



Diary Dates

Week 4	
Friday 14/8	Pupil Free Day
Week 5	
17-21/8	Science Week
Friday 21/8	Whole School Assembly - Hall 2:10pm
Week 6	
24-28/8	Book Week
Thursday 27/8	Sponsor a book in library - gold coin donation
Week 7	
Friday 4/9	Father's Day Stall
Week 8	
Monday 7/9	School Closure Day (Show Day)
Friday 11/9	Whole School Assembly - Hall 2:10pm
Week 9	
Friday 18/9	Sports Day
Week 10	
Friday 25/9	Term 3 ends - 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.

Principal's Report

It has been a busy but settled start to Term 3 at Hendon Primary School and Preschool. Our mid-year Foundation students and preschool children have adapted amazingly as they start their new journeys with us. Thank you to the staff who have supported these transitions, and a big welcome to all of our new families!

Some highlights to begin the term have been our celebration of 100 days of school for our start of the year Foundation students, staff vs students netball match (where our upper primary students had a lesson in resilience), tree planting along our oval fenceline to celebrate National Tree Day, a special Principal's Day celebration which was extended to all of our leadership team, and the excitement of finding out that we were successful in our Variety Club All-Abilities Playground Grant (more info on this further in the newsletter)!



We have also welcomed some new staff members to the team this term. Nikolina Balaban, Maddie Wimshurst and Brooke Wilson have been added to our SSO team, supporting students across the school. I feel extremely privileged to have such a great team of support staff who work closely with our students, and it's always great to add more quality people to our highly committed team.

Reminder – School Uniform

It is pleasing to see that almost all students (with support from their families), follow the guidelines in our uniform policy. Below is an extract from our policy related to shorts/skirt length, which could be improved a little (particularly within our upper primary):

Our Uniform

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. **It is expected that all uniform items are labelled.**

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 (to be worn under school dress, skirt or shorts)

Father's Day Stall Donations

Our wonderful and hard-working fundraising committee have requested any donations to our Father's Day stall, which will be held on Friday 4th September. It would be appreciated if these could be brought to the front office by Friday morning 28th August.



Scott Mathews, Principal



Exciting News - \$275,000 Playground Grant!

We are incredibly excited to share that Hendon Primary School has been successful in receiving \$275,000 in funding through Variety - the Children's Charity to support the development of new and improved playground spaces at our school!

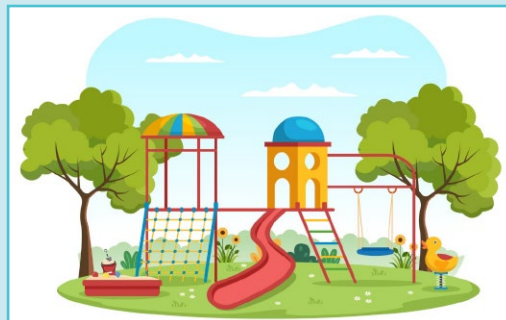
This significant funding will provide an amazing opportunity to transform our outdoor play areas and create inclusive, engaging and accessible spaces where students of all abilities can play, connect and participate alongside their peers.

A huge thank you to Variety for their generous support and investment in our school community. This funding will make a lasting difference for our students, both now and for many years to come.

Student voice has already played an important role in the planning process, with our students sharing their ideas and preferences for the types of equipment and play experiences they would love to see in their new playground.

An incredibly exciting project for Hendon Primary School, we can't wait to see it come to life!

Brigitte Pacillo
Deputy Principal

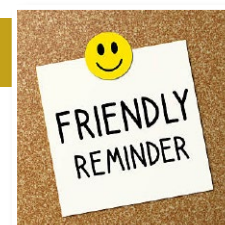


Overdue Accounts

Just a friendly reminder regarding your M&S Fees, Camp, Preschool, Music, Sporting Fees, Excursions.

Prompt payments of these accounts are appreciated. Should you have any queries please call the Finance Office (8345 3190) to discuss.

Lee Taylor, Finance Officer



2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

**SYMPHONY OF
STORIES**



22-28 August

**BOOK WEEK
PARADE**
Week 6 Friday 28th
August 9:15am



#CBCA2026



Rooms 17 and 4 – Sports Day Buddies

Rooms 17 and 4 have been working together to prepare for Sports Day. During our buddy lessons, Room 17 students have taken on leadership roles by running small-group activities for Room 4.

Students can choose which activity they would like to join and move between different groups throughout the lesson. Activities have included basketball, soccer, netball, relay races and creating posters for Sports Day.

These lessons have given Room 17 students an opportunity to develop their leadership and communication skills while supporting the younger students. Room 4 students have enjoyed trying different sports, working with their older buddies and building their confidence ahead of Sports Day.

It has been wonderful to see both classes working together, encouraging one another and showing great teamwork. Rooms 17 and 4 are very excited to put their practice into action and enjoy Sports Day together!





Room 6

Our Foundation students recently celebrated two very special milestones – 100 days of school for our Term 1 Foundation students and the first week of school for our mid-year Foundation students!

The day was filled with fun, laughter and exciting learning experiences as students dressed up for the occasion, enjoyed a dance concert, made delicious fairy bread, and participated in a range of hands-on 100-day themed activities.

It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate how much our students have learnt and grown, while also giving our newest Foundation students a warm and memorable welcome to school.





Wellbeing

Attendance

The Department for Education uses categories to identify students who are at risk because of non-attendance.

It helps staff assess the degree of risk caused by a student's non-attendance.

Habitual non-attendance: This is when a student has 5 to 9 absences for any reason in a term (average of 1 day per fortnight).

Chronic non-attendance: This is when a student is absent for 10 days or more in a term for any reason (average of 1 day per week).

Early warning signs

International research shows that this sort of non-attendance is an early warning sign that a student could have significantly lower learning and wellbeing outcomes throughout their life.

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
read well by the end of third grade

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
pass important courses

HIGH SCHOOLERS
stay on track for graduation

COLLEGE STUDENTS
earn their degrees

WORKERS
succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



The Smith Family

The Smith Family supports long term participation in education through the provision of timely opportunities and support, enabling students to optimise their educational outcomes and offers Learning for Life Scholarships and Programs.

The Learning for Life program works in partnership with families to support their children's education and increase their chances of success at school. The program supports children's education from primary to post-school studies.

Scholarships are awarded to students in financially disadvantaged families that have demonstrated their commitment to education and who would benefit from additional resources and support and who meet the referral criteria. To be eligible for the program, families are required to have a current Pension Concession or Health Care Card and demonstrate a strong commitment and engagement to education.

For further information on the Learning for Life Scholarship, please contact:

Kimi Johns (Student Wellbeing Leader) or
Yolanda Martinez – Family Partnership Coordinator M: 0407 519 472 E: yolanda.martinez@thesmithfamily.com.au

Learning for Life provides:



Support from a dedicated Family Partnership Coordinator



Access to educational programs for the whole family



Scholarship money to help with the costs of schooling

To register your interest in Learning for Life, you need to:

1. Click this link <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/campaigns/learning-for-life-expression-of-interest>
2. Fill out the relevant details (your name, phone number, child/ren's details and school information)
3. You will receive an email from The Smith Family with information about the next steps.

Kimi Johns
Student Wellbeing Leader

Wellbeing (continued)



Free workshop

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Marion, SA



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Tuesday
15 September, 2026
9:15am to 3:00pm



Marion Hotel
849 Marion Road
MITCHELL PARK SA 5043

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and neurodiversity-affirming ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:
www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC
jpcousins@positivepartnerships.com.au

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FREE

Tuning in to Teens

Letting them grow up without growing apart.

6-Session Parenting Program

for parents of young people aged 12-18.

New skills for a new stage:

- support your teen's mental health
- improve your **understanding** of your teen
- help your teen manage their **emotions**
- guide your teen in dealing with **conflict**.

Wednesdays
10.30am-12.30pm

5 August - 9 September
Wandana Community Centre
14 Blacks Rd, Gilles Plains SA

REGISTER TO ATTEND!

Reconnect Mental Health Service
call 08 8303 6660
scan the QR code



centacare.org.au

OSHC

Pupil Free Day 14th August Choose your own Adventure!

Student's choice of activities! Bookings open!

Monday 7th September
School Closure

SHOW DAY

BOOKINGS OPEN

CRAFTS – FAIRY FLOSS – CHIPS ON A STICK
– FUN CARNIVAL GAMES



Community Notices



HENLEY & GRANGE BASEBALL CLUB

JUNIORS

Looking for a Summer Sport?

we're recruiting



CLICK HERE

COME & TRY

Thursdays in Aug & Sep from 4:30pm

at **SEATON** HIGH SCHOOL

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ASHLEY BURNS
Junior Coordinator

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\$252 for 3 days! 30% Offer ends August 30!

THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 01 9-3pm each day, elite facilities
- 02 AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Netball and Soccer on offer
- 03 Suitable for children 5-14 and all skill levels
- 04 Guest appearances at selected programs

LOCATIONS

- Marryatville High School, Marryatville - 28, 29, 30 September 2026
- St Michael's College, Henley Beach - 7, 8, 9 October 2026

It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants

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Join HGBC Junior Program



JUNIOR BASEBALL COME AND TRY

HENLEY & GRANGE BASEBALL CLUB
INVITE BOYS & GIRLS AGED 7 TO 17
TO TRY BASEBALL ON THURSDAYS FROM 4:30PM BEGINNING AUGUST 6

AT SEATON HIGH SCHOOL

CLICK ON THE QR CODE FOR MORE DETAILS
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