Thursday 7th August 2025

HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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What a Great Night!

Well, the Bush Dance which we have been anticipating for many weeks did not disappoint! What a wonderful night we had, and an amazing turnout, the energetic dancing all the way to bargains at the Stalls and delicious food and entertainment. We praise God for creating family, community and events to fill our lives with fun and joy. He is such a great God, blessing His people wherever they are.

So many thanks to so many team members. *Thank you to;* Grounds Staff (both campuses) for the carting of many supplies, collecting hay bales, and fairy light hanging, the Year 7 to 10 students who baked apple crumble, our admin staff for the food ordering, prep and serving, parents for their generous donations, teachers for their support and enthusiasm, House Captains for great leadership and each and every family and student for coming out and dancing happily on the night.

I heard many comments about the students' willingness to dance and join in, which is not always embraced at High School age, well done! Many older students running games for peers and younger students was a delight to see as well!

A bonus outcome of the night was the incidental learning we all did as each team donated, priced and then sold items (not too expensive, but not too cheap) to raise the most money. Now each team will get to spend their amount on equipment for the whole school. A true win/win for everyone.

Dan Johnson - Head of School:

Casual Clothes Day – Thursday 7th August:

Thank you for supporting our Casual Clothes Day today. The total money raised was \$116.05 which is going towards our Sponsor Child Ashyla.

A reminder to families with sickness:

A recent increase in gastrointestinal illness, or "gastro," has been reported among students, prompting a reminder about preventative measures and recommended



exclusion periods. It's crucial to keep children home from school if they are experiencing vomiting or diarrhea, and to follow the recommended 48-hour exclusion period after symptoms cease. Proper hand hygiene, including thorough handwashing with soap and water, especially after using the restroom and before eating, is essential in preventing the spread of the virus.

Gastro: What You Need to Know:

Gastroenteritis, commonly known as gastro, is a very contagious illness that can cause vomiting and diarrhea. It's often caused by viruses but can also be bacterial or parasitic. Symptoms typically include vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and sometimes fever.

Let's prevent the spread!

Memory Verse of the Week

Gratitude "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Diary Dates:

Casual Clothes Day Thursday 7th August

Prefects Masterclass Conference

Thursday 7th August

100 Days FoundationWednesday 13th August (Please note change of date)

Year 5/6 SACSA Netball Thursday 14th August

Year 3/4 SACSA Netball Friday 15th August

Story time in the library Monday 18th August

CGVC Library VisitsWednesday 20th August & Thursday 21st August

Year 7 – Year 10 SACSA Netball

Wednesday 20th August

Book Week

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd August

Grandfriends and Dressup Day

Friday 22nd August

Mid North District Athletics Carnival

Friday 29th August

Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 3rd September

Year 7/8 Camp

Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 5th September

Year 9 Rite Journey Camp

Tuesday 9th September to Friday 12th September





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Mainly Play:

Mainly Play will be continuing in The Cottage, every Wednesday in Term 3 from 9.30am – 11.00am. If you know of anyone with toddlers who would be interested in attending, please share this so they can join in the fun!

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club will be on <u>Thursday</u> mornings from 8:30am. Students can take this opportunity to enjoy a delicious readymade breakfast before they begin their day at school.



Lunch Orders – Term 3:

A new winter lunch menu will be available through placing orders on the QKR! App later in Term 3. More information will be provided in the next few weeks, so please watch this space! We will continue providing Subway orders for students to enjoy until further notice.



Hot Milos:

Hot Milos will be available every second Tuesday in Term 3, at a cost of \$2.50 per cup or if you bring your own mug a reduced price of \$2.00 will also be offered. The Year 6 Leaders will be selling them and proceeds from the sale of the milos will go towards a school project. Such a great idea to keep students warm on those chilly days during winter!



Chapel:

Chapel will be held in the Stadium this Friday at 2.15pm. We welcome all families to attend and maybe join with one more bush dance!

Year 6 Leadership Excursion – Balaklava Campus:

On Tuesday 5 August, our Year 6 leaders travelled to Horizon Christian School Balaklava to join their Year 6 and Middle School leaders for a combined Leadership Day. The program was facilitated by guest speaker Mr Nathan "Dubsy" Want and focused on equipping students to lead confidently **through life's inescapable moments**.

Throughout the day, Dubsy guided the students through a series of purposeful activities designed to strengthen communication and resilience. Working with unfamiliar peers and stepping beyond their comfort zones, each participant gained practical strategies for navigating real-world challenges.

We extend our sincere thanks to Dubsy for his engaging leadership.





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Nathan 'Dubsy' Want Visit:

This Monday, we were thrilled to welcome Nathan 'Dubsy' Want as a special guest speaker for a Christian leadership development workshop with our student leaders and a session with all our Year 7–12 students. Known for his dynamic speaking and ability to connect with young people, Dubsy brought energy, insight, and a strong biblical perspective to his message.

Students were challenged and encouraged as Dubsy spoke about faith, identity, and living through life's inescapable moments.

We were also delighted to be joined by student leaders from our Balaklava Campus and Mid North Christian College, making it a meaningful time of connection and shared learning across campuses. We are so grateful for the opportunity to hear from Dubsy, who continues to speak across the country, inspiring young people to lead with courage and faith.













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Book Week Celebrations

Monday 18th August - Friday 22nd August

Scholastic & CVCO Book Fair in the Library

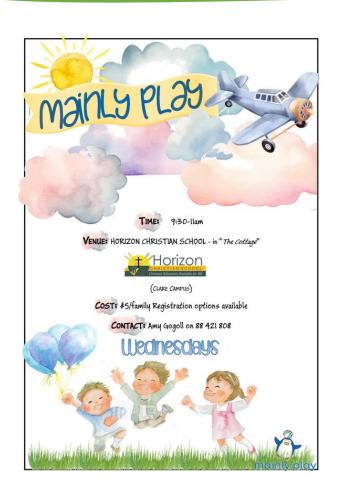
Monday 18th August Story Time 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the Cottage



Wednesday 20th August & Thursday 21st August Clare Library Visiting the School



Friday 22nd August Grand friends/Dress up Parade starting at 9:00am in the Stadium









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This will be the final

QUIZ NIGHT

before Pastor Greg leaves for greener pastures!

Friday 8th of August, 2025

Parish, Friends & Others

VENUE: Clare Lutheran Church

6:30 p.m. Arrive and claim your table

Teams of (8) - Cost \$10/table

The Quiz will start at 7:00 p.m.

Bring Gold Coins for Quick Contests and Pathetic Prizes!

"It's about the Bragging Rights"

There will be prizes for the Winning Table and Wooden Spoon. ©

Bring your own 'nibblies' and drinks. Tea and coffee will be provided.

We plan to be finished with the scoring and announcement of a winner at approximately 9:30 p.m. and send you off home shortly after.

Get members for your table NOW!

Bookings to Lorna Harvey 0428 313 852 by 1st August



Lions FREE



Skin Cancer Screening



Visiting Clare Gleeson Street Car Park Saturday 23rd August 2025 Appointments are Essential

Phone: 0447 913 266

A 15 Minute Screening may save your life!

Screeners are health professionals, providing a volunteer service to the community, funded by



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Mark Le Messurier

Grrr...get off that device, now!

A Parent Education Seminar



Wednesday, 27th August | 6:30pm - 8:00pm Bentley's Hotel, Clare

Please RSVP by: Friday, 1st August to Clare Valley Children's Centre Ph: 8842 2483

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This workshop is not a cybersafe workshop, although indirectly it is. Rather it is an opportunity to REVIEW and RESET your thinking about your child's love for screens – video gaming, YouTube, Tik Tok and all things social media. It is concerned with the psychology, emotion and behaviour required to get the balance right. There are no quick and easy solutions here, just sensible understandings, hard work, clever guidance, deft management, and persistence.

What a brave new world you face as parents. You are the first generation to parent children growing up with technology built to be absolutely irresistible. Given that the 'off switches' in kids' brains are not fully developed until they reach their mid to late twenties, it's no wonder that the lure of screens creates a 'perfect storm' in so many homes and classrooms.

Let's get practical and keep our eye on the greatest prize. This is to maintain a buoyant and connected relationship with our kids, even when it gets tough. By doing so, we can chip away at teaching balance between screens, recreation, and real life. And, to do this our kids need us on their side – not against them, fighting them, being superior and putting their interest down. When we blatantly fight them, we turn their desire for screens into a crazed chase for forbidden fruit. As soon as they know you 'hate screens' and you're 'the screen police', the battle is on, and can become seriously fierce and destructive.

Yes, yes, jes, limits on screens are necessary, but the goal and method must be about managing 'time' - never going to war.





