

HORIZON NEWS CLARE Term 1 Week 1

Thursday 30th January 2025

Welcome to 2025:

Dear Families,

Welcome to the new year. I am looking forward to having a fantastic year as I meet you and get to know you. The last seven weeks have been quite a whirlwind. My wife and I moved to Balaklava in early December and my first day at Horizon was January 10.

So, who is Dominic Hopps, and what is his DNA?

I am a passionate, Christian teacher and love working with young people and their families. I began teaching at Pedare Christian College in Adelaide, where I completed my second degree in teaching IT. A few years later I started my Master of Educational Leadership. From there I became Principal of Mid North Christian College at Port Pirie and then Principal of Hope Christian College. This year is my twentieth year as a school Principal, and I am very much looking forward to being part of the Horizon community.

Horizon is a great school, and going into its 31st year, has become part of the DNA of Balaklava. Horizon also has its own DNA. As a Christian School the person and work of Jesus flavours what we do. We love children and young people and want to see them flourish and strive for excellence in their learning. We want to help all young people to achieve and look forward to partnering with parents and caregivers. Throughout the year there will also be excursions, sports and camps. There will be Agriculture days, musicals and Eisteddfods, all of which build up children's learning.

We are looking forward to a great year and hope you are, as well.

Blessings,

Dominic Hopps: – Principal

Welcome New Staff and Staff Changes :

Welcome to our new staff:

- Mr Dan Johnson – Head of School
- Mrs Tracey Hopps – Head of Wellbeing/Student Engagement and Learning
- Miss Michelle Ogilvie – Year 1/2
- Mr Ben McQueen - Year 5/6
- Mr Coen Botha – Year 8
- Mrs Ilsa Botha – Year 10
- Miss Kate Edwards – Primary PE
- Mrs Caitlin Menelaou – Community Relations
- Mrs Natalie McElroy – Enrolments
- Mrs Cathie Fabian – School Fees and Debtors
- Mrs Belinda Seminutin – Teaching 2 days Primary and Secondary

We pray you will feel welcome as you join our staff team at Horizon.

Diary Dates:

Casual Clothes Day

Thursday 13th February

New Principal Induction Assembly and Horizon 100 Evening

Thursday 13th February

Prefect Planning Afternoon

Thursday 20th February

Year 6 and Prefect Leadership Induction

Friday 21st February

Mid North Summer Hub Carnival – Yr 5/6 Cricket/ Softball/Tennis

Tuesday 25th February

SAPSASA Year 3 4 5 6 Summer HUB

Friday 28th February

SACSA Swimming

Monday 3rd March

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 4th March

Whole School Photos

Friday 7th March

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 10th March

Sports Day

Friday 14th March

SAPSASA Swimming Carnival at Clare

Monday 17th March

NAPLAN Year 3, 5, 7, 9.

Wednesday 12th to Monday
17th March

Harmony Day

Friday 21st March

Not Ashamed of the Gospel – Prefects

Thursday 27th March

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New Principal Induction Assembly and Horizon 100 Evening:

On **Thursday 13th February week 3**, we will be having a Principal Induction with Dominic Hopps, student leaders announced, and the celebration of 100 students. The evening will start at 5:30pm. Information sessions will be held in classrooms, to give parents/caregivers the chance to meet the teacher, with a second session at 5.45pm. A free BBQ tea will be served at 6.00pm followed by our formalities from 6.45 to 7.30pm. We welcome everyone to come along and enjoy a wonderful community gathering.



Protective Practices:

As we provide the best care we can for students at Horizon, we ask that when **parents collect children during school hours to please come out of your vehicle and into the front office to collect children and sign them in or out.**

School Fees and Debtor Information:

The school has partnered with Edstart to improve our school fee payment options. **To pay your fees in 2025: Set up your Edstart account.** Please visit <https://edstart.com.au/horizon> to open an account. You can also contact assistance with setting up your account. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Cathie Fabian for a confidential discussion. Ph:88622100 or email cfabian@horizon.sa.edu.au

School fees and the new CLEAR levy will be billed to you at the beginning of Term 1 each year and are payable in full unless a payment plan commitment has been made.

All payment plan commitments MUST be made before week 2 of Term 1.

School Card concessions are available. You will need to apply at the beginning of each year to the Department of Education School Card Scheme to receive a School Card discount. This can be done online at <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> or you may request a form from the school which would need to be filled out and returned to the school.

Horizon 2024 Year Book:

The Horizon 2024 Year Book is at the printer and on schedule to be available towards the end of this term. Each school family from 2024 will receive a complimentary copy.

Family Database Check – Email Link sent to all families:

The Family Database check was sent via an email link last week. Thank you to the many families who followed this up prior to the commencement of school. Links will be re-sent to families who have not completed this important check. It is important that we have accurate information to enable us to care for your child/ren. If you have any questions about this, or are having trouble accessing the link, please contact the school and we will do our best to ensure your information is correct and up to date.

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, we encourage you to use Roll Call to notify the driver. This allows the buses to leave on time.

We encourage students to care for their issued bus tag. The price for a replacement bus tag is \$10. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Hats:

As per our Extreme Weather Policy: **HATS**

During Term 1 and Term 4, hats must be always worn when students/staff are outside. Students not wearing a hat during recess and lunch times or during other outdoor activities will be sent to the 'No Hat zones' for the duration of the outdoor activity/ break time.

New hats are available from our Uniform Shop at a cost of \$17. Thank you for your support with this.

Extreme Weather Policy:

I include this information as it is highly likely that we will continue to have hot weather at this time of year. From our Extreme Weather Policy:

During 'Extreme Heat' weather, recess time for students will still be spent outdoors in undercover/ shade areas only. Students will be encouraged NOT to take part in strenuous physical activities.

An 'Extreme Heat' bell will be rung just before lunch when the temperature is over 38 degrees Celsius. Students are encouraged to remain outdoors in undercover or shade areas. Students are NOT able to take part in strenuous physical activities. There will be classrooms available for Primary and Secondary students to spend their lunch time in, should they feel the outside temperature is too hot for them.

Working With Children Check (WWCC):

As part of a Government requirement, anyone wishing to volunteer their time (helping in classrooms, or going on camps or excursions), is required to have a current Working With Children Check. These can be obtained through the school and for volunteers, are free. Please contact the school if you would like to register for a WWCC. A reminder to current volunteers, a WWCC only last 5 years, and will need to be renewed after such time.

Student Medical Care plans:

Our First Aid Policy aims to always ensure the health and safety of students. To do this staff must have accurate medical information. Parents and/or guardians are responsible, in relation to their children and/or those in their care for:

- Keeping the school informed of any medical conditions, treatments, and medical contact details.
- Providing staff with appropriate information and training/instruction where medical conditions require specialised treatment.
- Updating the school on any changes in medical conditions and/or required treatments.

Students who have a medical care plan (Asthma, Medication, Diabetes etc) are required to update them annually. Please provide a copy of these to the front office at your earliest convenience.

NAPLAN collection notice:

NAPLAN will be held in Term 1 this year for students in Years 3, 5, 7, 9. Attached is a letter regarding the Collection of Information for NAPLAN tests for your information.

Clare Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Before and after school hours care is available through Clare OSHC which is located at Clare Primary School. Bookings for this service need to be done directly through them. Please phone on 8842 1430.

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First Day Welcome:

This morning, we gathered as a school to welcome back staff and students, and to welcome our new students, new teachers and new Head of school. We also presented our Senior students with their 2025 Seniors' jumpers and covered the school year in prayer.



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Chapel:

There will be no Chapel taking place this week.

Term Dates 2025:

Term 1: Wednesday 30th January — Friday 11th April

Term 2: Tuesday 29th April — Friday 27th June

Term 3: Monday 21st July — Friday 26th September

Term 4: Monday 13th October — Thursday 11th December

Subway Lunch Orders - Term 1

The Subway Lunch orders will commence just for this term with the order envelopes being sent home with students on Wednesdays. When ordering, both the money and envelopes are to be returned on Thursday for lunch orders to be ready for delivery on Fridays.

*****Please note, we ask for the envelopes to be returned to the school if a Subway order is not required.***

Breakfast Club:

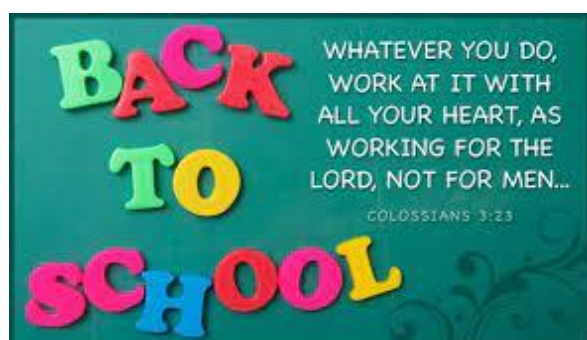
Breakfast Club will be on **Thursday** mornings from 8:30am.

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

Mainly Play:

Mainly Play will commence in week 2 and continuing every Wednesday, in Term 1 from 9.30am – 11.00am in The Cottage.

If you know of anyone with toddlers, that would be interested in attending please share this so they can join in the fun!



TIME: 9:30-11AM

VENUE: HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

- in "The Cottage" -



(CLARE CAMPUS)

COST: \$5/FAMILY

Registration options available

CONTACT: AMY GOGOLL ON 88 421 808



Wednesdays during school terms



ROLL CALL APP

The Roll Call App is used to track student travel on our school bus runs. All parents/caregivers who have students travelling on our buses **are required to have this app.** Students should be marked absent through this App if not travelling on their usual school bus. If your child will be on a different bus for 2025, please contact the front office to confirm your new stop. New families will need an email link to register.

