



## 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.jacobs929@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Leanne.jacobs929@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

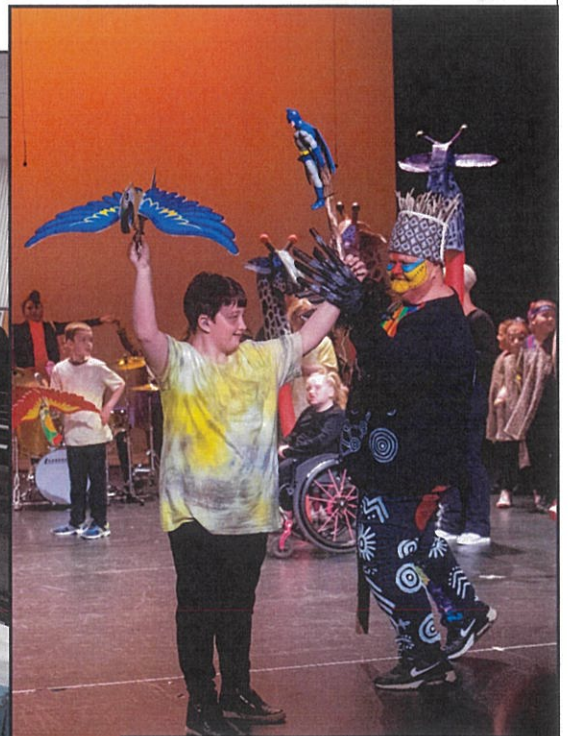
At the end of Term 3, we celebrated our 50th Year of Christie Downs School. This included our amazing performance at the Hopgood theatre. The audience were able to take a look back in time at the brilliant display of photographs from as way back as 1973 right through the years. The audience which included 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.

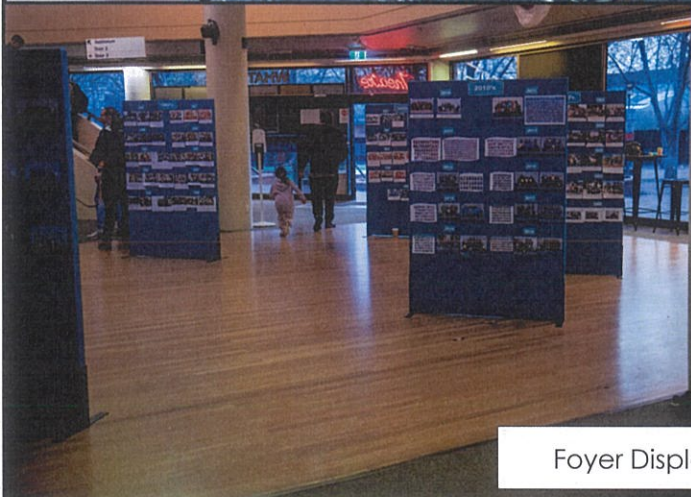
We are very proud of the school we are today and acknowledge all the past students and staff that have helped shape us into the amazing school community that is Christie Downs School, where if you Dream, Believe you are sure to Achieve!



Celebration Assembly



Your going to 'Hear us Roar'



Foyer Display



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 9.00-10.30 – Welcome morning tea in the Library

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of November 9.00-10.00

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 9.00-1.00 Targeted Learning Center experience- day 1

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of November 9.00-1.00 First Nations Students experience

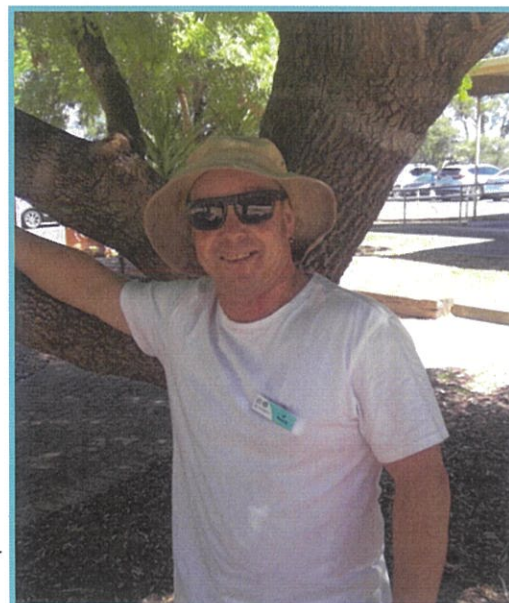
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of November 9.00-1.00 Targeted Learning Center experience- day 2

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 1<sup>st</sup> and we have Carclew visiting with their culture beats program in week 4.

Highlights of Term 3 include: learning Kurna 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**

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 kindergarten 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 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!



### 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

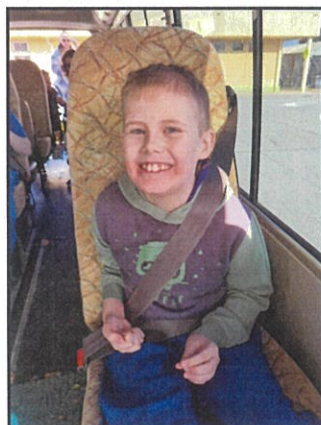
A future School  
Captain in the making.

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

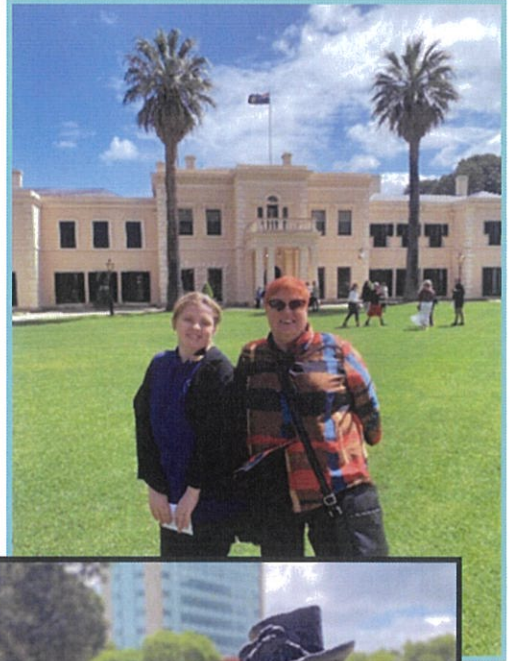


## Children's Week Awards

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.**

Jo Swift  
Student Wellbeing





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

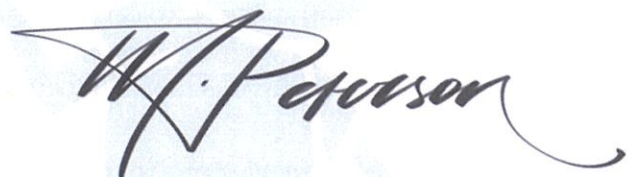
We are seeking ratification of these changes, effective from January 1st 2024, from Governing Council in the hope we can communicate the new fee structure to families by mid-November 2023.

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

	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