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# Hincks Avenue Primary School

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## Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

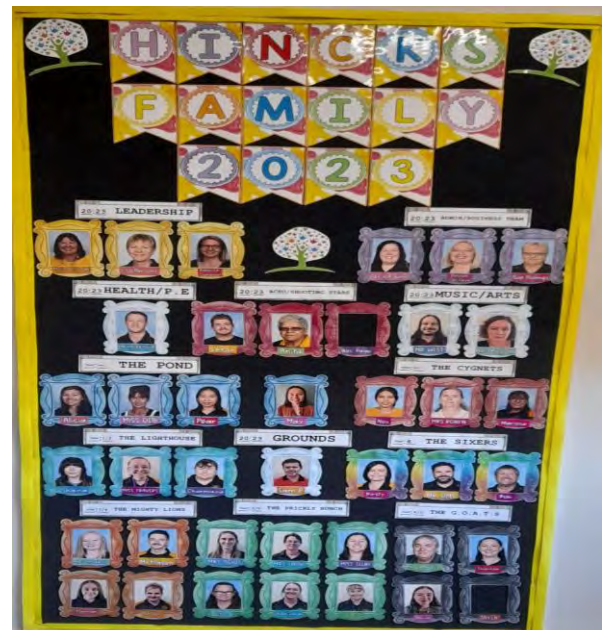
This week marks the middle of Term 1. It has been pretty jam-packed and seems to be flying by quickly. NAPLAN is earlier in 2023 than it has been previously and our Year 3 and year 5 students will be involved in this from next week.



NAPLAN is designed to measure education systems to determine areas of improvement. The best way we can prepare our students for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program. Please encourage your child to simply give it their best shot on the day and to not stress about the test. We don't expect our kids to do any cramming and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk with your child's teacher or myself.

You may have noticed the awesome new staff display in the front office.

I would like to publicly thank Kirsty for all the time she has put into this and cutting out photos and photo frames. It looks great, brightens up the front office area and provides a visual for our amazing team. I'm a bit biased, but I reckon we look like a kind and caring bunch.



As we hit this middle point in the term, I have been looking at our student attendance data for the start of this year:

- 88% of our learners have attended for more than 60% of the time, in these first 5 weeks of school.
- Nearly 70% of our learners have attended for more than 80% of the time
- We have a core group of 16% of the school population who have attended for 100% of the time. Well-done.
- 12% of our learners have attended for less than 60% of the time, in the first 5 weeks of school

Overall, this information is good and we know that strong attendance at school improves educational outcomes and opportunities for our children. We still need to work on the students who are attending less than 80% of the time. If you are having difficulties getting your child to school, please reach out to our leadership team or your child's teacher and we will work with you to support you in getting your child to school each and every day.

Keep those conversations coming. I always love a good chat in the yard.

Kindest regards,  
*Melissa Gloede*

### 2023 Term 1 Dates

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>** – The Mighty Lions Assembly

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>** – Public Holiday: Adelaide Cup

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** – NAPLAN

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup>** – National Close the Gap Day

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup>** – Governing Council Meeting

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – School Photo Day

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** – Public Holiday: Good Friday

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** – Public Holiday: Easter Monday

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Last day of Term 1 – School finishes at 2:10pm

### **Outside of School Hours Contact**

If you need to contact the school for any reason (eg. positive covid case, student in isolation) outside of school hours or on the weekend, please either:

- Phone the school on **8645 7266** and leave a message on the answering machine. This is checked daily each morning through the school week.

or

- Text our school number **0417 237 036**. This gets checked daily and checked regularly on weekends as well.

### **NEW PHONE NUMBER**

We have a new Virtual Number now live!

**0417 237 036**

This number can be used to text message us for student absences, booking meetings, questions etc.



## Finance News

School invoices have been posted out to families.

Please apply for school card ASAP. If you are not successful for school card, please come into the office to pay school fees. Monthly repayments can be arranged if need be.

For any queries, please email  
[belinda.catchpole827@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:belinda.catchpole827@schools.sa.edu.au)

## Assembly Award Winners Week 4



Back row: Ayesha Mata, Anita Bishop, Scarlett Sims, Arnon Richardson, Chloe Naupan, Liuryzah Sy, Dan Reano, Shannon Peel, Alex Johnson, Deisel Varney

Front row: Islah Klippert, Eva Brown, Leyton Byers, Jacob Sowton, Elijah Eichner

## News from The Pond

We are The Pond class for 2023. We are a Reception/Year one class and we have been at school for five weeks and have been learning about our school values and what they look like in our classroom. We have been making new friends and learning things about one another through our daily Maths data chats.



**Back Row:** Jacob Sowton, Anna Tyrrell, Kita Graham, Asha Farrer,  
Elijah Eichner, Aaliyah Fleming

**Front Row:** Eddie Peel, Justice Clancy, Harvey Parker, Eva Brown, Tony  
Fergusson, Kayden Sambo

**Absent:** Macie Nottle, Romeo Packham and Jathan Dujmovic

# Literacy in The Pond

In Literacy, we have been learning the sounds (phonemes) that letters make (graphemes). We know approximately 20 sounds already. We sing songs and make actions that help us to remember the sounds that the letters make. We practise our sounds daily and have begun some peer tutoring. The children have a turn at being the “teacher” and flash their partner the sounds on our letter flashcards. We have been using the magnetic letters to make words by listening to the sounds, matching the sound to the letter and then we blend the sounds together to read words.



# Maths in The Pond

In Maths, we have been learning the principles of counting, recognising numerals 0-10 and the correct sequence of the numbers. We went on a numeral hunt around the school with our Ipads and found many numerals everywhere. We have played Bubble bingo and have used small numeral cards to order the numbers and to play games like SNAP. We enjoy working together to help us learn



# THE SIXERS

## Camp Fundraiser

Zooper Doopers and Ice blocks for sale

Zoopers Doopers 70c ea  
Ice Blocks \$1.50ea

Available all year round  
come and see  
Mr Sims  
Kirsty  
Rob  
in the sixers Classroom

# THE POND CLASS

## ICE CREAM IN A CONE

**\$2 each**

come and see

Miss Deb  
Pear  
Alicia or May  
to get a yummy ice-cream in a cone

Available all year!

Whyalla Veterinary Clinic

WARRIORS NETBALL CLUB  
ESTABLISHED 1942

SCRUB A DUBB FOR OUR CLUBS  
DOG WASH IN MEMORY OF PAUL & DONNA

WITH 100% OF PROCEEDS DONATED TO A LOCAL GROUP OR CLUB

This month we are donating to..  
**WARRIORS NETBALL CLUB**

11th March 2023  
10am - 1pm  
Whyalla Veterinary Clinic  
97 McDouall Stuart Ave

\$15 PER DOG  
\$15 PER WASH

OVARIAN CANCER AUSTRALIA

PROUDLY PARTNERING WITH

TerryWhite Chemmart

- Your family history of cancer is important when considering your own risk of ovarian cancer, as there is no effective screening test. A cervical screening test does NOT test for ovarian cancer
- Did you know that the BRCA genes (high risk genes for ovarian and other cancers) can be passed down from both your mother and father?
- Further investment into research is key to understanding more about ovarian cancer risk, management and effective treatment options.

How well do you understand ovarian cancer risk?

Scan here to find out more.