



Diary Dates

Term 4, 2024

Week 9:

13/12 Last day of Term 4 -
Early dismissal 2.00pm

Term 1, 2025

Week 1:

28/1 First day of school for 2025

Reminders

Last day of school
for 2024

Friday 13th December
Early dismissal 2.00pm

Happy holidays!

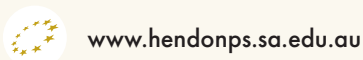
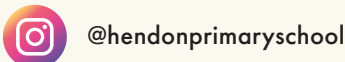
First day of school
for 2025

Tuesday 28th January

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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 Hendon Primary School Community,
As 2024 comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on a fantastic year and celebrate the achievements of our students, staff, and school.

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to all our Year 6 graduates for reaching this important milestone. Your resilience, hard work and growth have made us all incredibly proud. A special acknowledgment goes to our award winners:

- **Hendon Star Award:** Jasmine
- **Visual Arts:** Sarang
- **Extra-Curricular:** Kiarna
- **Sport:** Archer
- **Science:** Bobby
- **Music:** Georgia
- **School Values:** Elyse
- **Significant Growth:** Aleesha
- **Mathematics:** Mia
- **English:** Stan

Your dedication and accomplishments inspire us all - well done! (See photos on the next page)

Introducing Our 2025 Leadership Team

I'm excited to welcome the 2025 Leadership Team:

- **Principal:** Reece Campbell
- **Deputy Principal:** Brigitte Pacillo
- **Wellbeing Leader:** Kimi Johns
- **Special Education Coordinator/Aboriginal Education Teacher:** Dionne Gray
- **Arts Coordinator:** Maria Stone

This talented team brings diverse strengths and a shared commitment to excellence, ready to build on our successes and drive Hendon Primary School into the future.

2024 Highlights

This year has been one of growth and achievement:

- **Early Years Success:** Our first year of consistent explicit phonics instruction (InitialLit) led to a 7% increase in Phonics Screening results, with more growth projected for 2025.
- **Addressing Learning Gaps:** Teachers embraced diagnostic assessments to better differentiate learning.

- **Upper Primary Adventures:** Our first camp to the Adelaide Hills was an unforgettable experience.
- **NAPLAN Gains:** Significant improvements in Years 3 and 5, thanks to explicit, direct instruction methods.

Looking Ahead to 2025

Next year, we're excited about:

- **Sports Day at ALF Max:** A new and exciting event for 2025.
- **Zones of Regulation Training:** Teaching emotional regulation using consistent terminology and approaches.
- **Moonlight Movies:** A community fundraiser under the stars.
- **Positive Behaviours for Learning - A Transformative Framework:** I am thrilled to announce that with my strong advocacy and with 100% staff buy-in, Hendon Primary School has been selected as the sole participant in the western Adelaide region for the Positive Behaviours for Learning program. This innovative framework is designed to teach positive behaviours, routines, and social skills over a 3-5 year period and will be offered to only 10 schools next year.
- **Expanding Evidence-Based Teaching:** Building on proven methods to ensure great outcomes for all.

Also, a reminder that next year our updated Attendance Policy and Sun Protection Policy will take effect, from Term 1. These are viewable on our website.

To our students, staff, families and wider community - thank you for your hard work, support, and partnership this year. We look forward to an exciting 2025!

Wishing you a safe and joyful holiday season.

Warm regards,

Reece Campbell
Principal



Celebrating Success



Hendon Star Award recipient - Jasmine

Christmas Raffle



The Christmas raffle was drawn on 3 December.

Congratulations to:

1st	Jerry	
2nd	Drew	Room 2
3rd	Ruby	Room 16
4th	Bobby	Room 15
5th	Shanna	
6th	Roberta	Room 2
7th	Lincoln	Room 5
8th	Bette	

Student Winners:

Vespa	Room 16
Marithea	Room 17
Lucy	Room 16



Community Notices

CITY OF CHARLES STURT
MEANS THE WORLD

SUMMER READING COMPETITION

Join our interactive challenges at Charles Sturt Libraries for a chance to win!
Prizes for adults and children.
1 December - 31 January 2025.

charlessturt.sa.gov.au/summerreading

5 Locations:
 • Grange
 • Stonyfell
 • Unley Park
 • Mawson Lakes
 • Windsor Gardens

PLAYSTART SOCCER TERM 1

FREE Trials Available

BOYS & GIRLS 2-10 Years Old

Kick Off Sat 8th & Sun 9th February

Class Times (all locations)
 Play Social 9:00 - 9:30am
 Play Develop 9:00 - 9:45am
 Play Connect 10:00 - 11:00am
 Play Improve 10:00 - 11:00am
 Play Progress 10:00 - 11:00am

Saturday/Sunday Mornings
 Play Social (2-3yo) - \$130
 Play Develop (4-5yo) - \$140
 Play Connect (5-6yo) - \$160
 Play Improve (6-8yo) - \$160
 Play Progress (8-10yo) - \$160

8 Week Programs
[Book Online](#)

We Accept **SPORTS VOUCHERS** | www.playstart.com.au
 Ph 0401 410 465 (Andrew)

Wellbeing

Summer School Holidays for Free in Adelaide and surrounding areas

From: [South Australia Summer School Holidays 2024/25](#) | [Kids In Adelaide](#) | [Activities, Events & Things to do in Adelaide with Kids](#)

Find your new favourite playground

Did you know our website has over 400 playground listings? Our comprehensive listings of Adelaide's playgrounds include features like location, photos, descriptions, facilities, are there toilets? age suitability and is there 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.

Click here for our huge playground map: <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 you're 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!

Click here to plan a ride: <https://kidsinadelaide.com.au/category/play/bike-tracks-trails-paths/>

Splash Town Moonta

Speaking of free places for a swim did you know Splash Town in Moonta (Yorke Peninsula) is totally FREE! It features racer slides, kids slide, large tipping bucket, water mushrooms and more, with most under shades.

Summer School holiday times are 10am to 6pm daily, including Christmas Day and other public holidays

Click here to find out more: <https://kidsinadelaide.com.au/water-play-areas-adelaide/>

START at the Art

Start at the Gallery is FREE family fun day which includes an exciting introduction to art activities, tours, live performances and entertainment.

Held on the first Sunday of every month at 11 am – 3 pm for children aged 3-12 and their families.

Each monthly event is themed around current exhibitions or the general collection.

Events are free and no bookings are necessary.

Click here to find out what's on: <https://kidsinadelaide.com.au/event/start-at-the-art-gallery/>

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!

Click here for more info: <https://kidsinadelaide.com.au/sa-rocks/>

FREE water play

When it's hot in Adelaide, it's really hot. So here are some great parks where you can find FREE shade, water, and some playground fun to keep the kids happy and the electricity bill down. As always PLEASE be very careful with your kids around water. We love kids exploring, having fun in nature and having a splash but you need to watch them at all times! And don't forget to slip, slop, slap and wrap!

Click here for a free place to splash: <https://kidsinadelaide.com.au/water-play-areas-adelaide/>

Fossil Fun to Nature Photography at the Museum these School Holidays

Calling all budding palaeontologists, aged 6 to 15! Join the South Australian Museum for a school holiday workshop, Life Through Time, which has been 600 million years in the making. Get hands on with Ediacaran fauna, dinosaur bones, and megafauna fossils, and use microscopes with the aid of a Museum scientist. The workshops are on from 8-17 January 2025.

Also check out the new exhibition, Bunganditj Kali! – Talk Bunganditj!, on at the Australian Aboriginal Cultures Gallery from 14 December 2024 to 15 June 2025. Delight in works by students from the Mount Gambier region, painted to illustrate two creation stories taught to them by Elders and Traditional Owners: How Fire Was Obtained and How the Volcanoes Were Formed. These stories, retrieved from archival records, celebrate the Bunganditj language spoken in the state's South-East by five dialect groups.

Meanwhile, don't miss the last days of the Museum's annual Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year exhibition, on until 5 January 2025. From jumping spiders to glowworm-lit tunnels, this stunning collection of images provoke us to explore and understand the changing nature of our environment and appreciate the wonder that surrounds us. Among the images on display are the winning pics from the competition's junior photography category. Youngsters might even be inspired to enter the 2025 contest!

www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/events

Kimi Johns, Student Wellbeing Leader





Community Notices



Basketball

Skills Clinic

Jan 15 3:30pm-4:30pm

Ages 5 - 12 years old

Coaches from the West Adelaide Basketball club will be running the session.

Registration required.

Free

Register by emailing
lefevre_sports@cityofpae.sa.gov.au



Free

E-sports Tournament

Jan 17 12:30pm-2:30pm

Registration required. Limited spots available.

REGISTER:

[HTTPS://TICKETING.HUMANITIX.COM
/TOURS/MARIO-KART-TOURNAMENT-
JANUARY-SCHOOL-HOLIDAYS](https://ticketing.humanitix.com/tours/mario-kart-tournament-january-school-holidays)



AFL Footy skills clinic

Inside the stadium
(air conditioning will be on)

Run by coaches from the
Portland Football Club

Free

Jan 14 10am - 11am

Ages 5 - 12 years old

Register by emailing
lefevre_sports@cityofpae.sa.gov.au



Lefevre Community Stadium

December & January

School Holiday Program

Want to register for a program?

Email lefevre_sports@cityofpae.sa.gov.au or call 8405 6908

541 Victoria Rd, Osborne SA 5017



Free

Skateboarding Come N Try Session

Jan 20 9:30am-10:30am

For primary and high school ages

Free

Register by emailing
lefevre_sports@cityofpae.sa.gov.au



Free

Kids Connect Program Arts & Craft

Jan 21 1pm- 3pm

Ages 5 - 12 years old

Register by emailing
lefevre_sports@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Free



Free

Kids Connect Program Sports & Games

Jan 14 1pm - 3pm

Ages 5 - 12 years old

Sports, multiball screen, board games

No registration required.

Free



Roller Skating Sessions

\$4 per person **Ages 5-17**

Dec 18, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 22

1pm- 3pm

We encourage all skaters to wear helmets while skating.
Feel free to bring your own or helmets will be available at the stadium to hire at no cost.

No registration required.



Nature Play Session

Learn about recycling and the environment and participate in fun outdoor activities!

Jan 21 9am-10:30am

Ages 4 - 12 years old

Register by emailing
danielle.crisci@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Free

Community Notices

Give the greatest gift of all: the gift of life.

Did you know that this Summer, whilst you are enjoying a Christmas party with family and friends, or a round of cricket at the beach, every 18 seconds, a blood donation will be needed in Australia?

The need for blood and plasma doesn't get to take a break. Please consider booking in to give blood or plasma donation these holidays and give a gift that is life-changing.

Your blood or plasma donation could be the gift of life to someone going through cancer treatment; or to help someone else to get through a difficult childbirth; and or even to someone to help manage their immune disease.

In fact, there are thousands of people across Australia who will be getting together with their family, friends and community this festive season all thanks to donated blood — and blood donors.

There's still time to give the Gift of Life.

Whether it's your first time or 101st time, it's always a gift at the top of someone's wish list.

When you give blood this season, you'll score a festive limited-edition bandage. It's Lifeblood's little way of saying thank you.

The Port Adelaide Donor Centre is located at 95 St Vincent Street, and is open across the festive season, including Christmas and New Years Days. The need for blood doesn't get to take a holiday.

To give the gift of life, either call 13 14 95, visit www.lifeblood.com.au or download the 'DonateBlood' app.



HENDON PLAYGROUP

COME AND JOIN US IN 2025!

DURING SCHOOL TERMS (ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS)

29/1, 12/2, 26/2, 12/3, 26/3, 9/12

9AM - 10.30AM

HENDON PRESCHOOL, GATE 4, CEDAR AVENUE

GOLD COIN PER FAMILY

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY

CREATIVE EXPERIENCES

BRING FRUIT TO SHARE

SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN 0-5 (ALL WELCOME)

FOR ALL INQUIRIES CONTACT 82443264



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Ages **5-14*** | Mighty Days **\$55**** | Other activities **\$12.50**

- Nerf wars
- Mighty Days
- Aqua inflatable



Book online:

parksrsc.ymca.org.au/school-holidays

