



Independent Public School

# NEWSLETTER

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Halidon Primary School

## Event Calendar

### FEBRUARY

Thursday 16 February  
Parent Information evening –  
Senior block: TA's 11, 12 & 13  
6pm – 7pm

Monday 20 February  
Swimming lessons continue  
Parent Information evening –  
Junior block: TA's K1, K2, 1, 2 & 3  
6pm – 7pm

Tuesday 21 February  
School banking in the senior wet area  
8.10am – 8.30am

Wednesday 22 February  
Early close 2.30pm

Thursday 23 February  
Running Club 8am  
P&C Newsletter

Friday 24 February  
Swimming lessons conclude

Tuesday 28 February  
School banking in the senior wet area  
8.10am – 8.30am  
Assembly TA7  
Uniform shop open 8.30am, - 9am

### MARCH

Wednesday 1 March  
Early close 2.30pm

Thursday 2 March  
Running Club 8am  
School Newsletter

Monday 6 March  
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

## From the Principal

Hello Parents, Staff and Students

Students have settled in to their new classrooms and are working hard to make a positive start to the school year. I have been extremely impressed with the friendly and polite nature of the students at Halidon Primary School. Many students are happy to approach me in the playground to have a chat and always greet me with a happy disposition. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting students in their classes each morning.

### Swimming Lessons

Swimming has commenced without a hitch, thanks to the thorough organisation by our Phys Ed teacher Mrs Michelle Sharp. I am grateful that the weather is warming up for the children to enjoy their swimming lessons.

### First Assembly

Our first assembly for 2017 will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> February due to swimming lessons. We look forward to see what TA7 has installed for us! After the assembly, the P and C will host a 'New Families Morning Tea' in the staffroom. I'm looking forward to this event.

### Harmony Day

This year Harmony Day is on 21<sup>st</sup> March and this is an opportunity to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. Harmony day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We encourage students to dress in rainbow colours for a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to a charity to be determined. There will be activities completed in class related to the theme of cultural diversity. In the evening we invite families to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy in the school grounds and meet some of the new families to our school, including the new Principal! The picnic will commence at 5.00pm and conclude before it gets dark at around 6.30pm.

### Student Achievement

One of our year 6 students, Hunter Reeve has been asked to be a Student Ambassador at a youth voice forum for the Belong Project. The project is being run by the Telethon Kids institute and UWA. The project is run over three years and information will be used to help develop a new resource to support deaf and hard of hearing children in years 4 - 6 at school.

Hunter will be asked to share his thoughts and ideas on what it is like to be a child of hard of hearing at school and things that can be done to help improve their time at school. He will also be involved in a number of activities.

Well done Hunter! We are extremely proud of you!

### Retirement

This week we farewell one of Halidon's most experienced teachers with Lyn Wallace retiring after over 20 years of service to this school. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution that Mrs Wallace has made to education throughout her career and specifically her dedication, commitment and passion towards high quality teaching for several years at Halidon.

### Parking Reminder

We have been notified that the rangers will be doing regular patrols of the school at crucial times of the day. They will be using the License Plate Recognition cameras and be issuing infringements accordingly. Be aware!

Whilst discussing traffic, there will be NO TRAFFIC WARDEN on Friday afternoon's only until further notice as there is a shortage of traffic wardens.

Helen Demiris  
Principal

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" Nelson Mandela

## FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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### Playground Supervision

As it is the beginning of the new school year I would like to remind all parents that playground equipment/playgrounds are strictly out of bounds before and after school as there is no supervision at these times. This is also applicable to all students in the Early Childhood playground. Admin will be present in these areas before and after school to ensure our students, whether they are supervised by parents or not, are not on playgrounds. We thank parents/carers for their cooperation and support in this matter.

### Connect

'Connect' is an integrated online environment developed by the Department of Education WA for staff, students and parents in public schools. Connect is currently being set up at our school and is already in use by all staff.

Parents would have received an automatically generated email yesterday afternoon containing a username and password as part of the set up procedure at school though at this stage there is no need for parents to do anything (apart from keeping the email). 'Connect' will be ready for trial in the next few weeks with information sessions available for parents.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### WANNEROO DISTRICTS RUGBY UNION

Kingsway Sporting Complex  
Spectator Drive (off Hepburn Avenue)  
Madeley 6065

Club Registration day – Saturday 18 February 2017  
from 9.00am

Sibling discounts available on club fees at time of registration.

All fully paid registered players will receive a training jersey compliments of our Junior Club Sponsors.

Teams for all age groups, boys and girls are welcome  
Season Fixtures start 29 April 2017.

Online registrations via:

<https://rugbylink.resultsvault.com/wanneroorugbyjuniors2017>

Any registration enquiries please email:  
[rego@ourteam.net.au](mailto:rego@ourteam.net.au)

### Avoiding nuts in lunchboxes

In an effort to provide a safe environment for students with allergies to nuts Halidon PS is seeking the support of the whole school community to help make our school nut free by ensuring all sandwich fillings, cakes, slices, biscuits, muesli bars, chocolate bars and dips which may contain nuts are not brought to school. Foods of particular concern are nuts hidden in chocolate (such as M&M's), peanut butter and dried fruit & nut combinations. Parents are encouraged to remind their children not to share any food with other children at recess or lunch.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

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The Contributions schedule was sent home with your eldest child today; there is also a copy within this newsletter. The Contributions schedule is a user-friendly guide to assist families in calculating their 2017 Contributions.

We request that families settle their Contribution accounts by the **17<sup>th</sup> March**.

Contributions can be paid on-line as well as by cash or cheque.

Please note that the office does *not* have EFTPOS/credit card facilities.

Once you have calculated your contributions using the guide, you can then choose one of the following payment methods:

### ON-LINE

- Recipient: Halidon Primary School
- Bank: ANZ
- BSB: 016006
- Acct Number: 340951726
- Reference: STUDENT/s Surname

### CASH

Complete the envelope provided and place cash along with tear-off slip inside, then deposit into red box located outside the office.

Please tender the correct amount.

### CHEQUE

Please make payable to "**Halidon Primary School**", fill in the envelope provided, place cheque and tear-off slip inside and deposit into red box located outside the office.

The **P&C Contribution** has been set at **\$45.00 per family**. The P&C contribution can be included in the same payment method used to settle the school contributions.

Time payment plans are available following contact with the Manager Corporate Services

Your attention to this payment will be kindly appreciated as it assists in vital resources for all students.

## ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

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Student nonattendance notification:

Please send an SMS message to **0437 289 575** when your child is absent; giving the reason for the absence.

Please enter this number into your mobile, separate to the school number, as it can only be used to send and receive texts.

Alternatively you can send an email to [halidon.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:halidon.ps@education.wa.edu.au). Please remember to include the reason for absence e.g. sickness.

Notification needs to be sent prior to 10am, otherwise an 'Unexplained Absence' text will be sent to you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## HALIDON PS TERM 1 PLANNER – 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
29 JAN Wk 1	30 JAN Staff resume	31 JAN	1 FEB Students resume 2.30pm Early close	2 FEB School Newsletter	3 FEB	4 FEB
5 FEB Wk 2	6 FEB	7 FEB School Banking in the Senior wet area every Tuesday 8.10am - 8.30am Mrs Melissa Lake	8 FEB Brass Tuition Mr Phil Mullane 11.25am – 12.25am each Wednesday 2.30pm Early close Staff meeting 3.15pm – 4.45pm	9 FEB Running Club 8am Guitar Tuition Mr Keith Perry Yr 5: 11.30am – 12 pm Yr 6: 12 noon – 12.30pm each Thursday P& C Newsletter	10 FEB Clarinet Tuition Ms Kate Newnham 11.30am – 12.30pm each Friday	11 FEB
12 FEB Wk 3	13 FEB Swimming lessons commence  P&C meeting (AGM) in the Library 1.00pm	14 FEB	15 FEB 2.30pm Early close  Parent Information Evening Intermediate Block: TA's 7, 8 & 9 6pm – 7pm	16 FEB Running Club 8am  School Newsletter  Parent Information Evening Senior Block: TA's 11, 12 & 13 6pm – 7pm	17 FEB	18 FEB
19 FEB Wk 4	20 FEB Parent Information Evening Junior Block: TA's K1, K2, 1, 2 & 3 6pm – 7pm	21 FEB	22 FEB  2.30pm Early close	23 FEB Running Club 8am  P& C Newsletter	24 FEB Swimming Lessons conclude	25 FEB
26 FEB Wk 5	27 FEB	28 FEB Assembly TA7 Uniform shop open 8.30am – 9am	1 MAR  2.30pm Early close	2 MAR Running Club 8am  School Newsletter	3 MAR	4 MAR
5 MAR Wk 6	6 MAR LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	7 MAR	8 MAR  2.30pm Early close	9 MAR Running Club 8am  P& C Newsletter	10 MAR	11 MAR
12 MAR Wk 7	13 MAR	14 MAR	15 MAR  2.30pm Early close	16 MAR Running Club 8am  School Newsletter	17 MAR	18 MAR
19 MAR Wk 8	20 MAR	21 MAR Harmony Day  Assembly TA 12  Uniform shop open 8.30am – 9am	22 MAR  2.30pm Early close	23 MAR Running Club 8am  P& C Newsletter	24 MAR	25 MAR
26 MAR Wk 9	27 MAR	28 MAR	29 MAR  2.30pm Early close	30 MAR Running Club 8am  School Newsletter	31 MAR P&C Disco	1 APR
2 APR Wk 10	3 APR	4 APR Assembly TA 2  Uniform shop open 8.30am – 9am	5 APR 2.30pm Early close  Staff meeting 3.15pm – 4.45pm	6 APR Running Club 8am  P& C Newsletter	7 APR Last day of Term 1	8 APR

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FOR AMENDMENTS AS THIS PLANNER IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



## SUPPORT-A-READER PROGRAM



Halidon Primary School run a volunteer program called Support-a-Reader. Students are given the opportunity to read regularly with a supporting adult on a one on one basis.

Once again we would like to call on any parents and carers, who have any spare time to help these students improve their reading.

It requires 15 minutes to hear a student read once a week. You may like to hear one student or more depending on your time availability. The more parents and carers we have the more students will benefit.

If you are able to help, please fill in the form below and return it to the front office.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your child's TA: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Days in the morning or afternoon, which may suit you: \_\_\_\_\_

How many students (up to 4): \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like more information or have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanking you in anticipation

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