



Monday Messages

Week 2 – Term 1 - 2024

Welcome to week two, term one. I hope you've enjoyed the Australia Day long weekend and are ready for the first full week of school ahead. Please see below for this week's messages.

Focus of the week

Our focus of the week is introduced at the Monday morning assembly by our student leaders. This week, our focus of the week is **"Before and after school, I sit with my friends and wait for teacher instruction"**. Students are learning: Before and after school, we are required to **sit down** with our classmates. In the morning, when we arrive at school after 8:15am, we sit in the undercover area. As the 8:25am bell rings, we can use the toilet and have a drink before lining up for our teacher. After the bell rings at the end of the day, we, including Jabiru students, sit on the sandstone blocks with our classmates. This is not a time to stand, to walk around or to play, even if our parents are present. During these times, we listen and follow teacher instructions. When we do this, we are being safe and responsible.

Before and after school procedures

Students are welcome to arrive at school from 8:15am and sit in the undercover area with their friends. At 8:25am, the first bell will indicate the time for students to have a drink, use the toilet and line up for class. The 8:30am signals the time that learning starts in the classroom. Please ensure that you are punctual so your child/ren are ready to learn at the appropriate time.

If you arrive after 8:30am, parents must go to the office with their child/ren to receive a late slip from Ms McDonald. Ms McDonald will adjust the roll to indicate that your child is present at school. This will save Ms McDonald from calling you regarding student absence. Parents are requested not to enter classrooms after the 8:30am bell so as to not disrupt student learning. Teachers are available after school on Wednesdays – please schedule a meeting through the office.

In the afternoon, the bell will sound at 2:30pm. All students will move to the Astroturf area and sit on the sandstone blocks. When the staff member on duty sees the appropriate adult, students will be dismissed. Please be punctual and collect your child before 2:45pm.

Attendance

Attendance is vital. Our school's attendance target is 95% and we celebrate high attendance with a special outing at the end of each term. Currently, our whole school attendance is 87.9% which is below our target. Students must attend school every day (unless they are ill). Holidays, visitors or birthdays are not valid reasons for absence from school. The best way to inform the school of your child's absence is QParents. Alternatively, please email admin@hendrass.eq.edu.au or call Ms McDonald in the office Monday to Friday from 8:15am to 1:30pm.

Student resource scheme and book packs

Thank you to those families who have paid their SRS fee of \$150 for student learning materials. For those families who have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible.



Congratulations to our students of the week!

Medication at school

Education Queensland and schools have clear procedures for administering medicines at school. Staff are not permitted to administer medication to students without signed parent consent on the appropriate EQ form indicating the time and dosage of the medication. All medication must have a visible pharmacy label listing the student's name and dosage. All medication must be taken to the office. It must not be kept in student bags in the classroom for students to administer themselves (students with asthma/anaphylaxis plans excepted).

P&C meeting

We hope to see you at our first P&C meeting on Monday 5 February after our assembly. Please meet in The Hive!

Meet and greet

We will be having a meet and greet for all Hendra SS families and school staff within these first weeks of school. A separate invitation will be emailed home. We will also be having a movie night on the big screen (weather permitting). Please keep an eye out for the date/s!

Outside school hours care (OSHC)

Jabiru is our fantastic OSHC service available from 2:30pm to 6:00pm every day. Please contact Miss Deepa at Jabiru to book in for Outside School Hours Care

hendra@jabiru.org.au

AFL clinic

This morning, our students were treated to an Auskick session with Coach Bradley from AFL. Students were led through kicking and catching drills to support the development of their ball handling skills. Your child will bring home an Auskick brochure this afternoon.



Position vacant

Hendra SS is seeking a casual cleaner to backfill when our regular cleaners are away. This position may turn into a permanent part-time position in the future. Please contact Ms McDonald at the office for further details.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop is available every Friday. Tuckshop is ordered and paid for online using the Hendra State School Tuckshop app, please see the website link to order each week <https://hendra-ss-pandc.square.site/> Orders unlock on the Friday before and close off on Wednesday nights. There are gluten free options available. This term's menu includes: Week 2: Sushi; Week 3: Subway; Week 4: Hotdogs; Week 5: Sausage Rolls and Spinach Rolls; Week 6: Taco Boats; Week 7: Toasties; Week 8: Sushi; Week 9: Pizza; and Week 10: Subway (Thursday)



Have a great week 😊

Karena Loomes, Principal

School zone safety – advice for motorists, parents and carers

With school back for 2024, we need to keep safety top-of-mind when travelling through active school zones and around our school community.

School zone times have been standardised in Queensland to help motorists remember when to slow down. The standard operating times for most school zones in Queensland are 7–9am and 2–4pm, with some operating all day between 7am–4pm.

Speeding remains a significant concern, contributing to fatalities and injuries, and police will be on the lookout for speeding motorists. Keeping below the signed speed limit in school zones helps keep everyone safe. This simple adjustment may have minimal impact on travel time but has the potential to significantly contribute to saving lives.

Children's crossings are identified by children's crossing flags, displayed near crossings before and after school hours.

When the crossing is supervised, you, as a motorist, must:

- Wait until all pedestrians, bicycle riders, or personal mobility device riders have crossed the road and the crossing supervisor has returned to the footpath.
- Abide by the direction given by the School Crossing Supervisor.

Please keep our children safe by staying alert, slowing down and obeying our school crossing supervisors who are there to help kids cross the road safely.

You can also help children become more road safety aware by:

- Showing them how to look for vehicles coming in and out of driveways and discourage them from playing behind parked cars, or with toys or balls when walking to school.
- Ensuring your child knows the safest route to and from school. This is usually the way with the least traffic and the fewest roads to cross and teach your child to always walk on footpaths.
- Showing your child how to cross at traffic lights when the green 'walk' sign is showing at pedestrian crossings when vehicles have stopped and at supervised school crossings when the supervisor has signalled it is safe to do so.
- Accompanying children when walking or riding to school until they are old enough to understand road safety (usually around 10 years or older).
- Teaching your child if they catch the bus to never cross in front of or behind a bus; wait until the bus goes before crossing the road.
- Making sure wheeled devices (bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or rollerblades) used to travel to school are well maintained and that the appropriate protective and safety gear (for example, helmet, visible clothing, knee and elbow pads) are used.

Visit the [Street Smarts website](#) for more information about what to do at pedestrian and children crossings.

Term 1 Calendar



Wk	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	Assembly, PE, IM	Guidance Officer, IM	Chappy Stuart		Homework due, library, French
1 Jan	22	23	24	25	26 Australia Day
2 Jan/Feb	29 AFL clinic Homework sent home	30	31	1	2
3 Feb	5 P&C meeting 9:15am	6	7 SLP visit	8	9 Prep vision screening
4 Feb	12	13	14 Crazy sock/hair day - \$2	15	16
5 Feb	19	20	21 SLP visit	22	23
6 Feb	26 Olympian visit	27	28	29	1
7 Mar	4	5	6 Channel 9GO visit	7	8
8 Mar	11	12	13 Senior Camp NAPLAN	14 Senior camp	15 Senior camp
9 Mar	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN	20 NAPLAN	21	22
10 Mar	25 S-P-T Goal setting interviews	26 S-P-T Goal setting interviews	27 S-P-T Goal setting interviews	28 S-P-T Goal setting interviews	29 S-P-T Goal setting interviews

Our 2024 School Improvement Priority and Targets will be finalised early this term and shared with our parents. Our school community was thrilled to learn that we achieved and surpassed our academic targets last year (including NAPLAN). As a school community, we have not yet achieved our attendance target, falling short of our 95% attendance target for the year.

School Improvement Priority and Targets – 2023

Build staff capability to enhance student engagement and student success in their learning and wellbeing.

- Students achieve C to A in English and Mathematics (80% or more)
- Students achieve B or A in English and Mathematics (50% or more)
- Whole school student attendance rate to reach 95%