

## HENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reach for the stars

NEWSLETTER
Term 3, Week 3 2025



## **Diary Dates**

## TERM 3: Week 4

Monday 11th - Friday 15th

August

National Science Week

Tuesday 12th August

Student free day

#### Week 6

#### Friday 29th August

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

#### Week 10

Friday 26th September

Last day of Term 3



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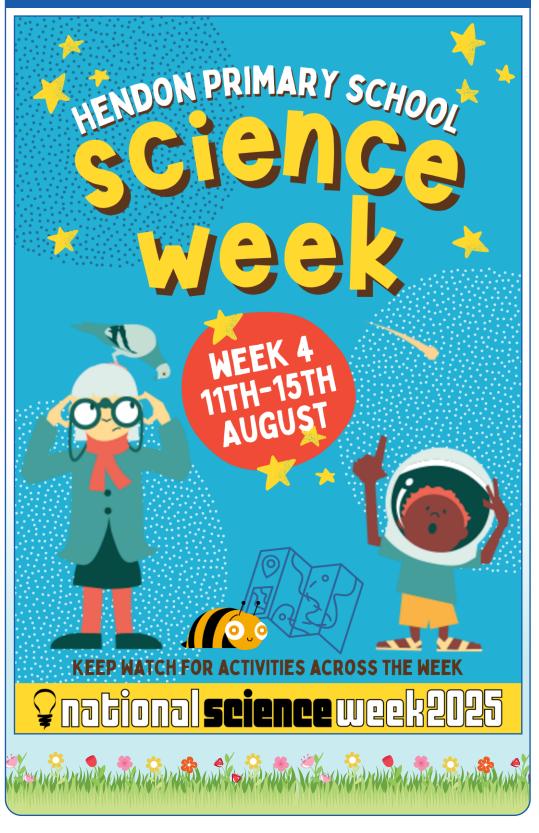


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Hendon Primary School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land of the country on which the school is located and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

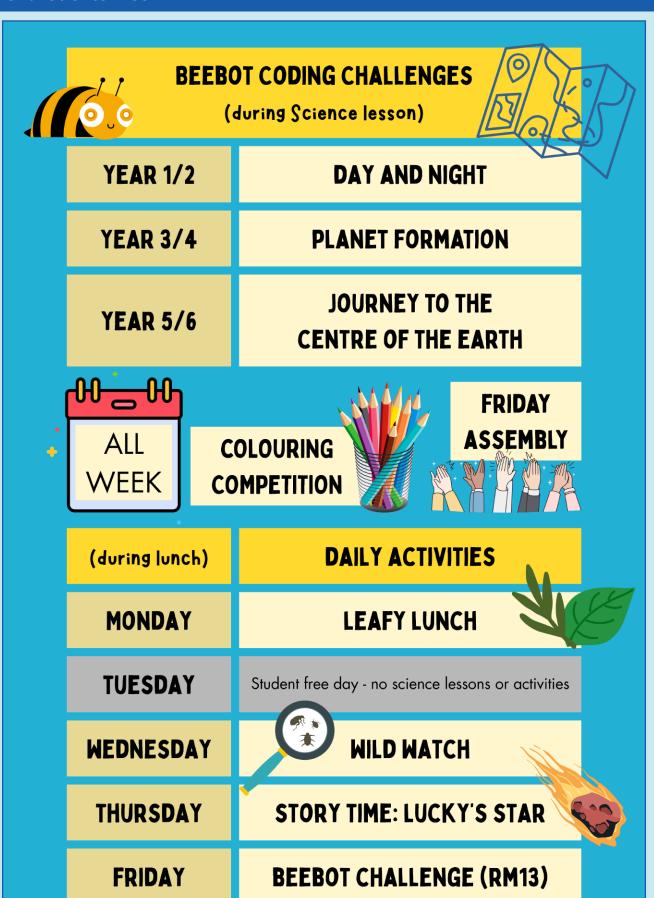


## **National Science Week**





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#### 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** 

## Wellbeing



## BEING A PARENT IS FULL-ON. THIS KIT HELPS MAKE IT EASIER.

Imagine truly seeing your child - laughing, sharing, connecting in everyday moments. The Parent Connection Kit makes it easier with simple, bite-sized activities that build trust, connection and joy.



## FREE, EVIDENCE-BASED MODULES, READY WHEN YOU ARE.

"The Parent Connection Kit was such a simple and engaging resource to weave into everyday life. The modules were easy to follow, and the activities sparked really meaningful conversations with my kids."

- Meghan (Melbourne, Australia)

www.lifechanger.org.au/connection-kit

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## WHAT'S IN THE KIT

Six quick modules with practical tips to strengthen your bond, boost resilience, and bring more joy to everyday family life.





#### 1. Play Time

Play helps children build trust and resilience. Play Time shows quick, fun ways to **connect** through play time.



#### 3. Eat Together

**Eating Together shows** how simple **mealtime** rituals can spark joy, belonging, and open conversations.



#### 5. Gratitude

Gratitude turns small moments into joyful habits, helping your family focus on the good each day.



#### 2. Superpowers

Superpowers explores how to spot and celebrate your child's unique strengths to boost their confidence and connection.



#### 4. Big Feelings

Big Feelings teaches a calming 3-step method to help your child feel safe and supported during emotional moments.



#### 6. Self-Care

Self-Care offers quick, practical ways **for parents** to reset, recharge, and show up as their best selves.

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## Wellbeing (continued)

At Hendon Primary School we are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all our students. As part of this commitment, we implement the Child Protection Curriculum (CPC) across all year levels. The CPC is an essential part of our educational program, designed to teach children about their rights to safety and protection. It empowers them with the knowledge and skills to recognise and respond to unsafe situations.

Given the events detailed in the media recently, Michelle Derrig - a Child Protection Advocate, Presenter and Author wanted to supply you with some free resources to share with your families.

#### **Access to the SAFE Kids Series**

This collection of digital articles provides guidance and practical steps for parents and carers about how they can have effective body safety conversations with the children in their care. Normally \$14.95, Michelle Derrig is giving all families across Australia access to this resource, free of charge for the next month. To access go to <a href="https://www.dewfallbooks.com.au">www.dewfallbooks.com.au</a> and click on 'ACCESS NOW' under the SAFE Kids image.

#### Free Webinar

On Monday 11th of August at 7pm AEST Michelle Derrig will be running her highly successful Parent Presentation: **Teaching Body Safety & Consent**, as a free Zoom webinar. Attached is a flyer with all the details.

Registration is essential as spots are limited. Register online: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ assK2mAwTleBScrtq2ZTGA

Kimi Johns, Student Wellbeing Leader

# CHILD PROTECTION

ZOOM WEBINAR FOR PARENT!

TEACHING CONSENT & BODY SAFETY

## Monday 11th August at 7pm:

To register please click: <u>CLICK HERE</u>
\*Please note this will be a pre-recorded
presentation with live Q&A



Presented by
MICHELLE DERRIG
Child Protection Advocate
and Author of the
Best Selling Picture Book
'ONLY FOR ME'.

In this 90 minute webinar Michelle unpacks the tricky topic of body safety, providing you with insight and understanding about how best to empower and protect your young children against sexual assault.

The workshop covers the WHAT, WHEN, WHY & HOW of protecting your children and explains how we can actually help disarm predators of the tools and tricks they commonly use during the grooming process.

The workshop also includes an Author Reading of Only For Me, providing further information about how these critical conversations can be expanded.



Only For Me is endorsed by

#### \*\*Act for kids

is a resource of Sydney Childrens Hospital's Child Protection Unit and it has been reviewed by Kids Book Review as 'possibly THE BEST BOOK on the topic'.

Michelle is a self-published author who has sold over 70000 copies of Only For Me and reached #8 on the AMAZON US BEST SELLER LIST out of 33 MILLION titles.

As part of her advocacy work she has donated more than \$30000 worth of books to Aussie families and has donated \$30000 to child protection organisations.

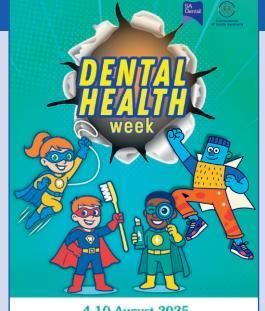
## **Dental Health Week**

#### Helping kids reach every S-milestone this Dental Health Week

Dental Health Week (4-10 August) is a great time to talk to your child about how daily habits like brushing, flossing, and visiting the dentist help little teeth grow up strong and healthy. Good oral health habits start young, even before your baby's first tooth appears. From teething to losing their baby teeth, every child has important oral health S-milestones. With your support, they can reach each one with confidence. Make oral care fun at home with songs, stories, and role-play, and help your child become an oral health superhero by joining Max Molar and the Plaque Patrollers on their mission to fight tooth decay and build strong, healthy smiles for life

SA Dental offers a range of free tools and resources to help you and your child build strong, healthy smiles for life. To learn more and access resources, visit:

www.dental.sa.gov.au/dental-health-week



4-10 August 2025 Reach every **S-milestone** 

## **Room 19 and Room 6 Buddy Classes**

Since the beginning of the year, Rooms 6 and 19 have loved coming together for a variety of events and activities. Last term, we were fortunate to catch up on multiple occasions, with the highlights being Reconciliation Week and our joint excursion to the Zoo.

During Reconciliation Week, we were lucky to have Mr Mick join us to share his knowledge and stories. Together with our buddies, we created Aboriginal flag-inspired crafts and designed scratch art on boomerangs and native animals – a hands-on way to celebrate and deepen our understanding of Aboriginal culture.

Our trip to the Zoo was another unforgettable experience. Although the learning goals for each class were different — Room 6 focused on animals and their characteristics, while Room 19 made connections to their class novel *Storm Boy* — both classes enjoyed the chance to spend time together on this special excursion.

















## Student Report: Room 19 and Room 6 go to the Zoo!

Room 19 went to the Zoo with our buddy class, Room 6. The Zoo was a great learning experience to learn about the animals and their habitats. We went through a secret entrance and finished our day on the ginormous playground. It was amazing and fun! We got to see Mr Percival and the pelicans from the Storm Boy movie.

At the Zoo, we saw hippos, red pandas, giraffes, koalas and tigers. There were lots of bats outside the Zoo. We got to go through the rainforest and we watched the free flight show and saw an owl and a macaw flew over us. Then we experienced the pelican habitat and made dioramas. To make them, we used shoe boxes, sand, rocks, paper, cardboard, photos of Storm Boy and the pelicans.

Ngaityalya (Kaurna - Thank you)

#### Jenna Harris, Year 3/4 teacher











## **Community Notices**



Hon Blair Boyer MP Member for Wright

June 2025

#### Dear parent/caregiver

As cost of living pressures continue to affect many families, the South Australian Government is acting to deliver ongoing financial relief towards the cost of public education.

We want to reduce financial stress for families as much as we can and provide some reassurance for the coming years.

That is why, as part of the 2025-26 State Budget, families with school-aged children will continue to receive a \$200 discount per child on their public school's Materials and Services Charge for the next four years.

You don't need to do anything to claim the discount – it will automatically be applied by your school.

The discount does not apply to families approved for the School Card scheme as these families are not required to pay a Materials and Services Charge.

Information on School Card eligibility, income limits and the application process can be found at: SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme (www.sa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

Hon Blair Boyer MP

Minister for Education, Training

and Skills

Professor Martin Westwell

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**Chief Executive** 

**Department for Education** 





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