



## Diary Dates

### TERM 1

#### Week 6

Friday 6th March

Pupil Free Day

#### Week 7

Monday 9th March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

#### Week 7 & Week 8

NAPLAN (Year 3 & 5)

#### Week 8

Tuesday 17th March

Governing Council AGM

at 5:30pm, followed by

Governing Council Meeting

#### Week 10

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday Public Holiday

#### Week 11

Monday 6th April

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Friday 10th April

Last day of Term 1 -

early 2pm dismissal



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## Principal's Report

Wow, this term is flying by so quickly! I can't believe that we more than halfway through Term 1 already!

The last few weeks have been a bit more settled, since Swimming Week in Week 4. I was fortunate enough to spend a day at the pool with all of our students, and I could not be prouder of the way they listened, demonstrated resilience and developed their water safety skills. Thank you to our staff, and the staff of the Marion Pool for your organisation and supervision of our students.

In my last newsletter, I mentioned my challenging goal of trying to learn the names of all our students by the end of Term 1. Update – I have learnt 113 of the 230 names, so I'm on track!

### Pupil Free Day

Please be reminded that our first Pupil Free Day of the year is this **Friday 6th March**. We use our 4 Pupil Free Days each year, for staff professional learning. This Friday, I am running a collaborative day where we will look at the workplace environment for our staff. We will have a chance to look at what makes Hendon Primary School a great place to work, and we will identify some aspects that we can improve even further. Obviously, the better the workplace for our staff, the more likely that our students will experience success too.

### Upcoming Assessments

Over the next few weeks, we have some state-wide assessments that some of our students will take part in. Our Year 1s will take part in a Numeracy Check, which is a new assessment to identify the numeracy skills of Year 1 students, which will support our teachers with their planning for the remainder of the year. Our Year 3 and 5 students will take part in the annual NAPLAN assessments, which focus on a variety of literacy and numeracy skills. Please know that while NAPLAN can give us a snapshot of what a student knows and understands, it is not as valuable as the assessments and evidence that teachers collect in their classrooms throughout the year. Of course, we always want our students to do their best in everything that they do, but there is no extra pressure needing to be put on students for these one-off assessments.

## Join our Governing Council – New Members Wanted!

### What is a Governing Council?

A Governing Council is a small group of community members that work with the Principal to help set and monitor the direction of the site, represent the school community and share relevant views, and approve budgets. No experience is required. We encourage community members who are passionate about our school and preschool to join Governing Council.

### What is the commitment?

We meet twice per term on a Tuesdays from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. A crèche is run by one of our staff members, to support community members with dependent children, to attend. There are opportunities to join various sub-committees including fundraising, finance, and OSHC.

### How do I join?

Email the Principal to nominate yourself for a position on Governing Council – [scott.mathews758@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:scott.mathews758@schools.sa.edu.au). Then, attend the AGM in the Library on **Tuesday 17th March** from 5:30pm where the Governing Council election of members will occur, and the leadership team will briefly present the highlights of 2025 and future directions for Hendon Primary School. If you are elected, the first Governing Council meeting will immediately follow the AGM on the 17th March. It is important to note that a current Working with Children Check is required for elected members. The school can support with this process if required.



**Scott Mathews**  
Principal

### Reminders:

**Friday 6th March is a Pupil Free Day**

**Monday 9th March is a Public Holiday**



## Materials and Services Fees 2026

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Materials and Services fees invoices and statements have been emailed out. Thank you to the families who have already paid their fees or have applied for School Card.

Families wishing to apply for School Card need to apply each year online or an application is available from the front office. Please return to the front office upon completion.

Please note applications for School Card close on the 13th November 2026.

If you have any other outstanding accounts, prompt payment of these would be appreciated.

Thank you,

**Lee Taylor**  
Finance Officer

## APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications are now online.



You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Visit: [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](https://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This fortnight our PBL focus has been on:

- Hendon's Sandpit procedure
- Hendon's Swing procedure
- Looking after school property and shared spaces
- Putting rubbish in the bin

Students have been explicitly taught these expectations and staff are reinforcing them consistently across yard spaces.

This focus links closely to last week's Schools Clean Up Day, where students showed pride in our school environment. We are continuing to build strong habits around caring for equipment, keeping areas tidy and respecting shared spaces.

Thank you for supporting these expectations at home by encouraging responsibility and care for community spaces.

**Brigitte Pacillo, Deputy Principal**



GET YOUR **GLOVES ON** 2026



**SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY**  
FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

## Room 12 & 18 - Buddies

At Hendon Primary School, we value building strong connections amongst our students across different year levels. This term, Room 12 and Room 18 will be participating in our buddy program, an initiative where older and younger students are paired together in purposeful activities.

The buddy program fosters a positive school culture by:

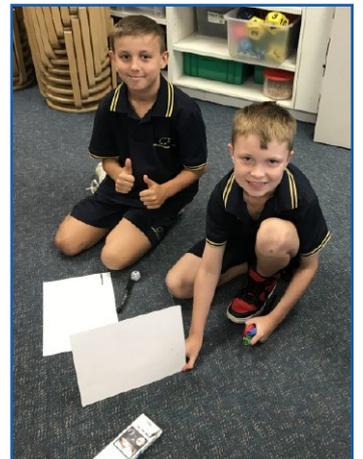
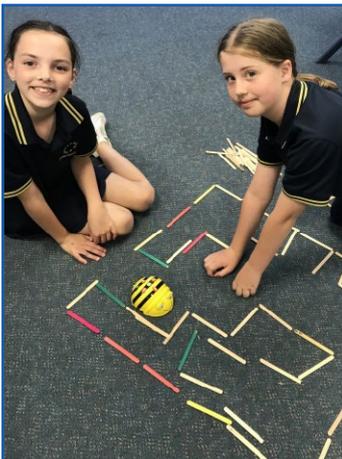
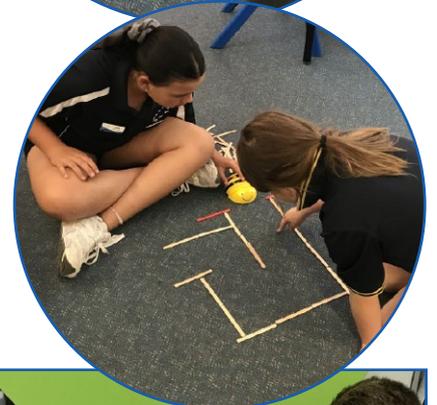
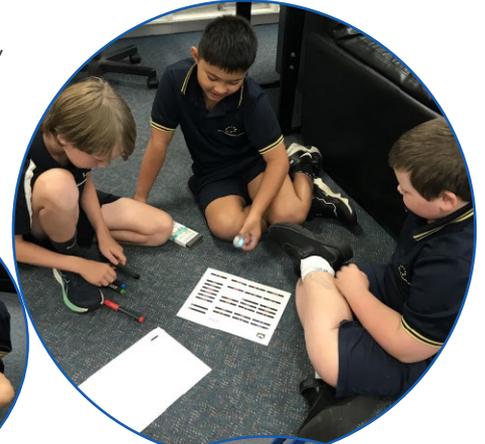
- Supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of all students
- Providing opportunities for leadership and responsibility
- Creating a sense of belonging and community
- Helping students develop empathy, respect, and cooperation
- Promoting positive behaviour through role-modelling

These interactions help our students form friendships, build confidence, and enhance their communication skills.

### Technology Time

Room 12 and Room 18 buddies have been working together to develop their coding skills using Bee-Bots and Ozobots. Through hands-on activities, students have learned to create and follow coding sequences, solve problems, and collaborate effectively. This partnership has supported both digital technologies learning and teamwork.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact these buddy relationships will have on both Rooms 12 and 18.



## Wellbeing

### Student Action Teams 2026

This year we will be running 3 different Student Action Teams. Students from Years 3-6 are encouraged to apply to join a team in which they feel they can actively contribute to the school community.

#### Student Action Teams Overview

##### Purpose of Action Teams:

- To provide a diverse range of leadership opportunities for students in year 3-6
- To involve students in the development of the school and decision making
- To build student engagement across the school
- Provide opportunities for students to work in collaborative teams from Years 3-6.

##### Guidelines for Teams:

- All students must apply to be in a team
- Students will be selected on merit of their application
- Teams will meet a minimum of twice per term.
- Students can nominate for 2 teams but may only be selected for 1
- Applications closed on Friday, Week 5, Term 1. Teams to be announced in Week 6.

#### Teams and Purpose

##### Grounds: Years 3-6 (Ms Fazila & Ms Walsh)

- Help to maintain and improve our grounds
- Determine plants to propagate and plant
- Help to create a sustainable school environment



##### Library: Years 3-6 (Ms Emma & Ms Anderson)

- Run lunchtime activities
- Determine resources to purchase
- Help to maintain and tidy resources
- Organise Book Week activities



##### Community Awareness: Years 5/6 (Ms Kimi)

- Plan and advertise fundraising events to improve the lives of others
- Help our students to learn about and support school community
- Organise and support at school disco



**Kimi Johns**  
Student Wellbeing Leader

### Road Crossing Monitors 2026

- Indi
- Lucy
- Ivy
- Aantarya
- Chase
- Ana
- Valerie
- Zainab
- Elon
- Elizabeth



### Peer Mediators

#### R17 (Year 5/6)

- Gurkirat
- Elizabeth
- Saanvi
- Zainab
- Martin
- Sophia R
- William
- Layla

#### R13 (Year 5/6)

- Glory
- Roqaia
- Bobby
- Lachlan
- Abby
- Mason
- Mayton
- Aantarya
- Hasti
- Izack

#### R12 (Year 5/6)

- Hannah
- Indi
- Riley
- Lucy
- Ivy
- Sophia KW





## Wellbeing



### FOODBANK FOOD HUBS FOOD RELIEF WITH DIGNITY

#### ABOUT FOODBANK FOOD HUBS

Foodbank Food Hubs offer clients a dignified shopping experience. Food Hubs are set up as a general store with a focus on healthy food items. Free Fresh fruit, vegetables and bread are available and affordable meal packs are available for those who like to cook.

#### HOW TO ACCESS FOODBANK FOOD HUBS

All clients before they attend a food hub must already have a referral by a relevant agency that Foodbank work with. A referring agency can offer clients an "ER Agency Pays" voucher (where the agency pays on behalf of the client) or give a "Customer Pay" referral (that clients can use to pay themselves.) Each referring agency have their own referral guidelines/requirements.

#### VALUE FOR MONEY

The Hubs represent great value for money with fresh fruit, vegetables and bread free of charge. Other groceries are charged at a minimal handling fee.

#### FOODBANK FOOD HUB LOCATIONS

Foodbank SA & NT have many Food Hub locations!

- Christies Beach - Alice Springs - Murray Bridge
- Davoren Park - Ceduna - Port Lincoln
- St Marys - Darwin - Whyalla
- Woodville - Mt Gambier
- Metro Mobile Food Hub (multiple locations)
- Regional Mobile Food Hub (multiple locations)



Scan for all Food Hub locations and referral agencies!

[qrco.de/bfJUKC](http://qrco.de/bfJUKC)

"VERY HELPFUL, LOW COST ITEMS TO SOMEONE LIKE ME ON A SINGLE PARENTING PAYMENT."  
- Foodbank Food Hub Attendee

#### For more information:

08 8351 1136  
[reception@foodbanksa.org.au](mailto:reception@foodbanksa.org.au)  
Office enquiry hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 4.30pm



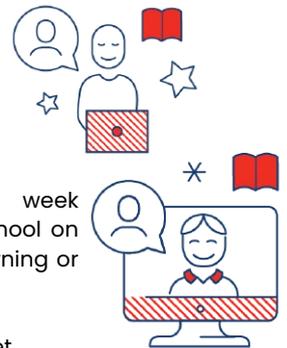
### STUDENT2STUDENT READING PROGRAM

Does your child need support with their reading?

Student2Student matches students behind in their reading age with a student buddy who they read to 2-3 times a week over a digital device at home.

#### 2026 Program Eligibility:

- ✓ Years 3-8
- ✓ 18 weeks at home
- ✓ Reading 2-3 times per week between 4pm-7pm after school on weekdays **and/or** either morning or afternoon on weekends
- ✓ Digital device & home internet



Registrations close  
Friday 17th April

To register please scan the QR code or for more information contact:

Tiffany Williams (Program Coordinator)  
M- 0479 175 055  
E- [tiffany.williams@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:tiffany.williams@thesmithfamily.com.au)



# OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY, 11TH MARCH  
4:30-6:30PM

RSVP AND BOOKINGS VIA  
[www.trybooking.com/1540758](http://www.trybooking.com/1540758)

GLENBURNIE STREET | SEATON  
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[www.seatonhs.sa.edu.au](http://www.seatonhs.sa.edu.au)

## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

5:15PM-5:45PM

## GUIDED SCHOOL TOURS

4:30PM-6:10PM  
(departing every 20 mins)

# 2026



### MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION 4 WEEK SERIES FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-12 YEARS OLD

In this gentle and engaging 4 week series, children (aged 8-12 years) are invited to slow down, tune in, and discover the tools already inside them. Through play, creativity, and guided practice, we'll help kids build emotional awareness, resilience, and inner calm.

- Each week introduces a new set of mindfulness "toolbox" skills
- Guided meditation, breathing exercises, and mindful movement
- Fun, age-appropriate mindful activities that encourage resilience
- How to calm their bodies and minds
- Simple tools they can use at home, school, or anywhere life feels overwhelming

This series is about more than relaxation, it's about helping children plant lifelong seeds of calm and resilience.

Bookings are essential

MORE INFORMATION

Tuesdays - 10<sup>th</sup> March -31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

4pm - 5pm

\$10 per class

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