# HENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER Term 3, Week 3 2023

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# **Diary Dates**

### TERM 3

Thursday 17th August	Ned's Mindset Mission Show
Tuesday 22nd August	Magic Millions/ UP Choir
Friday 25th August	Book Week Parade
Monday 28th August	Athletics Carnival
Friday 1st September	Fathers' Day Stall
Friday 8th September	PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday 11th September	SCHOOL CLOSURE
Friday 15th September	Hendon Choir performing at Festival Theatre
Friday 29th September	Sporty Casual Day Last day of Term 3

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Government of South Australia Department for Education

# **Principal's Message**

#### Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 3 and our first newsletter for the term. As always, the term is shaping up to be a busy one.

We have several fundraisers on the go, including our cookie dough and mega raffle. Thank you in advance to families and friends that have supported our endeavours to raise funds to purchase a net climber to replace the old Flying Fox. There are several excursions, SAPSASA and incursions occurring too, including Book Week so keep an eye on the dates section and on Seesaw.

I would like to acknowledge a few of our Hendon Stars including the top 'Hot Chip – Hendon Star' students who received the most Hendon Stars for their classroom efforts;

1A Oscar, 3A Tahlia, Rm 2 Gurkirat, Rm 3 Ariana, Rm 4 Dontae, Rm 5 Nixon, Rm 6 Oliver S, Rm 7 Oliver M, Rm 12 Mia S, Rm 13 Harper, Rm 16 Nickaan, Rm 17 Jacob K, Rm 18 Jasiah, Rm 19 Vespa.

#### Year 6 student Michael Arthur's Themes Project

Michael showcased his impressive skills by designing and building an interactive stage set with lights and moving platforms. He took inspiration from the famous stage designer Es Devlin and his favourite musician, Timmy Trumpet. Way to go, Michael!

**Congratulations to Eva Trezise** who has been chosen as a narrator-soloist in 'I am The Earth'.

**Congratulations also goes to the Middle Primary Choir** who have won The Foyer concert spot on the same evening. The Foyer concerts are the 'pre-concert' entertainment.

We are very proud of all the students in achieving this.

**Governing Council** have reviewed the school's uniform policy this week and would like to seek feedback on this in the coming weeks. It was noted that some of the standards for our uniform have become a little variable and the desire to maintain a high standard has prompted the review.

**NAPLAN** – well done to our Year 3 and Year 5 students for their efforts in the National Literacy & Numeracy assessments. We will be reviewing the school's overall results against the school's site improvement target in the coming weeks. The NAPLAN reporting this year is a little different to previous years.

With the year progressing so rapidly we are already beginning plans for next year including beginning to look at budgeting to accommodate our ongoing plans for improvement – including an intensive Explicit Literacy program for Foundation to Year 2, planning for the 2024 mid-year intake, looking at class structures and staffing. As you would expect there is a lot to do in planning for each year.



Tonia Noble Principal, Hendon Primary School



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### **Father's Day Donations**

Dear Families,

It is almost Father's Day. Donations towards our raffle for the stall on September 1st, as always would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought to the front office.

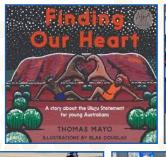
Thank you.

# **ATSI News**

On Friday the 4th of August it was National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. The theme was "Little Voices, Loud Futures".

Rooms 4,5 and 6 worked with Mrs Robertson on some activities to celebrate. They read the book Bush Tracks and had to guess what tracks belonged to which animal and learnt the Kaurna words for the animals. They also did a guided art of a snake activity and used desert sand to represent the track symbols. They had a lot of fun doing the activities

Miss Brooke and Mrs Dionne visited the Pre-school. They read the story "Finding our Heart" which is based around the Uluru Statement from the Heart. After the story they decorated their own hearts which will be displayed in the pre-school.













# **Instrumental Beginner Band Workshop**

On Wednesday, 26 July, some of our beginner instrumental students attended the Instrumental Beginner Band Workshop at Woodville High School.



Many beginner students from various primary schools in the area attended. It was their first experience in a band setting. There were a number of Year 10 Music specialist students from Woodville High School supporting the students as they learnt their 4 pieces. This workshop concluded with a short concert for the parents. It was a wonderful experience for our beginner students!













### **National Tree Day**

#### What is National Tree Day?



Each year, around 300,000 people volunteer their time to engage in environmental activities that educate Australians about the world around them.

Hile every day can be Tree Day, this year Schools Tree Day and National Tree Day fell on the last Friday and last Sunday in July.

It's a day to venture outdoors, plant trees and help our city and country to be a greener place.

#### Why plant trees?



Trees absorb and capture carbon from our atmosphere.

They provide homes and food for a range of birds, insects and other animals.

- 🥵 We enjoy a range of fruit and nuts that grow on trees.
- The timber they produce is also an important, environmentally friendly building material because it stores carbon and is a renewable resource.

Trees provide shade for animals and people.

So, it's important we continue to plant trees and look after our natural environment.

Being in nature is also good for our health and wellbeing! Having a dedicated day to plant a tree (or more) gets us all out and into our beautiful landscapes.

#### What did we plant at our school?

To mark this special day, Last week we joined others schools across Australia in celebrating National Tree Day.

The Grounds Action Team along with Ms Noble and Ms Sian planted a Seedless Naval Orange tree near the South building.

Room 16 students planted a **Coffin Bay Mallee** tree on the oval, a **Hakea** near the dental clinic and two **Bottle Brush** trees in the Kaurna Garden.





### Room 1A



In Science students learnt about melting and freezing. We melted chocolate to see how it goes from a solid state to a liquid state. We used the melted chocolate to decorate small cakes (and then eat them!) which everyone enjoyed very much.



In Maths, we continued to build our learning on sequencing in English by making fairy bread.

In our classroom each week the students are continuing to build on their understanding on 'The Zones of Regulation' to help them learn, understand and recognise what they are feeling and what strategies they can use in response to help regulate their body.



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### Room 3A



In 3A this term we start our day with a 'Morning Circle', where we greet each other, check in on how each of us is feeling, share some funny jokes, discuss the day's events. We then do some Berry Street body activities to get our minds and bodies ready for learning. Here we are using the stretchy band to follow instructions, reinforce our left/right/clockwise and anti-clockwise directions. The class keeps a beat in time to music and we give our muscles a good stretch.

We have also started the week with some group games to help us connect and work together, taking turns and following instructions.



For Science this term we are learning about Life and Living. This will integrate well with Science lessons with Miss Sian on Earth Sciences.

We painted pots and transplanted succulents from the garden. We will care for our plants as we learn what living things need. We will also be planting salad vegetables and watermelons. These will be harvested as they grow so we can learn about healthy eating during our Health lessons.

3A have been enjoying their paired reading time in the afternoons.









For Visual Arts this week we have used air drying clay to make prehistoric creatures.









# Preschool 2024

We are now enrolling for preschool for Term 1 2024.

If your child turns 4 before May 1st they are eligible for preschool in Term 1 2024.

Please come to the preschool or call on 8244 3264.



# End of Term 2 Celebration - Buddy Class Casual Day

On the last day of Term 2 all students were involved in Buddy Day. They wore comfy clothes and had fun spending time with their buddy class watching a movie and nibbling on yummy snacks. The students donated \$2.00 each raising a total of \$361.50 which will go towards purchasing more board games and card games for lunchtime activities.



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# Wellbeing

Ned's Mindset Mission show will be performing at Hendon Primary School on Thursday 17th August at 2:00pm in the Hall.

NED's Mindset Mission is a positive behaviour assembly with a world class performer who takes the students on a 45 minute journey filled with storytelling, Illusions, yo-yo tricks and humour. NED's message and memorable friends inspire students, promote academic achievement and support our school values.

Yo-yos will be available to purchase through the QKR app or with cash from the Front Office from 3pm on the day until Thursday 24th August, they will not be available after this date. Prices for yo-yos range from \$14-\$22 with 10 replacement strings available for \$6 and holsters available for \$12.

We will have a NED Zone setup in front of the Front Office the day after the show and during Week 5 so the students can safely practise their skills.

#### Kimi Johns, Student Wellbeing Leader



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ncourage others - spark courage in other people
o your best - always be learning and growing

### **Community Notices**

#### **Findon High School Principal Tours**

Findon High School has two Principal Tours in Week 7 of this term on **Thursday 7 September** at **9.00am** and **6.00pm**.

Booking can be made via the school's <u>website</u> or direct via <u>TryBooking Australia</u>.

#### Findon High School principal tour



LBOUT Foure invited to join a principal tour at Findon High School! This is a chance to hear about how we:

This is a chance to hear about how we: Tailor learning to each individual student of Soter a student-centred approach that empowers our students to drive their own future create opportunities that connect our students to workplaces and pathways outside of school.

DATES Thursday 7 September 2023 (UTC+09:30)

Get directions

Findon High School Drummond Ave, Findon SA 5023



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