

CHRISTIE DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Message from the Principal

In this second to last newsletter for 2023 I would like to take the opportunity to celebrate achievements, recognise contributions, farewell our year 6 students and their families. Good luck to all of our Year 6 graduates. It has been a privilege to see you grow as learners, acquire knowledge and develop skills in all areas of the curriculum to become compassionate, curious, creative, and resilient learners. I am confident that all of you will make a difference in the world and find your true calling. I know the school community feels proud and honoured to have been part of your learning. I know that they have all had a great start here at Christie Downs Primary and will go on to achieve great things in the future.

Term 3 saw us celebrate 50 years of Christie Downs Primary School. We started with Hear us Roar and what a success it was, thank you to all who were involved especially Jo Swift. Then our Student Executive lead school tours which had such positive feedback and finally we finished with our Assembly and of course birthday cake. Below is feedback from a prior principal

Dear Christie Downs School.

As a principal forty years ago of your school.

I will always treasure my memory of your fiftieth celebration. Thank you for the opportunity to attend. The achievements of fifty years is unbelievable and education in Christie Downs is in good hands. The students are awesome, the teachers are gifted and the community of inclusivity, respect and kindness to all lives on.

Enjoy your holidays knowing work never stops when you seek such high educational goals. Nothing is impossible and you are all living proof.

Best wishes.

Alan Young

I would like to thank everybody for their efforts, support and kindness. I wish Christie Downs Primary a joyous, inclusive next 50 years.

Many thanks especially to our Governing Council: Krystal, Tash, Alex, Caitlin and Daniel, we appreciate all of the great work you have done to build our school community by being part of our school governance. Our AGM for 2024 will be early in term 1 2024 details will be in your January letter.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their support this year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for continuous efforts and commitments to our students. As is every year some staff will be leaving us and we wish them every success in the future.

Finally, I would like to wish everybody a wonderful holiday season.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 2023

6/11

Monday Week 4 Year 6 Aquatics

22/11 - 24/11

Wed - Fri week 6 Yr 4.5.6 Camp

30/11

Thursday Week 7 Sports Day

1/12

Friday Week 7 Pupil Free Day

7/12

Thursday Week 8 Xmas Festival

8/12

Friday Week 8 School Closure Day

12/12

Tuesday Week 9 Portfolios -School Open

Yr 6 Graduation

8/12

Friday Week 9 Last Day Term 4 2pm Dismissal

Dream Believe Achieve

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Principal: Gail Evans

Senior Leader 1 Engagement for Learning and Well Being: Todd McGrath

Senior Leader 1 Disability Unit: Leanne Jacobs

Thank you Gail Evans

Principal

Student Wellbeing Leader: Jo Swift

Inclusive Education

High School Transition - Small Classes

The sharing of information is an important part of the transition process to support students in their journey to high school. Teachers of our graduating students are engaging in conversations with High School staff to arrange transition times and high school staff are beginning to visit students here at Christie Downs. Transition visits will be organised with parents and High School Staff to occur across this term. Please keep an eye out for meeting and transition times across the term. Feel free to contact me at school if you have any further questions about the High School Transition Process.

Sharing of Information

Team around the child meetings are an important way to support the sharing of information and planning processes for your child to support their learning journey across the school year. Sharing information and collaboratively planning encourages consistency in strategies between home and school which support children's learning.

It is also important that school staff have the most up to date assessment reports, therapy reports and health care plans. These include reports and plans from any professional who provide support and strategies for your child outside the school environment. Updated reports can be given to your child's teacher, brought into the front office or emailed to me on the email above

If you would like to arrange a Team Around the Child Meeting or have any new reports to provide the school please contact me at school on 8382 3266 or on Leanne, jacobs 929@schools.sa.edu.au

Leanne Jacobs Senior Leader

School Canteen

We are delighted to be trialling our school canteen back at Christie Downs for this term. The canteen will run on Fridays only offering both recess and lunch purchases. Orders can be made any time before 9am Friday mornings. Recess items can be purchased by cash from the canteen window at recess play time.

Our first canteen opening last week was a huge success with lots of smiling faces and full tummies. The food is prepared fresh onsite by our Kitchen Specialist TJ.





Celebrating 50 Years at Christie Downs School

At the end of Term 3, we celebrated our 50th Year of Christie Downs School. This included our amazing performance at the Hopgood theatre. The audience were able to take a look back in time at the brilliant display of photographs from as way back as 1973 right through the years. The audience which included distinguished guests Helen Connolly Commissioner for Children and Young People and Katrine Hildyard Minister for Child Protection and Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, past staff members and our school community were all treated to a spectacular performance by our amazing students!

We also offered school tours to show how Christie Downs School has evolved into the beautiful school that we have today. To top off our celebrations we had an end of term special assembly that past Principals were in attendance.

We are very proud of the school we are today and acknowledge all the past students and staff that have helped shape us into the amazing school community that is Christie Downs School, where if you Dream, Believe you are sure to Achieve!



Transition

Reception Days

We welcome our 2024 reception students who are starting our transition program this term. These transition sessions help prepare the learners for the new environment and expectations of primary school. The transition days are

Friday 3rd of November 9.00-10.30 – Welcome morning tea in the Library

Friday 10th of November 9.00-10.00

Friday 17th of November 9.00-11.00

High School transition days

Transitioning to high school can be an exciting yet challenging time for many students. It marks a significant step in your academic journey and personal development. Here are some key dates that the mainstream year 6 students will be attending Christie Beach High School;

Thursday 2nd of November 9.00-1.00 Targeted Learning Center experience-day 1

Thursday 9th of November 9.00-1.00 First Nations Students experience

Thursday 16th of November 9.00-1.00 Targeted Learning Center experience-day 2

Thursday 7th of December 9.00-3.00 Year 6 whole day transition at CBHS

Welcome New Garden Specialist

We are thrilled to announce a wonderful addition to our school community – our new Garden Specialist, JP. As we embark on a journey to cultivate a greener, more sustainable, and educational environment JP will play a pivotal role in bringing our outdoor spaces to life and enriching the educational experiences of our students. He will work alongside TJ our Kitchen specialist to deliver a fully inclusive Kitchen/Garden program.

With a deep passion for gardening, a wealth of horticultural knowledge, and a commitment to fostering environmental awareness, JP comes to us with 30 years of experience in creating and nurturing gardens. We are confident that his expertise will help us create a vibrant and engaging garden that will benefit both our students and our local community.

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Todd McGrath Senior Leader

Attention Parents/Caregivers

If you have arranged for an outside agency to collect your child/ren please let the school know before collection of your child/ren. We will need to see identification from the staff who collect the students and know their names along with the times and dates of collection.

Thankyou for your co-operation, Leadership

Aboriginal Education News

Hello and welcome to Term 4.

To our new families, my name is Trish Hendrick I am the Aboriginal Education teacher (AET). We sadly said farewell to Ross Calyun our Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO), at the end of term 3. Ross has relocated to the country. We will miss Ross and we are grateful for the work he has done with our teachers and students, especially our Aboriginal children and their families.

We have a busy term ahead of us. Our Aboriginal students will be attending the Kids on Country excursion on November 1st and we have Carclew visiting with their culture beats program in week 4.

Highlights of Term 3 include: learning Kaurna songs with Ross, going to the Aboriginal STEM Congress, Nunga tag and a footy clinic with the high school through the Clontarf program.









Kindy reading resumed in week one and we were delighted to welcome some of the kindergarten children to sing niina marni at the opening of children's week. The kindergaten children also joined us for bookweek activities in the library.

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

We were lucky to be long listed for the Narragunnawali awards last term. Whilst we didn't progress to the final, we were grateful for the acknowledgement of our ongoing reconciliation work. We have set new goals and deliverables to support our vision for reconciliation. There will be no RAP meeting this term.



Student Wellbeing

Welcome to Term 4.

Hopgood Theatre certainly heard the staff and students 'Roar' in our 2023 performance! I would like to thank all the students and staff for their fantastic performances on the night. A huge thank you to our to our School Captains, Morgan and Lucas for their great speeches, thank you to Jade for stepping up and co presenting the opening, and a massive thank you to our bright and bubbly Jennifer for her fantastic efforts in keeping the audience entertained!

Plans are already underway for our 2024 performance!



50th Year Celebrations

Congratulations Christie Downs Primary School! Once again, thank you to Morgan and Lucas for giving it your all to help everyone celebrate. Leading tour groups around the school, running the celebration assembly and just being genuinely wonderful kids! We are so proud of you!

Children's Week Launch

Once again, our School was given the honour of opening 'Children's Week'.

Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is the theme for this year's Children's Week. Article 31 states that every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

We were very proud to welcome our VIP's to our school, including: Mr. Rod Bunten, Patron Children's Week Association,

Minister Blair Boyer, Minister for Education

Helen Connolly, Commissioner for Children and Youth, South Australia Stan Hagias, Educational Director and Jacinta Poski, Principal Consultant

Our students were absolutely fantastic as they performed, 'Nina Marni', 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight', 'The Children's Week Song' and 'We are Australian'.

Congratulations to everyone involved!

Jo Swift Student Wellbeing Leader





Principal's Award

Congratulations to Emarlie for winning Term 3 Principal's Award. Emarlie was nominated for the award as she upholds our School Values of

> Teamwork, Respect and Responsibility.

A future School Captain in the making.

Well done Legend!

Banksia 6 - Out in the community

In Term 3, Banksia 6 have enjoyed trips out into the community as a class and our two favourite places have been Hendrie St Inclusive Playground and the Old Gum Tree Reserve. Hendrie Street provides some challenges for the students with lots of climbing spaces and steep ramps to overcome. It has a pump track which is a favourite of one of the students and a giant slide that is used endlessly. It is often a busy playground which allows the students to mix with people in the community and allows us the opportunity to support them in positive ways to interact with others different from their regular peers. The students have enjoyed going to this playground and look forward to a few more trips throughout the term. The Old Gum Tree offers different equipment including a flying fox, giving the students opportunities to take risks in a safe enclosed space. The history of the tree has been interesting for the kids to learn about and it is also a busy playground which affords us the opportunity to support the students in a space which can often be a little chaotic.

Adam Broadbent - Class Teacher























Children's Week Awards

Awards are given as part of the Children's Week celebrations. These Awards are to recognise young students who show courage, strength, perseverance and resilience. A formal ceremony was held at Government House and the awards were presented by Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson, AC, Governor of South Australia. Congratulations to Jennifer and Bailey on receiving this prestigious award.

Congratulations to Jessica Hendriks for also receiving an award for her outstanding

contribution to the need, interests and welfare of

children.

So proud of you.





Session Type	2023 Fee	2023 Fee after average CCS	2024 Fee	2024 Fee after avg CCS	Out of Pocket Expense Difference
Before School Care	\$23.50	\$6.35	\$27.00	\$3.86	-\$2.48
After School Care	\$28.00	\$7.56	\$32.00	\$4.58	-\$2.98
Vacation Care	\$68.00	\$18.36	\$84.00	\$12.01	-\$6.35
Pupil Free Day	\$68.00	\$18.36	\$84.00	\$12.01	-\$6.35
Early School Finish	\$37.80	\$10.21	\$43.20	\$6.18	-\$4.03

We are seeking ratification of these changes, effective from January 1st 2024, from Governing Council in the hope we can communicate the new fee structure to families by mid-November 2023.

We thank you for your understanding. Please know that the proposal has not been made lightly but in the will to see the continuation and enhancement of a quality service with resources to support fun, educational experiences supported with a nutritional menu.

Yours Sincerely,

Nicholas Smith

Chief Executive Officer, Happy Haven OSHC

Mathew Peterson Chief Financial Officer, Happy Haven OSHC

TERM 4 2023 DIARY DATES

A PARTY OF	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	16/10	17/10	18/10	19/10	20/10
WEEK 2	23/10	24/10	25/10	26/10	27/10
WEEK 3	30/10	31/10 Dress Up Day Halloween	1/11	2/11	3/11
WEEK 4	6/11 Yr 6 Aquatics	7/11	8/11	9/11	10/11
WEEK 5	13/11	14/11	15/11	16/11	17/11
WEEK 6	20/11	21/11	22/11	23/11 Yr 4/5/6 Camp	24/11
WEEK 7	27/11	28/11	29/11	30/11 Sports day	1/12 Pupil Free Day
WEEK 8	4/12 Upper /Middle Unit AFL Max	5/12	6/12	7/12 Xmas Festival	8/12 School Closure
WEEK 9	11/12	12/12 Portfolios - School Open YR 6 GRADUATION	13/12	14/12	15/12 Last Day Term 4 2pm Dismissal