



Highlight: Busy Bee's first day with Mrs Fabian

on the horizon

Term 1 | Week 1

29th January 2026

Important Notices

A Special Welcome Back Message

Welcome to 2026 at Horizon Christian School, Balaklava and Clare. We all hope that you are surviving the heat well. My car thermometer said 49° at Balaklava on Monday!

The students certainly enjoyed the ability to top up their water bottles with ice today and look forward to their Zooper Doopers this week.

The year starts at full steam with the Year 12 camp. It won't be long before students begin training for Athletics Day.

We also recommence the serious business of learning. We have a new group of Foundation Busy Bees. They are starting their school learning journey and it won't be long before they are reading and writing. At the other end, we have our Year 12's starting their final year of schooling. Who knows what is in store after that. There will definitely be a lot of learning, tests and assignments before the end of the year. I'm sure there will be much laughter, and a few tears before we get there. And for our other year levels, there will be new teachers, new friends and new things to learn.

Recent Updates:

Term 1 Begins

A red hot beginning to the new term - read a special welcome message from Principal, Dominic Hopps

Hot Weather

An email has been sent out to all families regarding the hot weather precautions this week

Student Highlight

Some dedicated students are celebrating their success during the holidays...Read more below

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Excitingly as we continue to develop as one school with two campuses we will share things better and combine for some offerings. There will be cross campus online learning for some subjects for the first time and for camps and some excursions we will combine for all or part. This is an excellent opportunity to learn new things and develop new relationships.

Our prayer for you and your family is that you thrive in all of life's endeavours, that you enjoy the school community and that you are able to make much of the opportunities that come your way.

Dominic Hopps

Principal

Caring for Our Students

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 car and into the front office.** As we have quite a few new administration staff, who are still getting to know you, **please do not be offended if staff ask for ID** prior to letting children into your care.

Hats

As per our Extreme Weather Policy: HATS

During Term 1 and Term 4, hats must be always worn when students 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

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.

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.



NAPLAN 2026

NAPLAN is a national test conducted annually for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This year the NAPLAN testing window is from **Wednesday 11th to Monday 23rd March.**

Please find attached with this week's newsletter the NAPLAN 2026 Privacy Collection Notice for your information.

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 is valid for 5 years, and will need to be renewed after such time.

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, please 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.



Last Chance to Order 2025 Magazine

Our 2025 School Magazine is in the final days for preorder! The 2025 edition captures the highlights, memories, and milestones of another incredible year across our campuses. Magazines are \$25 each and can be preordered through the QKR app. We are accepting orders for a short time so don't delay!

Chapel Update

Chapel this week has been cancelled due to the heat.

Breakfast Club

We are excited to offer our students an easy way to start the day well by providing accessible breakfast options.

Thursday – Full Breakfast

Student Spotlight

A Successful Holiday Break

Alexia and Ruby competed on 17 January 2026 with Clare Valley School of Dance at the Follow Your Dreams National Competition held at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Performing their Jazz Freaks routine, they danced their way to an incredible **2nd place finish** – we are so proud of their commitment and effort over the holidays



Community Notices

Clare Community Evening

You are warmly invited to our Clare Community Evening on **Thursday 12 February (Week 3)** as we welcome the new school term together. The evening will run from **5:00–7:30pm** and will include a **free BBQ (please BYO salad)**, along with games and fun on the grass for the whole family.

We will also celebrate our 2026 Student Leaders and present our senior students with their jumpers, marking an important moment in the year.

We look forward to seeing you there.



mainly play

Bakers Needed!

Do you enjoy baking and being part of a welcoming community? Our Mainly Play group at the Clare Campus is looking for volunteers to join our baking team.

Baking team members are asked to take a turn once per term to provide either a sweet or savoury option for the adults' morning tea. It's a simple way to support our Mainly Play sessions and contribute to the warm, community-focused environment we value.

If you enjoy baking and would like to be involved, or if you would like more information, please contact Amy Gogoll.

Community Notices

Upcoming Dates:

School Community Evening

Thursday 12th February

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 17th February

SAPSASA Mid North - Softball

Tuesday 24th February

OAC Marden Campus Visit

Thursday 26th February

SACSA Swimming

Monday 2nd March

SAPSASA Mid North - Swimming Carnival

Monday 2nd March

The Rite Journey - The Calling

Monday 2nd March

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2026
ON THE FRINGE!

@ St Joseph's School, Clare
29 Victoria Rd, Clare

Tickets: adelaidefringe.com.au 1300 621 255

SUN 8 MARCH

11:00am + 1:00pm

\$28 pp / \$20 conc / \$18 Child

\$80 Family 60 mins



THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS

PHYSICAL THEATRE
Age suitability: G



An Adelaide Fringe Show for Children

Performance in Clare

Suits ages 5 and up

Book now!

An interactive theatre adventure bursting with imagination and teamwork. Guiding a walking school bus of animal figurines across a 3D papier-mache map of forests, creeks and wetlands, the audience must solve clues along the way to avoid disaster! Each move sparks music, puzzles and playful chaos! Blending movement, empathy and storytelling, the audience will use curiosity and care to the light the way home!

Term 1 @ Youth!

Jan 18	Summer Sesh @ 4pm (SUN) Pre-game huddle for Year 11/12s @ 2pm
Jan 30	O'Week
Feb 7	Unshakeable Conf (SAT) \$15pp Edithburgh 10am-7pm
Feb 13	Boot Camp
Feb 19	Leadership Summit February 19-21 at Futures Paradise
Feb 27	No Shortcuts
Mar 13	March Madness
Mar 27	Simon Says
Apr 10	No Excuses

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