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Halidon Primary School Kingsley,

Event Calendar

Monday 6 March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 7 March

School banking in the senior wet area
8.10am – 8.30am

Wednesday 8 March

Early close 2.30pm

Thursday 9 March

Running Club 8am
P&C Newsletter

Tuesday 14 March

School banking in the senior wet area
8.10am – 8.30am

Wednesday 15 March

Early close 2.30pm

Thursday 16 March

Running Club 8am
School Newsletter

Tuesday 21 March

Harmony Day
School banking in the senior wet area
8.10am – 8.30am
Assembly TA12
Uniform shop open 8.30 – 9am

Wednesday 22 March

Early close 2.30pm

Thursday 23 March

Running Club 8am
P&C Newsletter

Monday 27 March

P&C Meeting 1.30pm in the library

Friday 31 March**Disco – Theme 'FAMOUS PEOPLE'****Years K – 2: 5.30pm – 6.30pm****Years 3 – 6: 6.45pm – 8.15pm**

From the Principal

Hello Halidon Community

Swimming lessons have concluded without a hitch and I'm sure I hear a sigh of relief from the parents and teachers! The students conducted themselves in an admirable way, with comments made about their manners and behaviour by the members of the public. Well done students! The success of the lessons was also attributed to the outstanding organisation and coordination completed by our Phys Ed teacher, Mrs Michelle Sharp. Well done also to Mrs Sharp!

Gate Closure

To ensure the safety of our students we will be closing the rear service gate at 9am. There has been no incident. This is a precautionary action, as the junior play ground is situated in close proximity to the open gateway. It will also ensure services report to the main office prior to entering the school.

Staff News

Since the commencement of the school year we have farewelled 4 staff members. I would like to acknowledge Lyn Wallace and Jo van Zoelen who retired after many years to Halidon PS and public education and Margaret Mellican who has resigned to pursue other interests but remains in the field of education. I would also like to acknowledge Kristy Atkinson who commenced maternity leave on Friday. We wish her and her family all the very best as we await the exciting news in about 4 weeks time!

Case Conference Model

In an endeavour to capitalise the once a fortnight time slot with our School Psychologist Lauren Gabelich we have streamlined the process for conducting case conferences. If your child requires intervention, either academic or emotional and this leads to a case conference you will be informed by your child's teacher. Prior to the scheduled date, you will receive a SMS message from the school notifying you of the date and time. If you are unable to make it please contact the school to reschedule as soon as possible. A case conference is where issues of academic, social and emotional concerns for students may require School Psychologist intervention and support. Further specialist intervention can be referred by the school psychologist to external professionals or agencies to support the student's needs in some cases. Teachers with concerns about students are able to access the service and a case conference involving the Associate Principal or the Principal, School Psychologist, Class Teacher and Parents will be convened to discuss the relevant issues. From this initial confidential case conference, a plan for any required support which in some cases may be referrals to other agencies will be developed.

Our philosophy is based on involving all stakeholders to ensure relevant information is gathered and a collaborative plan of action implemented to support the student.

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All meetings are confidential and where necessary parent permission is required for some assessments and referrals to other supporting agencies.

The school psychologist also provides the school with support for teachers in the development of Individual Education Plans, Behaviour Modification Plans and information and materials on a range of learning and behaviour issues.

Parents can request an appointment with the School Psychologist to discuss confidentially academic or emotional issues that may be of concern for their child or impacting on them at home or school.

Usually if your child is in years K-2 your case conference will involve the Principal and years 3-6 will involve the Associate Principal.

Stroll for a Sweetheart



Last Sunday I participated in the “Stroll for a Sweetheart” fundraiser which supports the HeartKids charity. HeartKids are dedicated to providing support, encouragement and hope to families of children with Heart Disease, while raising awareness and vital funding into the causes of this chronic disease. For further information please check out their webpage <https://heartkidswa.org.au/our-work/>

I would like to raise awareness for this worthwhile charity whilst sharing a little about myself with the community. An interesting reflection of the day was when I met two people who recognised me – I taught them in my first year of teaching! Actually I taught the whole family and the youngest is now 30! Nothing like children to bring us to our knees with humility!!



New Families Morning Tea

Thank you to those parents who attended the new families morning tea on Tuesday. It was lovely to meet you all and hear about your previous schools. It was pleasing to note that your first experiences here at Halidon have been extremely positive.



Leadership Lunch

This week Mr Schmidt and I met with the head boy and girl to discuss some ideas for the student leadership team in the school. I have to comment on the mature and well-mannered approach by Eliza and Aven. They had some great ideas to contribute and I am very excited about the new initiatives that these students will bring as the voice of the student body.

School Board

Information was sent home on Tuesday regarding a voting process for the new board members. Please take time to complete the ballot and return it to school by the closing date. The members of the board are **your** representatives when we convene the board.

Thank you everyone.

Wobbly Knees

On Saturday 29th April a group of Halidon mums, Teresa Holden, Anna Pettley, Karen Beenham and Marnie Delauney will be abseiling off the QV1 building to raise much needed funds for the Princess Margaret Hospital. To support these brave ladies the school will conduct a coin trail in the undercover area. On a date to be confirmed, the students will be asked to bring in spare change and place it on their faction “tower” drawn on the ground in the undercover area. In exchange for their donation they will receive a raffle ticket to win a prize. Stitches the bear will be in attendance.

This is also a great opportunity to make your children aware of the amazing work done by PMH to support so many children not only in our community but statewide. I am sure we all have a story to tell about the impact PMH has had in our own lives.

The date will be confirmed very soon. If you'd like more information please click on the links below.

[Help Teresa, Marnie and Karen make a difference](https://abseil2017.everydayhero.com/au/t-wobbly-knees) at:

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Have an enjoyable fortnight...

Helen Demiris

Children teach you that you can still be humbled by life, that you learn something new all the time. That's the secret to life, really: never stop learning. Never think you have got it all. Clint Eastwood

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

A Composite Permission Form has been sent home with every student today.

Our Duty of Care to your child means that the school must have specific permission from you for your child to use the internet, have their photo included in the school newsletter, school website and/or newspapers.

It is vitally important that we receive completed Permission Forms by next Friday 10 March. Please return these forms to class teachers.

NAPLAN

The annual national testing of students literacy and numeracy skills for students in Year 3 and Year 5 will occur from Tuesday 9th May to Thursday 11th May (Friday 12th May is a catch up day if required). A parent brochure has been distributed to parents of these students outlining the testing procedure. It is important that students understand that this is just one of a variety of assessment tools used by schools over the course of the school year and they should not feel pressured or anxious during the testing cycle. We simply ask that students do their best.

WHAT IS STEM?

Science Technology Engineering Mathematics.

2017 is the year that Halidon PS expands its Science program by integrating these four areas of study.

- Science: the investigation and understanding of the natural world.
- Technology: the use of tools to help create solutions.
- Engineering: designing creating and testing solutions to problems.
- Mathematics: a way of communicating about observations, results and solutions.

The program will focus on the 4 key aspects of Science; physical, biological earth and space and chemical sciences. This will provide the basis for engineering challenges that will use digital and manual technologies. STEM helps us to apply science knowledge to solve problems. We hope that it will challenge engage and inspire Halidon students to reach beyond what they already know.

In Term 1 the focus is **Physical Sciences**; energy, sound, light, heat, forces movement, friction and gravity.

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

Thank you to the many parents/carers who have settled their voluntary Contributions.

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

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

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. 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.

A POEM

Pets

I have six of them, some big some small,
some skinny some tall
But size doesn't change a thing
I have two budgies they tweet all the time
Two dogs that are never sleepy, running
around even at bed time.
2 cats one big one small but as I said size
doesn't matter at all

By Sarah M Year 5 TA12

ASSEMBLY – MERIT CERTIFICATES

At the assembly held on the 28 February which was hosted by TA7, the following students were presented with Merit Certificates and congratulated on their super efforts.

TA1:	Pre Primary	Oscar B	Erin C
TA2:	Pre Primary	Addison R	Ryder S
TA3:	Year 1	Ryder J	
	Year 2	Joshua V	
TA7:	Year 4	Angelina L	Finlay P
TA8:	Year 2	Kai C	
	Year 3	Tayla B	
TA9:	Year 3	Zander J	Liz K
TA11:	Year 4	Evan D	
	Year 5	Dylan C	
TA12:	Year 5	Nicky P	Bronwyn S
TA13:	Year 6	Alex B	James B
GOLDEN BROOM:	TA2		



CONGRATULATIONS!

These Halidon students belong to the Woodvale Little Athletics club & all competed in the Centre Champs held at Kingsway Sporting Complex. Congratulations to you all for your hard work & super efforts and well done to those that received medals for your outstanding results. Good luck to those who will be competing in the Zones comp this weekend.



SWIMMING LESSONS 13 – 24 FEBRUARY



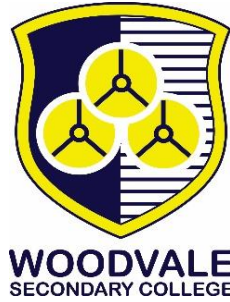
Halidon students
enjoying their
in-term swimming
lessons at Aquamotion.





TA7 entertained their audience with a selection of energetic Jump Jam routines.
Well done everyone!!





PURSUING EXCELLENCE

Our approved Specialist Programs provide the level of attention your child needs to foster talent and achieve excellence.

Woodvale Secondary College specialist programs in **Basketball**, **Music** and **Football (Soccer)** will allow your child to excel in their passion at the same time as accessing a high quality education in one of Perth's highly regarded Independent Public Schools. Applications are invited for boys and girls entering Year 7 in 2018 for these specialist programs.



Approved Specialist Program in Basketball

- For students with above average basketball ability and a strong interest in basketball.
- The course focus is on improving individual and team skills.
- Teams for both boys and girls.
- For more specific information, please see our website.

Approved Specialist Program in Music

- Performance based instrumental, ensemble, jazz and classroom courses for continuing and beginning students.
- A variety of instruments on offer.
- For more specific information, please see our website.



Approved Specialist Program in Football (Soccer)

- For students with above average football ability and strong interest in football.
- The course focus is on improving individual and team skills.
- Teams for both boys and girls.
- For more specific information, please see our website.

Applications can be downloaded and further details can be accessed via the College website www.woodvale.wa.edu.au

Information evening Tuesday 14 March from 5:30 to 6:30pm
Woodvale Secondary College – Staff room

Applications open Wednesday 15 March. Applications close Thursday 6 April.

Applications must be submitted in person at the College reception between the hours of 9.30am and 2.30pm. Applications may be submitted between the hours of 2.30pm and 4.00pm by appointment only. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted