

# HORIZON NEWS CLARE Term 4 Week 6

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Horizon Families,

The end of the year is fast approaching and with it my retirement from leading this wonderful school community. I thought I would use my last few newsletter articles to share some final thoughts.

Often times I have found that there is a special peace and an overwhelming sense of gratitude that comes with the concluding moments of each year. I am sensing that this will be so as I conclude my leadership here at Horizon Christian School. I think the peace comes particularly because there is an end point to the striving, list making, meetings, planning and making sure all the details fall into place in a workable way. Even more so year after year, I have a wonderful peace as I see God directing each piece to fall into place. Definitely the gratitude comes from working with an outstanding team of wonderfully committed and purpose-filled staff who look after students and families and each other in a way that brings glory to God and gets things done. Simply amazing.

And as I write one of my final Principal's newsletter articles, I am reflecting on the many years of "simply amazing" and God's blessings.

As a member of the founding Board, meeting weekly in 1992 and 1993 preparing for the school to open in 1994, time and again there were simply amazing moments with God's provision of people, of finances, of favourable decisions from government departments regarding our applications to start a school, and even of land at our current site! I am sure many families would be familiar with the well told story of the 50<sup>th</sup> student arriving on the last possible day to secure the essential government funding required for our fledgling school to survive in our first year. Simply amazing. Reflecting on our development since then, we see clearly a story not just of surviving, but of thriving over our 31 years.

Through this rich history I have been blessed to have worked with an inspiring collecting of Board and staff members, just the people God placed in this ministry in education for His timing and purposes. Of these many outstanding people, it has been quite a joy to be working with some of the members of our founding Board, Libby Greenshields, Julie McPharlin and Belinda Semnutin.

For a school that was, "Never going to happen..." our history and God's amazing provision as we have journeyed faithfully over our 31 years, has been inspirational for many. More on our journey next week.

God Bless

Mike Clisby

## Keep God in the Centre:

With just 4 weeks left of Term 4, it is nice to realise that Christmas is just around the corner along with the promise of holidays and summer. Our swimming carnival will run this Friday after a week of swimming lessons for our primary classes and some lap training for keen secondary students on Thursday.

As we move towards the final days of school for 2024, it is good to remember the blessings God has granted us at Horizon Clare. We have enjoyed many fun events, good friendships and varied learning which has kept us busy. We also have some fun events still to come, with our Transition Day, our Year 9

## Diary Dates:

### **Swimming Lessons**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November –  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

### **Foundation – Yr 1/2 Pevan and Sarah Concert**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

### **Secondary Students Swimming Practise**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

### **Swimming Carnival**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

### **Year 10 Exam Week**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Friday  
29<sup>th</sup> November

### **Student Casual Clothes Day**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

### **Year 11 Class Final Day**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

### **TRJ Journey's End**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### **2025 Year 1 – Year 12**

#### **Transition Day**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### **Year 5/6 Market Day**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

### **Clare Christmas Street Pageant**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### **Mike's Farewell Celebration at Balaklava Campus**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### **Whole School Excursion**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

### **Year 6 Class Activity Day**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

### **Yr 6 Graduation**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

### **Student Awards Night**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

### **Student Free Day**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

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Journey's End celebration, our whole school excursion and the Celebration Evening event.

In the busyness of our weeks, we are told to remember that God is in control, and He loves us. His plans for His children (His own) are always to a good end and we can rest in knowing this. It takes both effort and encouragement to continually turn our attention back to God. We are all bent towards thinking we are in control or others are controlling things. But the Bible tells us that God is always in control. He made this world; this universe, and He runs it, always.

Our Bible verse this week reminds us that God is far more majestic and awesome than we realise. He can do things that for us are impossible. He can bring people to Himself, when we might see a person's salvation as an impossibility. Jesus stated to His disciples that what was impossible for man is absolutely possible for God. Praise be to God for this truth!

***Jesus looked at them and said, with man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.***

**Mark 10:27**

**Belinda Semintin - Head of School**



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## **2025 School Fees and EdStart:**

**Have you created your EdStart account for 2025!** It is important that all families log into the EdStart website and create an account as soon as possible. Please visit: [www.edstart.com.au/horizon](http://www.edstart.com.au/horizon) to create your account.

Should you have any questions regarding our new structure for 2025 or need assistance to set up your EdStart account please email our current Debtors Clerk Amy on: [aevitts@horizon.sa.edu.au](mailto:aevitts@horizon.sa.edu.au)

## **Nurture Magazine:**

The Nurture Magazine was sent home last Friday with students. I would encourage everyone, particularly as we enter the busy Christmas season to read 'Joy to the World' on page 17. Jesus' birth is not just a historical account, but a living testimony of God's faithfulness and love. May you be encouraged by these words, and others in this final instalment of the Nurture magazine for 2024.

## **Student Casual Day Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November:**

Our final casual clothes day for the year will be **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. The theme is 'Christmas!' Students can wear the Christmas colours and tinsel of (e.g. green, red, white, gold, remembering to dress appropriately), and to bring a gold coin donation (which will be handed in during morning home group). Money raised will be donated to our Compassion sponsor child – supporting our sponsor child in need.

## **Brekky Bikes and Being Active:**

Last Thursday morning our teachers and students started the lovely day with riding their bikes and being a part of the Brekky bikes and Being Active held at the Lennon Street Carpark.

Mrs Dee Prior brought her Recumbent Bike to ride which is a bike that is used for training for Pedal Prix practise which wasn't as easy to operate as it looked! Well done Mrs Prior, for bringing it along to see her display this in action!



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## Chapel:

There will be no Chapel held this Friday due to the Swimming Carnival taking place on this day.

## Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club runs every **Thursday** morning from 8:30am.

Students can take this opportunity to enjoy a delicious ready-made breakfast before they begin their day at school.

## Ice blocks available for Students in Term 4:

Ice blocks will be available at lunch time every Tuesday for Term 4 & Term 1, to provide a refreshing treat for the students during the warmer months.

The ice blocks available will be, "Quelch" fruit sticks for .50cents and lemonade "Icy Poles" for \$1.00. The proceeds from the sale of the ice blocks will go towards a school project.

**\$1.00ea**



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## Hats in Term 4:

A reminder that hats are a compulsory part of the uniform for Term 4 to ensure our students are 'sun smart' at school. Students will be required to wear a Horizon school hat when outside. Hats are readily available to purchase from the uniform shop at \$17.00ea.

## Mainly Play:

Mainly Play will continue every Wednesday from 9.30am – 11.00am in The Cottage. If you know of anyone with toddlers, who would be interested in attending, please share this so they can join in the fun!



## Subway Lunch Orders - Term 4

Subway lunch orders will be offered to students each Friday in Term 4.

The envelopes for ordering will be sent home with students today, and when ordering, both the money and envelopes are to be returned on Thursday for lunch orders to be ready for delivery on Friday.

**\*\*Please note there will be no lunch orders available this Friday due to a BBQ lunch being offered at the Swimming Carnival.**

## 2025 Year 1 – Year 12 Transition Day:

The 2025 Transition Day will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, with Primary students transitioning in Lesson 1 and 2 and new Secondary students transitioning for the whole day.

## Swimming Carnival:

School Swimming Carnival is on this **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** at The Valleys Lifestyle Centre and starts at 9.15am. Please bring your child/ren to the pool at 9.00am for 9.15am start. Junior Primary students will have a shortened program so families are welcome to take their child/ren home after their events have finished.

A BBQ lunch will be available to purchase as well as other refreshments will be available from the Café in the Centre.

EFTPOS will be available for purchasing lunch.

*Please note: If your child/ren attend OHSC on this day, could you please contact their teacher or Jennie at the front office.*

## Clare Lions Christmas Pageant Expression of Interest:



*This year we are hoping to have a float in the Clare Christmas Pageant. We are looking for Expressions of Interest for to join us.*

*Please advise Jennie-Lee or Leah in the front office if you would like your child to participate.*

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## Swimming Carnival 2024

### **Years 4 – 12 Program (Big Pool)**

9:00am – Arrive at the Valleys.

9:15am – Welcome, Prayer, Chants

9:25am – 50m Freestyle

9:35am – Breaststroke (25m)

10:10am – Backstroke (25m)

#### **10:45am – Recess**

11:00am – Whole School Novelty Events  
(Small Pool)

- Cork Scramble
- Over and Under
- Cup and Water Relay

12:00pm – Freestyle (25m)

12:35pm – Novelty Events (Big Pool)

- Sinkers
- Noodle Relay

#### **1:00pm - Lunch and Free Swim**

1:40pm – Big Splash

2:00pm - Relays (4 x 25m freestyle)

2:30pm – Staff, Parents & Students Race

2:40pm – Closing Presentations, Prayer

2:50pm - Pack Up

3:10pm – Dismissal

### **Foundation – Year 3 Program (Small Pool)**

9:00am – Arrive at the Valleys.

9:15am – Welcome, Prayer, Chants

9:25am – F – 3 Novelty Events

- Kick Board Races
- Ping Pong Scramble
- Swimming Races
- Noodle Relay

#### **10:45am – Recess**

11:00am – Whole School Novelty Events (small  
pool)

- Cork Scramble
- Over and Under
- Cup and Water Relay

12:00pm – F - 3 Novelty Events

- Hoop Relay
- Sinkers
- Whirlpool
- Kickboard Relay (if needed)

#### **1:00pm - Lunch and Free Swim**

- This is the end of Foundation to Year 3 events.
- F - 3 students may be picked up during lunch if they wish.



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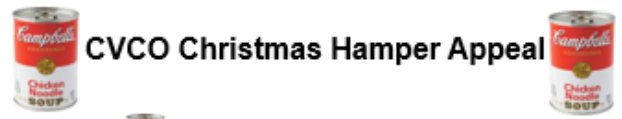
HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR  
FINAL ASSEMBLY TO SAY...

## Farewell Mr Clisby



Friday 6th December  
2:00pm  
Horizon Centre


ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND



## CVCO Christmas Hamper Appeal

How many s can you bring?


This Christmas, we are working as a school to bless the Clare community by supporting the Clare Valley Christian Outreach – Christmas hamper appeal.

We need you to bring in as many  and non-perishable foods that you can.

Good ideas for this are: tin fruits, spaghetti peas, corn and cereals (no lentils please).

To make it a little more fun ...

Year 10-12E Home Group will be running a competition with cool prizes for the most generous Home Group and House team.

The competition will run from the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, and  all must be received by **Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December**. So, give generously and bring in as many cans as you can.]



# PING PONG A-THON

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 6-10pm  
Clare High Gym  
\$5 Entry / Sausage Sizzle

Join us for a night of ping-pong, raising money for those trapped in slavery. By donating, you can radically change someone's life forever. Scan the QR code to get fundraising.



## CLARE VALLEY YOUTH A COMBINED CHURCHES YOUTH GROUP YEARS 7-12 TERM 4 2024

### GROUNDWELL CARNIVAL & RALLY

Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>  
5.00pm – 8.45pm

Ending the Groundswell school year week with a huge carnival and rally at Clare High School.

Come for an amazing night in our community! Bring your friends along!  
*Free food – Mechanical bull – Inflatables*

Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>  
7.15pm – 9.30pm

MAKE YOUR OWN...  
**PIZZA** + YOUTH ALPHA



*Please bring \$5*

Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6.00pm – 10.00pm

### PING PONG A THON

+ SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Come along to this fundraiser to combat human trafficking and exploitation  
*\*MORE DETAILS TO COME*

Please bring \$2 for tea @ Clare High School Gym

Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>  
7.15pm – 9.30pm

### End of Year Christmas Party!

Please bring supper and a \$2 present for Kris Kringle! Christmas Games – Just Dance – Kris Kringle

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR

## HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CLARE'S

### 2024

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*Celebration Evening*

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Thursday 12th December  
@7pm

At the Horizon Stadium

Please bring a plate of supper to share  
following the Ceremony