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Principal's Word



It is lovely to be back at South Halls Head. I thoroughly enjoyed my time working at regional office, and certainly gained a lot from the experience. However, I really missed being in the school and seeing the students each day.

The last few weeks are very busy, with lots of exciting things planned. Details of a range of upcoming events are outlined throughout this newsletter.

Our Year 6 students are currently on camp and all reports state they are having a wonderful time. We look forward to hearing all the stories of their adventures when they return.

Friday, 9 December is our P&C Christmas Carnival. The activities planned for the evening look amazing, including a sideshow alley of games! All students and their families are invited to join us. Please note, students must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the event. For full details, please see the item in the P&C News section of this newsletter.

Melanie Buller
Principal

Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation will be held on **Tuesday, 13 December** commencing at **9:00am**. The ceremony will be held in the undercover area.

Our Year 6 students will continue their graduation celebrations following the ceremony with their Graduation Lunch. This will be held at The Cut Golf Course Restaurant and Function Centre. Details regarding this event have been sent out to all parents via Compass.



Christmas Concert & Book Awards

Class Book Award presentations will be held on **Wednesday, 14 December** commencing at 8:30am. Our Kindergarten students will open this event with their Christmas item. The awards presentation will run for approximately 30 minutes, finishing at 9:00am.

Following the awards, our whole school Christmas Concert will commence. The running order for the combined event is outlined below.

All parents and family members are invited to join in the celebrations. Christmas attire optional!

Room	Song Title
Kindy	Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer
PP – Year 5 Book Awards	
Jingle Bells Dance (Movement break)	
14, 16 & 22	YMCA Christmas
4 & 7	Summer Holiday
PP 1, 2 & 3	Santa Claus is Coming to Town
18 & 19	It's Christmas Time
5 & 6	Rocking Around the Christmas Tree
10 & 11	The Happiest Christmas
8, 9 & 15	Must Be Santa
12 & 13	Sweet Caroline
Year 6	Don't Stop Me Now
EVERYONE	We Wish you a Merry Christmas

2023 Planning

We are currently creating our class structures for 2023. To assist us in making informed decisions regarding classes, we ask all parents to **please let us know as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be returning to South Halls Head Primary School in 2023**. Please contact the school office on 9584 6200. Thank you.

School Board Meeting

The final meeting of the School Board for 2022 will be held next Thursday, 8 December. If you have any items you wish to be raised via the board, please contact the school office on 9584 6200 and we will put you in touch with one of your parent representatives.





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P&C Donation

A BIG thanks to the P&C for their donation towards the trophy shelving in the front office, and the new sports equipment storage. Currently displayed are our winnings from 2021 and 2022, be sure to check them out!



Start Dates 2023

Students resume next year on **Wednesday, 1 February 2023**. The school office will be open from Wednesday, 25 January 2022.

Please note the following start dates for 2023 Kindy classes:-

- **Kindy Purple class commence on Friday, 3 February with the first week being only Friday**
- **Kindy Green class commence on Wednesday, 1 February with the first week being Wednesday and Thursday**
- **Kindy Red class commence on Wednesday, 1 February with the first week being Wednesday and Thursday.**
- **Kindy Blue class commence on Monday, 6 February with the first week being Monday and Tuesday and Thursday**

2023 Personal Items Lists

Paper copies of student 'booklists' were sent home this week. All details on how to order through Champion were provided on these forms. Personal Items Lists are also available to be downloaded on the school website.

<https://www.southhallsheadps.wa.edu.au/personal-items-list>

School Development Days 2023

Each year, school staff participate in professional learning on days known as School Development Days (also referred to as 'pupil free' days). In 2023, our staff School Development Days will occur as follows:

- **January 30 & 31**
(Prior to student commencement- the 2023 school year commences on Wednesday, 1 February for students)
- **Monday, 24 April**
(Students commence Term 2 on Wednesday 26 April, following Anzac Day)
- **Monday, 17 July**
(Students commence Term 3 on 18 July)
- **Monday, 9 October**
(Students commence Term 4 on 10 October)

Please note these dates have been discussed and endorsed by the school board.

Term Dates

Week	Day	Event
8	Fri 2/12	Year 6 return from Camp
9	Wed 7/12	2023 Kindy Green and Kindy Purple Orientation
	Thur 8/12	2023 Kindy Blue and Kindy Red Orientation, School Board Meeting 4:00pm
	Fri 9/12	P&C Christmas Carnival
10	Mon 12/12	2022 Kindy Green Graduation
	Tue 13/12	Year 6 Graduation 9am, Year 6 Graduation Lunch, 2022 Kindy Blue and Kindy Purple Graduation
	14/12	Book Awards & Christmas Concert, Semester 2 Reports home
	15/12	Last day Term 4 2022





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Semester Two Reports

Semester Two reports will be sent out via Compass on Wednesday of week ten. The reports will also be available to view on the Connect platform. If you have any difficulties, please contact the front office for assistance.

Dental Therapy Centre

As the year is coming to a close the Dental Therapy Centre will also be closing down for the Christmas break. South Halls Head Dental Therapy Centre will close on Tuesday, 20 December 2022, re-opening on Monday, 30 January 2023.

Emergency contacts:

21 & 22 December 2022 please contact PH: 95867 622 (8am-4pm).

23/12/2022 until 29/01/2023 please contact PH: 9313 0555 (8.15am-4.30pm).

P&C News Christmas Carnival

The annual P&C Christmas event is in carnival format this year. This year, you will need to purchase tickets/tokens to play – Nerf Wars, Sumo Suits and Sideshow Alley.

A pre-sale ticket station will be set up outside the school library at the times outlined below for families wanted to get in early.

7 December 8:00am – 8:30am and 2:00pm – 2:30pm

8 December 8:00am – 8:30am and 2:00pm – 2:30pm

9 December 8:00am – 8:30am

Ticket sales will also be available at the event.

The P&C are still seeking helpers to assist in making this an event to remember! If you can help, please click on the sign-up link, which can be found on the school and P&C Facebook pages

We are also collecting jars for our Christmas Jar Stall. Plastic containers are preferred please. Container filler ideas include wrapped lollies, stationery items and novelty items. No nuts please. Donations can be dropped off to your child's classroom.



Backpacks and Library Bags

The P&C are pleased to announce that new stock of school backpacks and library bags have arrived and are now ready for purchase. Order forms went home this week with Personal Items lists.

Pricing

Backpack with school logo:	\$50
Library Bag with school logo:	\$15
Combo (backpack <i>and</i> library bag):	\$60

Please contact the P&C via their Facebook page (South Halls Head Primary School P&C) or drop your order form into the front office. Orders will be processed by P&C volunteers as soon as possible.

