



HENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reach for the stars

NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 9 2023



Diary Dates

TERM 4

Wednesday 13th December Year 6 Graduation

Friday 15th December Last day of Term 4
Early dismissal **2pm**



Wishing all families a safe and happy Christmas break. School resumes for 2024 on Monday 29th January.

2024 Term Dates

Term 1
29 January to 12 April

Term 2
29 April to 5 July

Term 3
22 July to 27 September

Term 4
14 October to 13 December

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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 Message

Dear Families,

Well, that is 2023 done! What a year. We have had so many things to celebrate, particularly this term.

One of the celebrations recently was our End of Year Concert. A big thank you to all the families and friends who attended our concert. I can see why the Concert is such a valued event on our school calendar. It was great to share the opportunity to see our choirs and music program showcased and the performances of each class. A collective thank you to the teachers of our Instrumental program, Maria Stone, Eleni Tsoutouras, all of our teachers and support staff in their efforts in making the evening magical. We are very thankful that the weather was also kind to us.

Last week Governing Council had our final meeting and end of year celebration. I would like to publicly acknowledge members in regard to supporting planning and decision making this year and for volunteering their own time. Governing Council meet on Tuesday evenings, Week 3 and 8 of each term. We will be holding our AGM in Week 8 of next year and would encourage anyone considering becoming a member to come and see me to chat about the role.

I have had lots of positive feedback from families regarding our approach to an extended transition this year and believe that this is a new tradition that we can continue to grow and make even smoother.

Finally we have lots of people that we are farewelling this year, including;

- Kasia and Mel from the OSHC
- Natalie Squire
- Di Eckert
- Eleni Tsoutouras
- Libby Koulizos
- Tracey Doherty

We wish them well in the next stages of their careers and to those retiring we wish them well in their new adventures. Collectively we will be losing many years of valued experience.

We are also farewelling our Year 6s this week. We wish them well as they move into high school and into the next stages of their school life. They have had a fabulous week of celebrations with their Graduation and Big Day Out. A big thank you to their teachers and all the staff that supported fundraising and in making these events such a wonderful experience for our Year 6 students. I would also like to acknowledge the achievements of Eva Trezise in being selected as the 2023 award recipient for the Mark Butler, Hendon Star. Moving into next year, our Year 5/6 have presented, through student voice a proposal to introduce further awards that as Year 6s they can strive for throughout 2024.

Wishing everyone a safe and positive holiday period with lots of fun family and friend opportunities.



Kind Regards

Tonia Noble

Principal, Hendon Primary School



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Wellbeing

Holidays can take students away from friends and their usual school supports. Changes to routine can cause some children to feel stressed, isolated, and alone. Parent/carer support is very important.

Tips for supporting your children during the holidays

- Encourage them to stay connected: Social relationships are an important aspect of children's general wellbeing. Friends can provide both play and support, and spending time with friends is also important for keeping and building existing friendships.
- Encourage them to stay involved: Whether it is hobbies, clubs or sports – involvement with these can help a child feel connected to their wider community.
- Partake in physical activity: If your child is feeling down or finding things difficult, physical activities such as walking around the block can help relieve stress and frustration.
- Keeping to a regular routine: Getting a good sleep each night helps children feel energised, focused and motivated. Getting up and going to bed at the same time each day can help normalise their body clock.

Boredom is good

- Unstructured time and time away from electronic devices is good for young minds.

Use opportunities to teach new skills and self-reliance

- Not having the pressure to rush out the door in the morning can allow for kids to develop new skills such as getting their own breakfast and lunch.

Links below to some fun holiday ideas and activities

[Free Events for Kids in Adelaide](#) | [Kids In Adelaide](#) | [Activities, Events & Things to do in Adelaide with Kids](#)

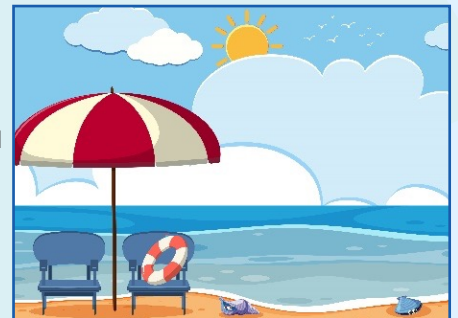
[47 School Holiday Activities Adelaide](#) | [Fun Ideas for Summer 2024 \(getoutwithkids.com.au\)](#)

[Adelaide School Holiday Guide](#) | [Top Things to do with Kids During the Holidays - Play & Go Adelaide \(playandgo.com.au\)](#)

Kimi Johns

Student Wellbeing Leader

Our values
**KINDNESS
RESPECT
TRUST**



Congratulations Ms Anderson and Room 19

Room 19 were recently announced first place winners in the 2023 PMA Mathematics Challenge for their entry entitled, 'What About Maths?' The PMA Mathematics Challenge is open to all primary schools across South Australia including public, independent and Catholic schools. The Challenge is recognised as being a strategy for helping develop powerful learners in mathematics. It was a richly rewarding investigation and students should be very proud of their accomplishment.

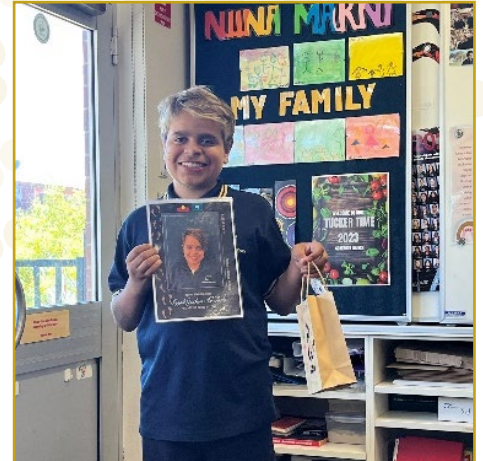
Congratulations also to Albert for his state-winning entry, 'Lego Maths,' and Ana, Brodie and Zachary for their state-winning entry, 'Building Maths'. Jacqueline Anderson also won the Pam Meredith award for reflective writing in mathematics.



ATSI News

To end a successful year for our Aboriginal Education Team and Nunga students, we celebrated with ice blocks to congratulate the Year 6 students. Special gifts and signed cards were presented to each of the Year 6 students, Izzak, Izzabella, Taylah, Holly and Latanya (absent).

Next year will look a little different in our Nunga space as our very own Miss Brooke will be on maternity leave for the year to have her baby. We will be welcoming a new ACEO at the start of 2024 and moving to a new space in the North building (old meeting room). We look forward to the exciting projects and initiatives that will take place next year and can't wait to see you all after the holidays!



The Smith Family Scholarships

The Smith Family supports long term participation in education through the provision of timely opportunities and support, enabling students to optimise their education outcomes. For this reason, The Smith Family offers Learning for Life Scholarships, Programs and Support throughout the primary, secondary and tertiary education years; an eligible student and family can continue to be part of Learning for Life throughout their schooling and post school vocational education.

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.

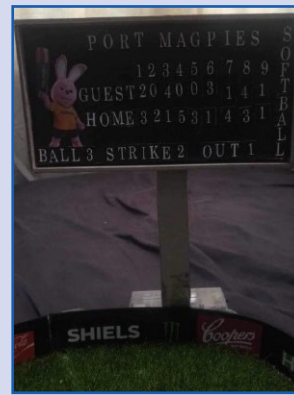
For further information on the Learning for Life Scholarship, please contact:

Natalia Kerrilee Ph: 0481 132 327 Email: Natalia.kerrilee@thesmithfamily.com.au

To Apply: <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/campaigns/learning-for-life-expression-of-interest>

Themes Models

Students chose their own last themes topic to end the year in Rooms 12 and 13. Here are some photos of some of the amazing models the students have made.



Ayva made a softball pitch complete with a light up scoreboard! The fence lights up too!



Arshpreet made a full drumkit to scale!



Tyrone made an excellent baseball field out of a shoe box. Very creative!

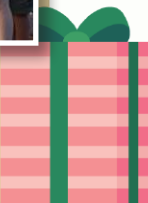


End of year concert and raffle winners



**Congratulations to our
Christmas Raffle prize winners:**

1st	Faye	Student Draw:
2nd	Nixon	Hayley Rm 12
3rd	Andrew	Brodie Rm 19
4th	Sue	Angel Rm 7
5th	Melanie	
6th	Heath	
7th	Jenny	





Community Notices

Calling All Singers and Musicians 🎵



Young Adelaide Voices is on the lookout for **young singers** and invites **you** to discover the joy of singing and choir at **Open Day 2024!**

...for all 2024 school children, Young Adelaide Voices invites you to join us on **OPEN DAY** and journey through the heart of YAV's choral community to celebrate choral excellence, musical growth and the joy of singing...

Join Us at Our Open Day!

- Date:** Saturday 3 February
- Time:** 10am – 12pm
- Location:** Young Adelaide Voices, Burnside City Uniting Church, 384 Portrush Rd, Tasmore,

At our OPEN DAY you will...

- Live Performance:** Hear our **singers perform** and share the impact of YAV in their lives. Learn about our **unique choral education program** for school aged children and discover how we embrace diversity and welcome all young people into our musical family.
- Structure:** Experience quality choral education through **interactive rehearsals** and **musical games**.
- Rehearsals:** Experience quality choral education through **interactive rehearsals** and **musical games**.
- Meet the Choir:** Connect with our **fun choristers** and **dedicated tutors**.
- Coffee:** Experience the **warm sense of community** over coffee in the café.



[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Attendance is required to secure your place in the rehearsals.

Unable to attend? Register to attend a 'Come n try' rehearsal or enrol directly at <https://youngadelaidevoices.asn.au/our-choirs/how-to-join/>

Whether you're a seasoned singer or just starting your musical journey, **Young Adelaide Voices** has a place for you!

We look forward to welcoming new voices to our musical family! 🎵 🎶 🎷



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TERM 1 - 2024
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