



Newsletter Week 2 2025

Welcome Back to the 2025 School Year!

What a fantastic start to the year we've had! It has been wonderful to see our students settling in, making new connections, and embracing the excitement of a fresh school year.

A big thank you to all our families for ensuring your children arrived ready to learn. Adjusting to new teachers, routines, and expectations takes time, and it's completely normal for students to experience a few 'bumps' along the way. We are here to support them as they navigate these changes, helping them build confidence and resilience.

If your child is feeling unsettled and continues to struggle over time, please reach out to their classroom teacher. Open communication is key, and we encourage you to connect with us in person, via phone, or by email. Together, we can make this a smooth and successful transition for all students.

Special welcome to new students, Everly, Hayden, Noor, Michael D, Tayla, Kenrick, Arabella, Miami and Damien (Damien has been away for 6 months).



Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

2025 Classroom Structures and Specialist Teachers

Our classrooms are structured as follows:

Room Number	Teacher
ECE1	Anna Henville
ECE3	Maddi Woods
P1	Rachel Wood
P2	Tania Kennedy
T1	Emma Storey
S1	Cleonie Perham (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) & Wendy Giblett (Wed)
S2	Caitlin Wilson
S4	Maddie Jones (Mon, Tues & Wed) Sue Phillips (Th & Fri)
S5	Natalie Molloy

Our Specialist Teachers for 2025 are:

Learning Area	Teacher	Phase of Learning
DOTT provider Early Childhood	Elise McDonald	Primary
Physical Education + Health	Wendy Giblett	Both
AUSLAN Language other than English	Amy Herring	Both
Science	Kelly Bennett (W-F)	Both
Technology	Jason Jones (M-W)	Both
Secondary DOTT	Heather Prestage (F)	Secondary
Workplace Coordinator & Behaviour Support	Nikki Pead (M-W)	Both
Deputy Principal	Nikki Dyer	Both
School Psychologist	Katie Perella (Tues)	Both
Chaplain	Bev Hanrahan	Mon, Thurs, and Fri
AIEO	Shana Dean	Tues and Thurs

Assemblies – Fortnightly on Even Weeks

Our school assemblies are held every second week on **Week 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10**. If your child is receiving a certificate, their classroom teacher will notify you in advance. The Week 10 assembly is held in the morning.

Parking and Car Park Safety

HSS is a busy school with many staff, visitors, cars, and busses coming and going throughout the day. To ensure everyone's safety, we kindly ask for your patience, care, and adherence to the following:

- **Speed limit is 5km per hour**, and **reverse parking** is required.
- Always use the **designated pathways and safety crossings** with your child. Take the time to model safe crossing habits.
- **Verge parking on Holland Street is not encouraged** – please drive into the car park.
- The parking bays **in front of the admin building** and those **closest to the bus bay** are **reserved for parents**.
- If your child is dropped off or picked up by a **support worker/carer**, please ensure they are aware of these parking guidelines.

Individual Education Planning (IEP) & Individual Transition Planning (ITP) Meetings

- Between **Weeks 3-5**, teachers will invite parents/carers to meetings to discuss and develop your child's **Individual Education Plan (IEP)** or young adult's **Individual Transition Program (ITP)**. Keep an eye out for letters and meeting schedules from classroom teachers in the coming days, along with the **2025 Student Questionnaire**. We look forward to working together to support your child's learning journey.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

Morning Drop-Off

- Our **school day starts at 8.45am**. Most of our staff do not start their contracted day until 8.30am. We have very few staff on duty/available to start earlier than 8.30am. Early Birds was originally established for students travelling long distances on the busses from Northampton and Dongara. Please be mindful of this and only access Early Birds when absolutely necessary.
- Wherever possible deliver your child to school, at, or after 8.40am. Arriving at this time means your child can go straight to class and does not have to be in a crowded room, out of routine, filling in time before instructional time starts with their own teacher.

Afternoon Pick-Up

- Families and carers are asked to **wait on the bench outside the Bus Bay** at the end of the day.
- Duty teachers will **call students out individually** for a safe and orderly dismissal.
- **All carers must sign out students at the front office** before collection (unless the family has added them to the family record on SIS).

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a smooth and safe start and end to each school day.

Ambulance Cover

In the event of a serious injury or medical emergency, the school will take immediate action, including calling an **ambulance** if required.

Please be aware that **ambulance costs are the responsibility of parents/guardians**. If you do not already have coverage through private health insurance, we strongly recommend considering **ambulance cover**.

In Western Australia, St John Ambulance cover for regional areas can cost between \$64 and \$141 per year, depending on whether you're single or part of a family. You can buy direct membership if you're not covered by health insurance. More details can be found here: [St John Ambulance Cover](#)

Our **Parents & Citizens (P&C) Association** plays a vital role in supporting our school through fundraising, advocacy, and community engagement. We are always looking for new members to join and contribute!

If you are interested in getting involved, keep an eye out for details about our **first meeting of the year**. We would love to see you there!

Sun Safety ☀️

As we head into another warm school year, we remind all students to practice **sun safety** every day. Please ensure your child:

- ✓ Wears a **broad-brimmed hat** during outdoor activities
- ✓ Sunglasses – If your child can tolerate them
- ✓ Applies **sunscreen** before arriving at school (we recommend keeping a small tube in their bag for reapplication)
- ✓ Brings a **water bottle** to stay hydrated throughout the day

Let's work together to keep our students **sun smart and protected!**



Crunch & Sip 2024 – Promoting Healthy Eating 🥕🥑

This year, we continue our commitment to the **Crunch & Sip** program, encouraging students to fuel their bodies with **healthy snacks**. We encourage all families to send in a nutritious snack that aligns with the **Crunch & Sip** guidelines.

Here are some great snack options:

- ✓ **Fresh vegetables** (e.g., carrot sticks, celery, cucumber, capsicum, broccoli)
- ✓ **Fresh fruit** (e.g., apples, bananas, oranges, berries)
- ✓ **Canned fruit in water or juice** (no added sugar)
- ✓ **Dried fruit** (sultanas, apricots – in moderation)

Thank you for supporting healthy habits in our school!

Vaccinations for Year 7 & Year 10 – 26 February

School-based vaccinations will take place on **Monday, 10 March**. Eligible students include:

- ✦ **Year 7:** HPV vaccine & diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) booster
- ✦ **Year 10:** Meningococcal ACWY vaccine

For more details on the vaccines provided and the consent process, visit:

🔗 [School-Based Immunisation Program](#). Please ensure consent forms are completed online promptly so your child can participate.

Student Update Forms – Due Monday 17 February

Student update forms have been sent home with this newsletter. These forms are essential for keeping our records up to date, including **contact details, emergency contacts, and medical information**.

Positive Behaviour Supports (PBS)

Holland Street School engages with the PBS framework. We have a termly focus behaviour to allow for explicit teaching of the skills required to demonstrate the behaviour. We will continue to acknowledge students with tokens throughout the day when they demonstrate the behaviour. The tokens are then taken to our fortnightly assembly and one token from each class is drawn as the fortnightly winner. Winning students are able to choose a prize from the prize board.



Voluntary Contributions and Charges

It only costs \$85.00 per year for Primary and \$280.00 for Secondary Students. By paying your contribution it increases our budget so that we can provide the best education and resources. Pop in and see our friendly staff or call 9923 6950 for further information to make your payment.

Kind regards,

Rachel Rutter

Principal



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Secondary Assistance Scheme

Years 7 to 12 you may be eligible for up to:

\$535

towards school expenses

If you hold a:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

Applications close 11 April 2025

Ask School Reception for more information.

Secondhand Uniforms

We kindly ask if anyone has Holland Street uniforms that no longer fit or are not needed, if you could donate them to our P&C to sell at our Little Red Shop, it would be very much appreciated!

