

HENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reach for the stars

NEWSLETTER
Term 3, Week 6 2025



Diary Dates

TERM 3:

Week 6

Friday 29th August

Payments due for Materials & Services Fee (see important information on page 3)

Week 7

Friday 5th September Show Day - <u>No School</u>



Week 10

Friday 26th September

Last day of Term 3

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe we're already in Week 6 of Term 3! This term has been filled with exciting learning experiences and activities.

As we look ahead to 2026, we're beginning to plan for next year. This includes organising class structures, placements, budgeting, and teaching programs. You should have received a note to share any considerations for your child's class placement in 2026. While we take these into account, we cannot guarantee all requests due to the various factors involved in class compositions.

Our school disco was a great success, with the children enjoying socialising and having fun with their peers.

Last week, we celebrated Book Week with the theme "Book an Adventure." The effort and creativity in the costumes for Friday's parade were truly impressive. Our "Sponsor a Book" fundraiser was also a success, with many students sponsoring books for the library.

We've recently updated our Uniform Policy, which is now available on our school website.

Please remember that hats are compulsory for Terms 3 and 4.

The children have been very patient while there were minor post shade cloth repair works completed on the oval playground after some heavy winds. It is now back in action.

I'm pleased to announce the leadership team for 2026 at Hendon:

Principal: We warmly welcome Scott Mathews

Deputy Principal: Brigitte Pacillo Wellbeing Leader: Kimi Johns

Special Education/Aboriginal Education: Dionne Gray

Arts Coordinator: To be advised soon

I want to acknowledge the outstanding commitment of our current leadership team and am confident in the stability of the team for 2026.

It is bittersweet to inform you that Term 3 will be my final term at Hendon, as I will be taking long service leave in Term 4. Susan Mittiga will step in as Principal during this time. Sue is familiar with the school, having served as Principal here before. I will work closely with Sue this term to ensure a smooth transition. It has been a pleasure serving the children and families at Hendon, and I wish the school continued success.

Warm regards,

Reece Campbell Principal











Dress Code Policy

Overview

Hendon Primary School's uniform policy outlines the acceptable standards of student dress, promoting equality, school pride, and safety. It supports a sense of belonging and ensures students are easily identifiable both at school and during excursions. The policy is inclusive, offering flexible clothing options that consider gender, movement, comfort, climate, and individual circumstances.

Our Uniform- Dress Code

All uniform items should be navy blue, unless otherwise stated. Clothing must not include name brands or visible logos, other than the official Hendon Primary School logo.

Bottoms (Navy blue or black, preferably with Hendon logo)

- Shorts (must be mid-thigh length or longer)
- Skirts/skorts (must be mid-thigh length or longer)
- Pants/track pants/leggings
- Tights/stockings (must be worn under other uniform items)

Tops and Dresses

- Short/long-sleeved polo shirts with the Hendon logo
- Jumpers, crewnecks, and jackets (preferably with Hendon logo)
- Visible underlayers must be plain navy blue or white.
- Blue and white checked school dress.
- Year 6 commemorative tops permitted.

Footwear

All footwear must be safe and suitable for sport and daily school activities.

- School shoes/sandals: Black, brown or navy blue
- Sneakers: Predominantly black, navy or white (bright colours and high-cost branded shoes are discouraged)
- Socks: Plain black, navy, or white

Hats

Navy broad-brimmed hats only (snap cord or no cord as per Department safety guidelines)

Approved Accessories

All accessories should be discrete and safe. The school is not responsible for loss or damage.

- Earrings: Small studs or sleepers
- Necklaces: Fine chains only (preferably worn under clothing)
- Bracelets: Medic alert only
- Watches: Sensible (no smart watches with access to data)
- Hair accessories: Navy, black, or white only (scrunchies, clips, ties, headbands)
- Hair below shoulder length must be worn tied up at all times.

Purchasing Uniform

- Uniforms are available from Lowes at West Lakes (in-store or online) https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-online/hendon-primary-school
- The school also stocks a small supply of hats, beanies, scarves, scrunchies and headbands.

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled. The school does not take responsibility for lost or unlabelled items.









Wellbeing





Dear parent/caregivers,

Parent Notice Re: 2026 Class Preferences

Early next term we will be looking at placing children into classes for 2026. It is extremely important for our planning that we have accurate numbers, therefore we need to know of any new enrolments and of any families with children in Reception to Year 5 that will not be attending our school in 2026. Please notify us immediately by contacting the office if you are leaving or enrolling a new student.

In determining the makeup of classes some of the factors we consider include:

- friendship groups
- gender balance
- academic ability
- · a balance of students that show leadership skills
- maturity and independence
- behaviour support needed

Decisions are made based on establishing balanced and equitable class groups. Arranging classes is an enormous task and takes a huge amount of time and consideration. Parents and Caregivers have the opportunity to put in writing any special circumstances around their child or children's learning they would like us to consider when doing class placements.

Parents are not able to request specific teachers, please note that teachers have not been allocated to year levels or classes at this stage. Parents will be notified of class placement late term 4.

Where possible we do try to accommodate special circumstances, however, we cannot guarantee that all requests can or will be met.

If you have a special circumstance you would like us to consider when allocating classes for 2026, please fill in the tear off slip below, or send an email to dl.0670.info@schools.sa.edu.au no later than Monday the 8th September. Late requests will not be considered.

Kind regards, Hendon Leadership Team ≿
PARENT CLASS CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2026
Student Name:
Current Room No:
Parent Name:
Contact No:
Please consider the following special circumstances for my child and their learning:



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Kimi Johns, Student Wellbeing Leader



Deputy Principal's Report

Hi families,

Just providing an update on our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) journey. Our school's Encouragement System is now well underway, with all students receiving positive recognition. Staff are actively noticing and acknowledging students who demonstrate expected behaviours, helping to reinforce positive choices and create a supportive environment.

Well done to the many students who have completed their Club Charts, and a special congratulations to those who have reached

Club 50 and celebrated their success with an assembly certificate! Kadli is currently leading the Term 3 House Prize with 60 points. Let's see what happens over the next few weeks!

As part of our PBL journey, we are guiding students by explicitly teaching the expected behaviours for our school. This term, classes have been focusing on:

- Line Up Procedure: teaching students how to line up safely, calmly and respectfully.
- Voice Meter: helping students understand when to use different voice levels, from a whisper to outside play.

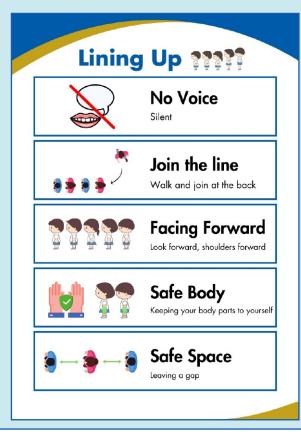
By teaching and practising these routines in every class, we are building a consistent, predictable and supportive environment for all learners. Families can help by talking with their child about these tools at home and supporting their use of the strategies during the school day.

Kind regards,

Brigitte Pacillo, Deputy Principal









Materials and Services Fees 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Materials and Services Fees 2025 Statements for the 2025 Materials and Services charges have been sent out.

Thank you to the families that have already paid their 2025 fees or have applied for School Card.

Families wishing to apply for School Card need to apply each year, you may apply online or collect the application form from the front office and return with your Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card.

We ask that prompt payment be made as this has a big impact on our cash flow and ability to resource the essential materials and services we make available to your child.

If you prefer an instalment payment option or you have any other questions please speak to the Finance Officer.

Please note that payment must be received by Week 6, Friday 29th August. If payment is not received by this date the school will engage the services of the Debt Collection Agency.

Thanks for your support.

Lee Taylor

Finance Officer



Hendon Primary School had a fantastic day at the Western SAPSASA Track and Field Carnival, finishing second in the Small Schools Division with an impressive 88 points! Students aged 10 to 12 years proudly represented our school, competing in a range of events including the 800m, 200m, 100m, high jump, long jump, discus, shot put, and relay races. Congratulations to all our athletes for their outstanding effort, sportsmanship, and team spirit!



















Room 17 and Room 4 Buddies

Room 17 and Room 4 buddies have been meeting up regularly this year, building friendships, as well as leadership skills in our Year 5/6s. We have made mini "cube" characters of ourselves, a book with our buddy and are currently practising our reading skills together. We are also really enjoying choosing different activities together such as basketball, golden child, skipping, painting or chalk art, and card games. These buddy sessions have been a wonderful way to learn, play and connect across year levels.













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Year 7, 2027 Specialist Entry Program

Application Links and Key Dates

Applications Now Open

Closing date: Wednesday, 22nd October 2025, 11:59pm

SHIP

Program flyer: https://bit.ly/4L9ChKd
Application link: https://bit.ly/3GYFrTm

Emerging Technologies

Program flyer: https://bit.ly/4fK8WFr
Application link: https://bit.ly/4fKU2Vm

Visual Art and Innovation

Program flyer: https://bit.ly/3Udffau
Application link: https://bit.ly/4SHgj9d

Diamond Sports - Baseball

Program flyer: https://bit.ly/42y2Ycj
Application link: https://bit.ly/4fsdvnp

Parent Information Evening

Thursday 18th September 2025, 6-7pm

https://bit.ly/4opsHFT

Enquiries: Sa Danh I 8445 2944 I shs.ess748@school.sa.edu.au

