available now via the QKR App.

For a stall holder application or more information, please contact Caitlin at cmendelaou@horizon.sa.edu.au. We look forward to celebrating with our school and wider community.

Book Week Parade and Grandparents & Special Friends Day

We are very excited for our upcoming Book Week Parade to be shared with student families, Grandparents and Special Friends on Friday 28th August 2026.

The outline for the morning for our special guests is as follows:

9.00am – Book Week Parade

Horizon Centre – please enter and sign in through the gym foyer

9.30am – Library visit to view displays

9.45am – Classroom Activities

Students to spend time with their special guests in their classrooms

10.30am – Morning Tea

In the Courtyard for our special guests and to spend Recess time with students.

Please note, morning tea is for our special guests only

At the conclusion of Recess time, families are welcome to take their student home with them. All students are required to be signed out through the Front Office upon leaving.

Please advise your Home Group Teacher if you are leaving early.





Upcoming Dates:

Subject Selection Interviews

Friday 21st August

SAPSASA Athletics

Monday 24th August

Book Week

Monday 24th August –
Friday 28th August

Book Week Parade and Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Friday 28th August

Yr 4 Aboriginal Food Trail

Wednesday 2nd September

Fire Works Night

Thursday 3rd September

Year 5/6 SACSA Football

Thursday 3rd September

Year 7/8 & 9/10 SACSA Football

Monday 7th September

Fireworks – Help Needed

Our annual Fireworks night is fast approaching – Thursday 3rd September. We are seeking donations of food, and volunteer help in the kitchen preparing food.

Attached with this week's newsletter is a list of items required and time for kitchen assistance. We would appreciate any support you can provide.

Thank you for helping to make our fundraising night a great success.

Uniform at Horizon

With the arrival of chilly mornings, we remind students that they must still wear correct school uniform. The school Rugby jumper, jacket and school beanies keep students warm and looking smart. Non-uniform items are not to be worn with the uniform including on the way to or from school. The uniform shop is fully stocked and ready to help. Thank you for your cooperation in supporting our school.

Breakfast Club

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



Balak Youth Tribe

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEE YOU THERE

24
JULY

OVERFLOW

Balak Uniting | 7pm

02
AUG

JC CELEBRATION SERVICE

Balak Uniting | 5pm

08
AUG

STADIUM 26

Meet @ Church of Christ | Time tbc

21
AUG

YOUTH TAKEOVER

Balak Uniting | 7pm

04
SEP

MYSTERY NIGHT

Balak Uniting | 7pm

18
SEP

BONFIRE

Meet @ Church of Christ | Time tbc



Nurturing Partnerships in Community

U10S 2018-19
U12S 2016-17
U14S 2014-15
U16S 2012-13
U18S 2010-11

SENIOR MENS AND WOMENS



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

JOIN THE PACK | SEASON 26/27
EMAIL PLAYER NAMES AND DOB TO

bulldogsbasketballclub@outlook.com
DUE THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

INTERESTED IN COACHING OR BECOMING A TEAM
MANAGER? PLEASE LET US KNOW VIA EMAIL!

1ST TRAINING 8TH SEPTEMBER 5:30PM @ RALLI PARK COURTS

VET Student of the year awards

Applications are now open for 2026

- Are you currently undertaking Vocational Education Training (VET)?
- Do you live or study in Wakefield Regional Council Area?
- Do you want to win a Cash Prize?

Congratulations, you are eligible for Council's Vocational Education and Training awards.

Visit wrc.sa.gov.au for more information



APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY
MACK'S CABINETS

CABINETMAKING IN BALAKLAVA

- Are you a Year 11 or 12 student?
- Enjoy practical, hands-on work?
- Have an eye for detail?
- Are reliable and keen to learn?
- Want to develop skills in a rewarding industry?

This role offers on-the-job experience with the potential to transition into a cabinetmaking apprenticeship after school.

To apply or find out more, contact Mack's Cabinets at:

(08) 8862 1166 or email ryan@mackscabinets.com.au

Applications close 1st of December

