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EVERY STUDENT MATTERS EVERYDAY

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Welcome back to term 2 and I trust everyone had a good break. On Monday 28th April, our Student Free Day, teachers and SSOs met together to discuss improvements we would like to make to support student success. This is called our Site Improvement Plan. Next week it will be presented in draft form at Governing Council Meeting. Remember you do not have to be a member of Governing Council in order to attend meetings.

Now as the weather is changing it is timely in reminding everyone that our school community supports a dress code. Students are expected to wear items of clothing in the colours of black and gold, with no brand name logos. On the next page is an excerpt from the parent information booklet which outlines why we support a dress code, as well as, a price list of clothing available from school.

Next week, NAPLAN starts on Tuesday 13th May. It is important that students are at school on time. In order to support your child please ensure they have had a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and are at school by 8.50am

Thank you to Mr. Mallee and Mr. Giulio for supporting our schools football team on Wednesday. Games will be held each week from 3.30 - 4:45pm. We lost our first game but played well together as a team, scoring 2 goals.

If you are volunteer trained and would be able to help coach the team, please contact Mr Mallee via the front office.

Cathryn

Counsellors News:

I have had the pleasure of phoning parents and carers of students who have been working hard to be happy and successful at school. They have been using their Success Helper choices to achieve their goals and this has been great to see. We want our students to enjoy their learning and social life at Hincks and this relies on us all being respectful of each other. Please talk about this with your children. Self respect and respect of others ensures that we have a happy and industrious school where we all feel safe to have a go. Please drop by any time to talk about your children's progress or if you have any concerns. All the best.
Giulio

*****WANTED***WANTED*****

The Awesome Achievers are going to make go-karts. If you can help out by donating any items of wood, pallets, or old bikes for the wheels, please call the school and we will arrange pick up of any donations.
Regards Steph

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Whole School Assembly 2:30pm in gym
Fri 16th May
Fri 30th May
Fri 13th June
Fri 27th June
- ◆ Governing Council Meeting Tuesday 13 May, 6.00pm Staffroom
- ◆ Students' Art Display in Mr Mallee's room straight after school each day next week
- ◆ NAPLAN Yr 3, 5 & 7 students week 3
May 13th, 14th & 15th
- ◆ Reconciliation Week - 26th - 30th May
- ◆ Monday 9th June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- ◆ Last day of term 2 - Friday 4th July school finishes 2:10pm

NAPLAN STATEWIDE TESTS

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known. Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia. NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing. Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing. More information is available on the NAP website. If you have any concerns, please contact Principal Cathryn Herbert on 86457266. We have NAPLAN 2014 "Information for parents" brochures available at front office.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

We believe wearing school uniform:

- Reduces peer pressure and parent issues regarding clothing for school
- Increases pride in our school
- Allows easy recognition within the community that enhances student safety and projects a positive school image
- Eliminates inappropriate clothing (provocative, offensive wording, restrictive and unsafe)
- Follows our Sun Safe policy
- Assists with economic savings

The uniform consists of:

- Mix and match clothing, skirts, shorts, trousers, T-shirts and jumpers, in the school colours of black and gold (name brands should not feature)
- Dresses, pinafores and squirts in recommended school fabrics
- Sun Smart clothing with sleeves to protect shoulders, will cover the midriff and be of a suitable length
- Black wide-brimmed hats (can be purchased for \$6 from the office)
- Flat shoes with a back which are suitable for both class and yard activities
- No jewellery, with the exception of sleepers or stud earrings, watches and medical bracelets

A supply of new school uniforms and a small supply of second hand uniforms are available for purchase from the office.

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Hat	\$6	Polo Shirts	\$10
Micro mesh Basketball shorts	\$10	Girls gaberdine <u>skorts</u>	\$15
Fleecy track pants	\$14	Girls Ponte Pants	\$18
Fleecy Hoodie no zip	\$18	Girls stretch boot leg pants	\$16
Fleecy Hoodie full zip Jacket	\$21	Black/gold trim Polo shirts	\$20

Visual Art Exhibition & Fundraiser

An invitation is extended to all Parents and Caregivers to attend Visual Art Exhibition and Fundraiser at Hincks Avenue Primary School. On display are examples of student artwork, using materials such as pencil, pastel, crayon, texta and charcoal. Prints of each artwork will be available to purchase for \$5. The Exhibition will run all next week straight after school in Mr Mallee's Art Room, be sure to have a look at the fantastic artwork our students have created.

Sweet Treats

Brilliant Butterflies and Outstanding Owls are fundraising for their camp later this year. Each Monday and Tuesday during Big Lunch and after school, you can purchase a new variety of sweet treats for \$1 each. So far we have had cake-pops, honey crackles, jelly slice, tiny teddy cars, tea-cup biscuits, smiley face biscuits, devils-food cake cup cakes and decorated cup cakes with owls and butterflies. Look out for Miss Thorpe after school at the back of the front office

FOR SALE \$1
Everyday at Big
Lunch eating time
from the Awesome
Achievers Classroom



LIFE LOOKS BRIGHTER OUTSIDE

local parks and playgrounds are great places to explore, so enjoy the day with outdoor play!

Make Saturday and Sunday outdoor fundays! When it comes to family outdoor playtime, weekdays can be a little tricky – but that's why we have weekends! When we start to think about Saturday and Sunday as outdoor 'fundays' our planning for fun and outdoor activities gets a lot easier.

Need some outdoor inspiration? Try these out with your kids today:

- roll down a really big hill at the park
- build a fort out of sticks and branches at your local park
- fly a kite at your local oval
- hunt for bugs
- take a bike ride along your local bike path
- play chasey or hide and seek in and out of trees in the park
- skim stones in a creek or at the beach
- soar on a swing or slide down a slippery dip at the local playground.

PLAZA YOUTH CENTRE GIRLS GROUP

All girls welcome from ages 10 - 17 years. Plaza Youth Centre 9 Colebrook Street, Whyalla Stuart 3pm - 6pm Wednesdays. Transport and food supplied. Young people will be collected from school by Plaza's van. For more information call Tanya on 86453999 Wednesdays 1-3pm

Session 1	Wednesday 14 th May	meet and greet & discuss program topics
Session 2	Wednesday 28 th May	Identity - who am I
Session 3	Wednesday 11 th June	self-esteem - topic chosen by group
Session 4	Wednesday 25 th June	Communication - topic chosen by group
Session 5	Wednesday 2 nd July	End of term activity - cooking party

