

## **HENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**NEWSLETTER** Term 4, Week 6 2025



## **Diary Dates**

## **TERM 4:**

#### Week 6

#### Friday 21st November

Wear Your Etsy Shirt to School Day Hendon Concert Band on Tour

#### Week 7

#### Wednesday 26th November

Rooms 1A and 3A Variety Christmas Show

#### Week 8

**Tuesday 2nd December** 

**End of Year Concert** 

#### Wednesday 3rd December

'Singing in the City' MP & UP Choirs - Mortlock Library & Railway St

#### Sunday 7th December

JP/MP/UP Choirs singing Rotary Club Annual Xmas Event

#### Week 9

#### Wednesday 10th December

Year 6 Graduation Rooms 15, 16, 18, 19 Water World

#### Friday 12th December

Year 6 Farewell 1:25pm Last day of Term 4 - 2pm dismissal

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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. **Government of South Australia**

Department for Education

## **Acting Principal's Report**

Dear families,

Term 4 is flying past! We are truly on the count down to the end of the year with school concert and Year 6 graduation preparation well underway. End of year concert raffle books have been distributed for sale. Tickets are only \$2 each with fabulous prizes to be won.

Our choirs will be busy over the next few weeks with performances at West Lakes, in the city at the Railway Station and Mortlock Library. A combined school choir will also perform at the Rotary Xmas Fun for Kids event. Please see calendar dates for details.

#### 2026 Classes

At the end of next week, Friday the 28th November, students will be transitioning into their new classes for 2026. Parents and caregivers will be notified of their child's/children 's 2026 classes at the end of this week.

#### **Pupil Free Day**

On the pupil free day, Thursday the 30th of October, staff worked hard to develop Positive Behaviour for Learning strategies to be implemented from the beginning of 2026. Positive Behaviour for Learning has been very successful at Hendon with staff showcasing our work to other schools.



and language being implemented by all staff. Students have responded positively particularly with our club charts. We are very excited to see this program rolled out next year.

#### Instrumental Music

Congratulations to the instrumental music students and their instructors for performing in the combined schools' band at Le Fevre High School, along with students from 9 other schools. It was a fabulous concert. Our students will also be touring with the band to perform concerts at other schools.

#### PE Week

Thank you to Mel Phillips who organised a program of recess and lunch events to celebrate PE Week. Students were able to participate in trying out some new and exciting activities such as volleyball, frisbee, meditation and hula hoops to name a few. It was a very successful and fun week.

#### **School Card**

Please note that School Card applications for 2026 close this Friday the 21st of November. We also request that school fees for 2025 are finalised.



Sue Mittiga



## Year 6 Aquatics Day - West Lakes Aquatic Centre

On Friday, 7 November (Week 4), our Year 6 students from Rooms 12, 13 and 17 took part in the Department-mandated Aquatics Program as part of our PE curriculum. Held at the Aquatic Centre on Military Road, West Lakes, this program gives students the opportunity to build their confidence and skills in a range of water-based activities.

Throughout the day, students rotated through a variety of sessions including surfing, kayaking, sailing and canoeing, as well as important beach and water-safety awareness lessons. It was wonderful to see students challenge themselves, support their peers and embrace new experiences.

The weather was perfect, the energy was high and everyone gave it their best. Our Year 6s had an amazing day at aquatics and we are excited to share a selection of photos capturing the fun and learning that took place.



























## **Decorating Blitzen for Westfield West Lakes**

This term, three of our classes — Room 6 (Mrs Bratis), Room 7 (Mrs Mignone) and Room 12 (Mr Watson) — teamed up to take part in the annual Reindeer Decoration project for Westfield West Lakes.

A big thank you to Ms Stone for helping us organise our reindeer... and we were given Blitzen! Did you know Blitzen's name comes from the Dutch word for "lightning"? We only found this out recently, and the students were excited to bring that theme into their design.

Over Week 5, Rooms 6, 7 and 12 worked together to paint, decorate and bring Blitzen to life. It was a wonderful cross-age activity filled with creativity, teamwork and plenty of glitter.

Blitzen has now been delivered to Westfield West Lakes — keep an eye out for our reindeer on display during your next visit!



















#### Soccer

Hendon Primary has had 2 soccer teams this year, Under 8s and Under 10s. The teams have trained hard on Thursdays and have been playing games on Saturdays. They have come together on the field, representing Hendon and showing our school values. Congratulations to all players on a wonderful season.

### Mel Phillips, Health & Physical Education Teacher

U	nder	<b>8s</b>	team:		Und	ler	l Os	tea	m:

Arma Andre Nickaan
Geroge Andrew Sourish
Jacob Blake Chandler

Jorja Bobby
Kayden Elon
Maxi Dontae
Oliver Mackenzie
Rudransh Mason





## **SAPSASA Football Carnival**

Ruby competed in the SAPSASA Football Carnival in Week 3, held over 3 days. She represented the Western Districts.

Her team was undefeated and came 1st overall. A massive congratulations to Ruby.





## **Community Notices**





# **IGNITE** at The Heights School – **REGISTER NOW**

### IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential.

The Heights School is the official Department for Education school for gifted learners in the northern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

#### HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted learners vary, however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more areas
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy and sense of social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour

#### **HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THIS PROGRAM?**

Initial selection for the IGNITE program is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.

#### WHEN DO STUDENTS ENTER THE IGNITE PROGRAM?

Students who wish to be considered for the IGNITE program sit the ACER assessment in Year 6 for entry into the program in Year 7. Entry does **not** occur at other year levels.

In 2026 Year 6 students are eligible to sit the assessment for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program in 2027. The date and location of the assessment are:

DATE: SATURDAY 21 February 2026 9:00AM - 1:00PM

LOCATION: THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL, BRUNEL DRIVE, MODBURY HEIGHTS, 5092

#### HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR THE IGNITE ENTRY ASSESSMENT?

Register your child to sit the assessment at: https://higherability.acer.org/intro/1410

A non-refundable registration fee of \$150 applies.

Registrations close Wednesday 11 February, 2026. No late registrations will be accepted.





## Community Notices

# 40 km/h School Precinct **Speed Limits**



## **Content for school community**

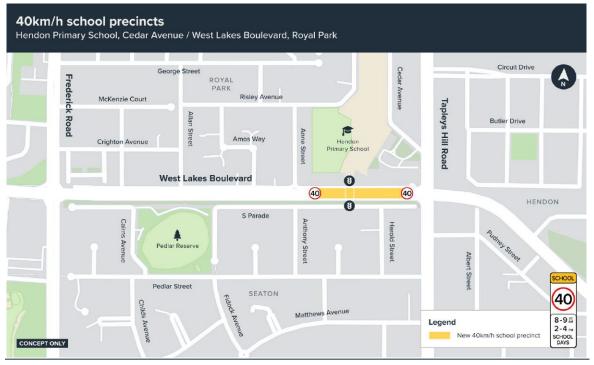
The Department for Infrastructure and Transport is installing 40 km/h school speed limit signage on West Lakes Boulevard in front of Hendon Primary School.

The reduced speed limit will apply during drop off and pickup times on school days from 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Existing '25 km/h when children present' school zone speed limits where signed will not change. We urge all parents and caregivers to always look for the signs, reduce their speed and always take caution near schools.

We thank the school community for adhering to the new speed limits and for helping us improve the safety of students travelling to and from school.

For more information visit <a href="https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/40km-schools">https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/40km-schools</a>



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