



Diary Dates

TERM 3	
Week 9	
Wednesday 16/9	Festival of Music Choir Performance
Friday 18/9	Sports Day
Week 10	
Thursday 24/9	Casual Day - gold coin donation - free choice
Friday 25/9	Term 3 ends - 2pm dismissal
TERM 4	
Week 1	
Monday 12/10	First day of Term 4

Reminders:

Friday 25/9

Term 3 ends - 2pm dismissal

Monday 12/10

Term 4 begins



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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.

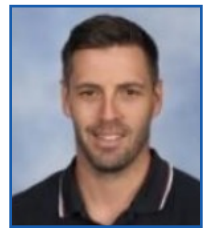
Principal's Report

It's been a busy time of year at Hendon Primary School. Since our last newsletter, we have had our Nature Play celebration for Science Week, SAPSASA Athletics Carnival (where we finished 2nd – woohoo!), Book Week, SSO Week celebrations, Pupil Free Day, Choir Rehearsal at the Entertainment Centre, Instrumental Band rehearsals and Father's Day stall! Thank you to all the key people who have supported these events, especially specialist teachers, Governing Council members, teachers and support staff.

While all this has been happening, we have also been preparing for 2 big events in the school calendar, both happening next week – **The Festival of Music Choir Performance next Wednesday 16th September** (for our choir students) and **Sports Day next Friday 18th September**. I love that we are able to provide such a wide variety of experiences for the students of Hendon Primary School!

Congratulations Matt Millar & Brigitte Pacillo

This term, all of our school leadership positions were advertised, as the current tenures conclude at the end of this year. The **Deputy Principal** panel has been finalised, and **Matt Millar** was the successful applicant. Matt has over 10 years experience in leadership and I have no doubt that he will fit in perfectly at Hendon Primary school when he begins his 5-year position at the start of 2027. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Brigitte Pacillo** for her leadership in the Deputy Principal role over the last few years. Her commitment to Hendon is unwavering and she is very much loved by staff, students and the community. We are excited that we are able to keep Brigitte in our leadership team, as our newly appointed **Curriculum Leader**. This is a new position for our school and will support staff in developing their teaching practice and providing quality learning experiences for our students. The announcements of our Wellbeing Leader and Inclusion Leader positions will occur by the end of this term, as we are still finalising these processes.



I'm excited to say that Hendon Primary's reputation is growing, as we continue to welcome lots of new families to our school, and host leaders from other schools around SA to share some of our great work. Just yesterday, Brigitte Pacillo, Kimi Johns and I hosted 12 leaders from the Yorke Peninsula, who were interested in finding out more about our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) work and our Junior Primary Literacy. I am really proud of what we are building here at Hendon, and I love telling people, what an amazing school we have. Thank you to everyone who also spreads the positive word of our school. It really makes a difference!



Scott Mathews, Principal

Overdue Accounts

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





Science Week



Hendon's scientists celebrated National Science Week 2026 with an amazing whole school incursion, fun science lesson challenges, and optional colouring competition.

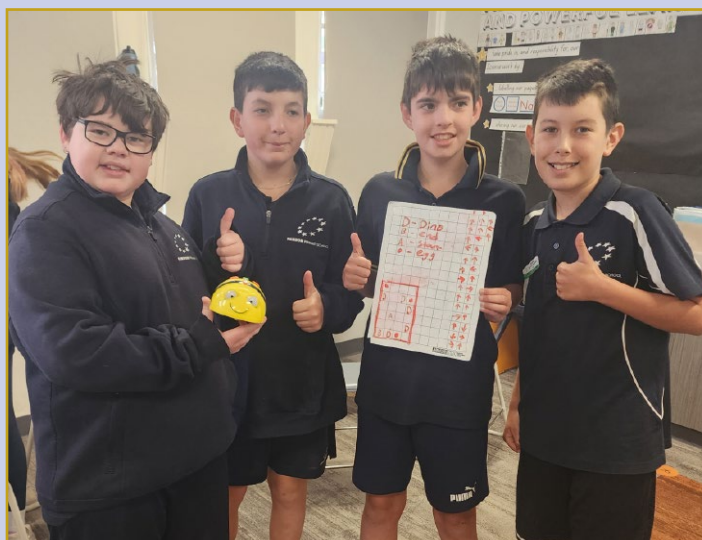
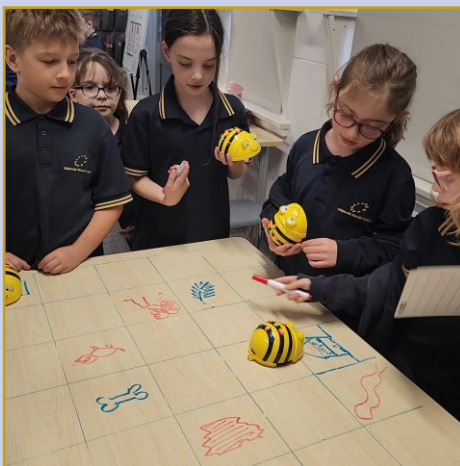
We were so keen for National Science Week that we started the celebrations early with a Nature Play SA Mini Festival on Thursday 13th August. It was wonderful to see the joyful interactions as our students became curious, creative and connected to nature. We are grateful for the generous donation from Uniting Church Royal Park that helped to fund this incursion at no cost to our families.



The celebrations continued with Beebot Coding Challenges during science lessons across the week. Great examples of organisation, teamwork, resilience and persistence were on display as students created and solved scenarios using directional programming and sequencing.

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Science Week (continued)



To keep the celebration going outside of the science room, a science themed Colouring Competition ran across two weeks. Miss Sian is looking forward to brightening up the room with the entries that were delivered with such care and attention to detail.

Winners of the competition were:

Upper - Gurkirat (R17)

Middle - Zac (R16), Jayne (R18), Dua (R19)

Junior - Alejandro (R1A), Talia (R4), Adam (R15)



Pictured right: Upper Winner

Pictured below: Middle and Junior Winners





Book Week 2026

We had a great week of Book Week celebrations all thanks to Ms Emma, Ms Anderson and the library action team. It started with our *Symphony of Stories* lunch time play, exploring with instruments, ending with our Book Week Parade plus other great lunch time activities in-between. It was great to see so many staff and children dressing up and enjoying the parade with family and friends who came along to watch.

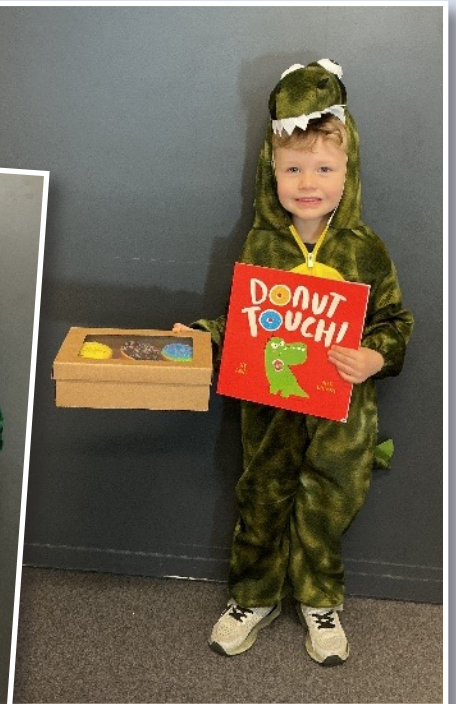
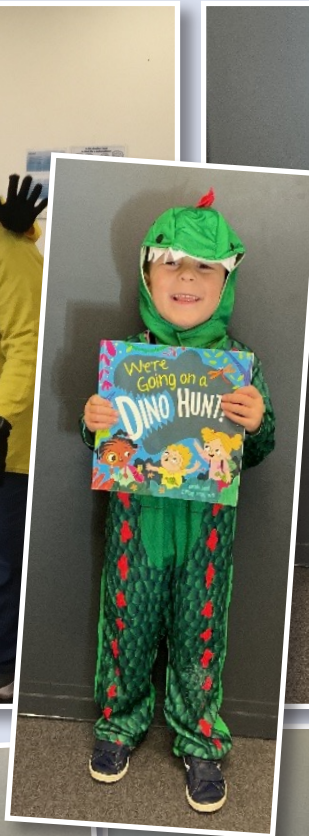




Preschool News

Book Week at Hendon Preschool

Our preschool community recently celebrated Book Week! Our youngest learners truly brought the magic to life. Throughout the week, the children enjoyed a range of stories and experiences designed to foster a love of reading and stories. Our highlight of the week was participating in a parade at Hendon Primary School with the foundation classes there to cheer us on as an audience. Book Week is a special annual tradition at Hendon Preschool and this year was no exception. Thank you to our families for your enthusiastic participation and support.





Wellbeing

The students in 3A are so excited that their brand-new laptops have arrived! Thanks to the extremely generous donation from The Variety Club of South Australia. We can now start our Reading Eggs program, learn keyboard skills and continue working on Mathematics with Prodigy.



The Importance of Arriving at School on Time

Gates open at 8:35am and school starts at 8:50am

- Arriving on time can boost your child's confidence for the day, putting them in the right frame of mind for learning and achievement. 
- Learning is a progressive activity. Each day's lessons build on the previous day's lessons. 
- Arriving late or leaving early often can lead to gaps in learning. This might mean your child misses out on blocks of learning. They might also miss out on important social activities. 
- School is often the first place a child learns the importance of being on time. 
- Being punctual and having good attendance helps develop good habits that are important at school and later at work. 
- Late arrivals can impact the whole class, as teachers might have to stop the lesson, repeat instructions, and regulate the emotions of the students, leading to lost teaching time. 

Kimi Johns

Student Wellbeing Leader

Morning Routine



Daily routines help family life run smoothly. They help children feel safe, develop life skills and build healthy habits. A morning routine also helps children arrive at school ready to learn and play.



Make your bed



Go to the toilet and wash your hands



Eat breakfast



Brush your hair and teeth



Get dressed



Make your lunch



Pack your bag and put on your shoes



Get to school on time

Bedtime Routine



Having a regular bed-time is really important so that children can have a good night's sleep. Continuous, uninterrupted sleep is extremely important with benefits for children's brain and cognitive development. A good night's sleep also allows children to feel refreshed, and more able to focus and tackle the demands of the next day. Recommended sleep time for three to six years old is 10-12 hours; seven-12 years olds -10-11 hours; and teenagers need around eight to nine hours per night.



Have a shower or bath



Put on your PJs



Brush your teeth



Go to the toilet and wash your hands



Share something nice that happened today



Read a story



Have a drink of water



Hugs and go to sleep screen free



Wellbeing

Free Holiday Fun

Muddy Hands Festival

September 30, 2026 @ 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM ACST

Free

Looking for something fun to do with the kids these spring school holidays? Head along to Muddy Hands Festival on Wednesday 30th September, 10am–3pm at Golden Fields Reserve, Golden Grove.



Presented by the City of Tea Tree Gully in partnership with Nature Play SA, this FREE family-friendly event is all about getting kids outdoors, getting creative and discovering how much fun there is to be had in nature.

Get ready for two giant mud pits where kids can stomp, dig and get gloriously muddy! There'll also be a huge range of nature-inspired activities to get stuck into, from making masks and mixing up wild potions to building a cubby, geocaching for local wildlife and so much more.

Families can also enjoy interactive educational stalls, children's entertainment, lawn games, cultural activities and delicious treats from a range of food vendors.

So gather the kids and get ready for a school holiday event filled with nature, play, creativity and plenty of mud!

WHERE: Golden Fields Reserve

WHEN: Wednesday 30th September

TIME: 10am – 3pm

FREE and Roarsome School Holiday Fun at Prospect Central!

Get ready for a ROAR-some school holiday adventure at Prospect Central Shopping Centre, with FREE family fun across four action-packed days!

Meet the Adelaide Dino Rangers

Tuesday 29 September – Thursday 1st October

Plenty of prehistoric fun with the ever-popular Adelaide Dino Rangers.

- Meet the Adelaide Dino Rangers
- Glitter Tattoos
- Dino Balloons
- Dino Face Painting
- Colouring-In Competition
- Plus more dino-themed fun!

Session times: 11am, 12pm and 1pm each day.

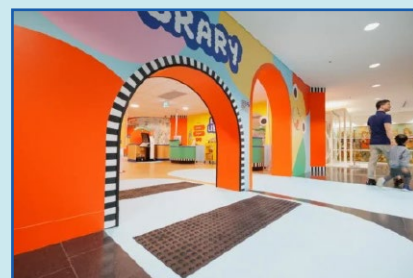
No bookings are required. Activities are available on a first come, first served basis and wait times may apply during busy periods.

www.prospectcentral.com.au/rour-some-school-holiday-fun



Check Out the Brand New Little Library

There's a brand new little library at the State Library of South Australia — and it's the perfect spot to discover during the school holidays! A beautiful new space made just for little readers, with plenty to explore, imagine and enjoy. Pop in, grab a book and let the kids get lost in a story.



Find out more: <https://kidsinadelaide.com.au/little-library-state-library-south-australia/>

Go Rock Hunting

SA Rocks is a nature play based free activity that anyone can join in with. A giant game of hide and seek, for kids and adults alike! We love it because it's free to play, great for all ages and ideal for the school holidays!



<https://kidsinadelaide.com.au/sa-rocks/>

Find your new favourite playground

Did you know the Kids in Adelaide website has over 400 playground listings? The listings of Adelaide's playgrounds include features like location, photos, descriptions, facilities, toilets, age suitability and shade, which will help you find the best parks to suit your family. So pack a picnic and find a few new playgrounds these school holidays

<https://kidsinadelaide.com.au/kids-adelaide-playground-finder/>



Go for a Family Bike Ride

Kids seem to be able to spend all day on their bikes, don't they? Don't they get glute burn like us adults? If your family is up for a new biking adventure, scroll below for all the bike friendly paths, trails & tracks across Adelaide & regional South Australia. Many of them are also pram friendly so you can take the whole family for a walk or pedal. Don't forget the helmets!

<https://kidsinadelaide.com.au/category/play/bike-tracks-trails-paths/>





Community Notices



**New players
welcome!**



SEASON 2026/27

FULHAM CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

OFFERING TEAMS FOR JUNIOR BOYS U10, U12, U14, U15 & U17
OFFERING TEAMS FOR JUNIOR GIRLS U12, U15 & U18



Community Bank
West Beach

Bendigo Bank

Contact our Junior Coordinator Katie Hamlyn or our Girls Coordinator Kylie Lewis
at juniors@fulhamcc.com



FULHAM CRICKET CLUB JOIN OUR GIRLS' JUNIOR TEAMS!

Registrations are now open for girls 8 to 18 years old. We'd love you to be part of the team!

EMAIL US NOW!
juniors@fulhamcc.com



COME & TRY NIPPERS

Children aged 5-13 years
are welcome to join in the fun!



**SATURDAYS
NOV - JAN**



\$20
for 2 sessions



CHOOSE ANY 2 SESSIONS



2025 & 2026
CLUB OF THE YEAR



2026
JUNIOR CLUB OF THE YEAR



SCAN ME
to register

westbeachslsc.com.au/nippers

DATES



7 NOVEMBER



21 NOVEMBER



28 NOVEMBER



5 DECEMBER



16 JANUARY



30 JANUARY



CHOOSE ANY 2 SESSIONS
FROM THE AVAILABLE DATES!



MAKE FRIENDS



BUILD
CONFIDENCE



HAVE FUN!

Principal's Tour

SEPTEMBER 23RD
2PM

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO OUR UPCOMING
PRINCIPAL'S TOUR ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 2PM.

THE TOUR WILL SHOWCASE OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES AND WILL
INCLUDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ABOUT OUR SUBJECT
OFFERINGS INCLUDING OUR ENGINEERING FUTURES PATHWAY
PROGRAM.



LE FEVRE
HIGH SCHOOL

Prospective students and their families are invited to our Principal's Tour
on **Wednesday 23rd of September at 2pm.**

Please fill in this form to indicate attendance:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/J0Qr6fp2Dw>

Please contact us on 8449 7004 if you have any questions or queries.