



# Newsletter

**Issue 3**

**Term 1**

**Week 6**

## DIARY DATES

### Term 1

#### WEEK 7

**Mon 9/3**

**Public Holiday**

**Tues 10/3**

**Yr 6/7 Aquatics**

#### WEEK 8

**Tues 17/3**

**AGM – 2pm**

**Fri 20/3**

**Harmony Day focus**

#### Week 9

**23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**

**Parent Teacher/Student**

**Interviews**

**Fri 27/3**

**Pupil Free Day**

#### Community Hub

**Wednesday**

**9:30am to 11am- Sing and  
Grow**

**12:30pm to 2:30pm Bringing**

**Up Great Kids parenting  
session- Community Hub**

**Thursday**

**9am-11am**

**Karrendi Hub Playgroup**

**10am-12pm**

**Conversational English**

**Class**

**Friday**

**9am-10am**

**Aboriginal**

**Coffee, Chat, & Play**

## Information from the Principal

### School Clean Up Day

What a fantastic School Clean Up Day we had on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of February. This event is a great way to inspire our students to learn about the impact of rubbish on their local environment while playing an active role in their school community. It was fantastic to see our students so enthusiastic about working together to clean up and look after our school.

The School Clean Up Day is linked to the Clean Up Australia Campaign. This campaign started 30 years ago and was inspired by Ian Kiernan AO who had an idea to make a difference in his community. The Clean Up Australia Campaign has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event.

### Harmony Day 2020

Harmony Day is on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March in Australia. As this date falls on a Saturday this year, we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'. We encourage students to wear orange clothing to school and/or traditional clothing from their cultural background. The canteen will be selling Harmony Day cupcakes for \$2.50. Harmony Day notes and cupcake forms were sent home earlier this week.

Room 17 will be hosting a Harmony Day assembly on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9:10am in the gym. This will give students who have dressed in traditional clothing the opportunity to show and share with all students. We welcome all parents, caregivers, family and friends to attend and celebrate this day with us and join in our annual "Harmony Day Chalk Drawing" activity on the asphalt straight after the assembly.

Kind Regards,

Mandy Alcorn  
Principal





At Karrendi Primary School, staff, parents/caregivers and students are committed to working together to ensure regular and punctual attendance. Ensuring regular attendance at school is a shared responsibility between schools and families. There is a strong link between attendance and academic success, as well as positive wellbeing. We aim to support children and families to maximise attendance at school in order to improve student outcomes.

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**School starts at  
8:50am**

## EVERY DAY COUNTS...

**A day here and there doesn't seem like much but...**

When your child misses just ....	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

***Give your child every chance to succeed...***

# YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL



## Parent Update Week 5, Term 1 - 2020

### What to expect in primary school

If your child is in year 5 or 6 this year, they'll be graduating from primary school next year. To get ready, primary schools will be talking to you about graduation ceremonies, leadership opportunities and graduation jumpers or tops for the graduating classes of 2021.

We will be developing information packs to help our primary schools keep you informed, so stay engaged with your school to keep updated with the latest information.

### Pilot high schools welcome year 7s

Our pilot program started this term, with Wirreanda Secondary School, Mitcham Girls High School and John Pirie Secondary School welcoming their first year 7s ahead of the statewide move in 2022.

As part of this work, we've been speaking to families from each of the pilot schools.

### What pilot families are saying

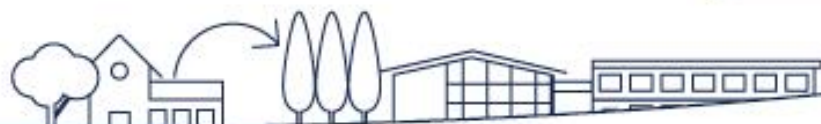
Parents and students are looking forward to the new opportunities that high school has to offer. Some parents and students feel they are ready to take the next step, and many feel primary school is no longer a challenge as year 7 grows near. While high school is a big change in year 7 or year 8, the desire to grow outweighs the apprehension.

Some worries remain, such as being in a bigger school, the different expectations of workload, missing out on rites of passage and being with older students. These are topics we are also thinking about, and we'll be working closely with your school to manage these concerns together.

### Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: [www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS)

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: [Year7toHS@sa.gov.au](mailto:Year7toHS@sa.gov.au).



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