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Hincks Avenue Primary School

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Hello again and welcome back for another year at Hincks.

We came back to work before our students arrived again and had a couple of days dedicated to learning and getting ready for 2023. Our first day was dedicated to Trauma Informed Practices and ongoing Positive Behaviour Strategies in working with all of our children (Berry Street Education Model). This day went particularly well with staff building their team toolkits to work with the children in their classes.

The second day was dedicated to our School Improvement Planning. Each year we build on our personal skills and knowledge, based on the latest research, to build the learning potential and skills of all our young learners.

Some key highlights of our School Improvement Plan in 2023 include:

Writing

- Teaching keyboarding skills from Reception to year 6
- Targeted writing conferences to support students setting specific writing goals for their personal growth in Writing
- Building student skills in writing narratives (stories), persuasive texts (opinions) and information reports (explorations)

Maths

- Making maths more visual and hands-on for all our learners, so they can grasp concepts before applying them in abstract situations.
- Using Warm-ups at the start of maths lessons to reinforce old concepts and teach the Big Ideas in Number skills.



Reading

- The new Units of Work from the Department for Education come with a range of mentor texts connected to each unit. We are using these texts, as starting points to great teaching, to build student understanding of texts at literal, structural and inferential levels of understanding.
- Our primary students do termly reviews to determine their Reading Range. Students can then access a wide variety of books from our school library or from MyON (digital library). They can also access MyON from home (Our teachers will keep you posted. Log-Ins should be coming home next week)

I am excited about this year. We have maintained a consistent staff and each year I get excited about seeing my adults, as dedicated learners, improve their personal skills to further develop our young learners to meet their optimal learning potential. This year they have taken this to a new level and I look forward to sharing this journey with you throughout the year.

In 2023, our class teams are:

Rec / Yr 1	Rec / Yr 1	Yr 1 / Yr 2	Yr 2 / Yr 3	Yr 3 / Yr 4	Yr 4 / Yr 5	Year 6
The Pond	The Cygnets	The Lighthouse	The Prickly Bunch	The Mighty Lions	The G.O.A.T.S	The Sixers
Teacher: Deb Smith	Teacher: Robyn Lindholm	Teacher: Gabby Travers	Teacher: Michelle Smith/ Nicki Agius	Teacher: Tayla Murray	Teacher: Paul Campbell	Teacher: Russell Sims
Support Staff: Alicia / May Pear	Support Staff: Marisa / May Noy	Support Staff: Charmaine Shaina / May	Support Staff: Karinna / Emily Jenny	Support Staff: Stefano Hayden / Hannah	Support Staff: Sharnee Paula	Support Staff: Kirsty Rob

(Nicki Agius in filling in for Jas Selby, who will return in Term 2)

In addition to this, we also have **leadership staff and Specialist teachers** for Health and The Arts:

Principal	Deputy Principal	Student Wellbeing Leader	Health / Physical Education Teacher	Specialist Music Teacher	The Arts Teacher
Melissa Gloede	Lisa Parsons	Rebecca Campbell	Patrick McArthur	Chris West	Helen Madden

And of course, no school can exist without the important **administrative support staff**. This is what ours looks like in 2023.

Admin Front desk	Executive Assistant / School Resources	Business Manager	Aboriginal Community Engagement Officers
Tayla R	Sue	Belinda	Aunty Anita Leroy Risborg

I am very biased, but we have a great team who care deeply about our school and our families. Talk to any of us at any time if you have suggestions or concerns and we will work together to help.

My personal highlight for the start of the year has been to see our children really get to know each other in their new classes.

They have been working on **Social Emotional Learning** in readiness for the school year and this has meant learning to understand the character strengths that each person brings to their classroom. We have a very accepting school culture and I feel very proud to be part of this.

As always, feel free to come and have a chat anytime.

Kindest regards,
Melissa Gloede

From the Deputy Principal

Welcome to school for 2023. My name is Lisa Parsons and I am the new Deputy Principal. This is my first year at Hincks Avenue Primary School and my ninth year in Whyalla. I enjoy community activities and you may have seen me running around a netball court in a white uniform and with a whistle in my hand.

The students and staff have had a fabulous start to the year, with the children returning refreshed, excited and ready to learn. Our new reception students have settled in well and are working hard to adjust to new routines and structures.

I'm having a lot of fun meeting and learning about the students, and have already found a child who shares a birthday with me I'm excited to be involved in continuing the school focus on student wellbeing and supporting the use of proactive approaches to enable all students to feel welcome and safe in our school environment. I will be collaborating with leadership and staff to use data and evidence-based research effectively as we continue to focus on our Site Improvement goals of development in Literacy and Numeracy to ensure we are stretching students' academic capabilities. Part of my role will be working with teachers, SSOs and students to support the development and improvement of Maths knowledge and skills, with a particular focus on the number concepts of trusting the count and place value.

I also have a strong background in Literacy and will be assisting the development of reading skills and comprehension. Another focus will be working in partnership with Hincks' ACEOs to co-design quality, culturally appropriate learning experiences and assessment practices. It is essential we are working with families and the community to build productive links for improved learning outcomes for all students. I am quite passionate about looking after our environment and will be liaising and working with students and class teams to establish an effective recycling and waste management process.

We have an exciting and interesting year ahead of us. You are welcome to contact me or talk to me personally, and I'm looking forward to getting to know your children and working in partnership with families to provide the best outcomes for all students.

Kindest regards,
Lisa Parsons

From the Wellbeing Leader

I am very glad to be back for another year in the position of Student Wellbeing Leader at Hincks Ave Primary School. Please feel welcome to talk to me personally at school, or arrange a time for a meeting, or leave a message for me to call you. I value the knowledge that you have of your child and appreciate your understanding and involvement to resolve any issues and improve wellbeing. I will be working with all staff, parents and students on our school's wellbeing initiatives.

In brief, this will involve continuing to move forward with social and emotional learning curriculum throughout the school and with small groups of students.

I will also be coordinating student voice and leadership with the Student Representative Council, facilitating some recess and lunch clubs, helping organising special events and working with parents, particularly about wellbeing and intercultural understanding.

In addition to this role, I have accepted the position as the Autism Lead Teacher for our site. For the first couple of terms this incorporates training to help upskill my own skills but also to give people in this position the resources to then also help our teachers and support staff within our sites to use evidence-based strategies to help our autistic children and young people.

Kindest regards,

Rebecca Campbell

2023 Term 1 Dates

Feb 10th – The G.O.A.T.S Assembly

Feb 23rd – Gov Council AGM

Feb 24th – The Sixers Assembly

Mar 10th – The Mighty Lions Assembly

Mar 13th – Public Holiday: Adelaide Cup

Mar 15th – 27th – NAPLAN

Mar 16th – National Close the Gap Day

Mar 30th – Governing Council Meeting

April 5th – School Photo Day

April 5th – Parent Learning Conversations

April 6th – Student Free Day

April 7th – Public Holiday: Good Friday

April 10th – Public Holiday: Easter Monday

April 14th – Last day of Term 1

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.

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Finance News

School Fees and School Card

School fees for 2023 is \$269 per child. We accept cash, credit card or EFTPOS payment.

Our banking details are:

Hincks Ave Primary School

BSB: 065 519

Acc No: 10017267

Ref: Invoice number and child name

School card forms are available at the front office or alternatively follow the below link to apply online.

<https://online.forms.sa.edu.au/content/forms/af/public/application-for-school-card.html>

You must apply for school card every year.

For any queries, please email Belinda.catchpole827@schools.sa.edu.au

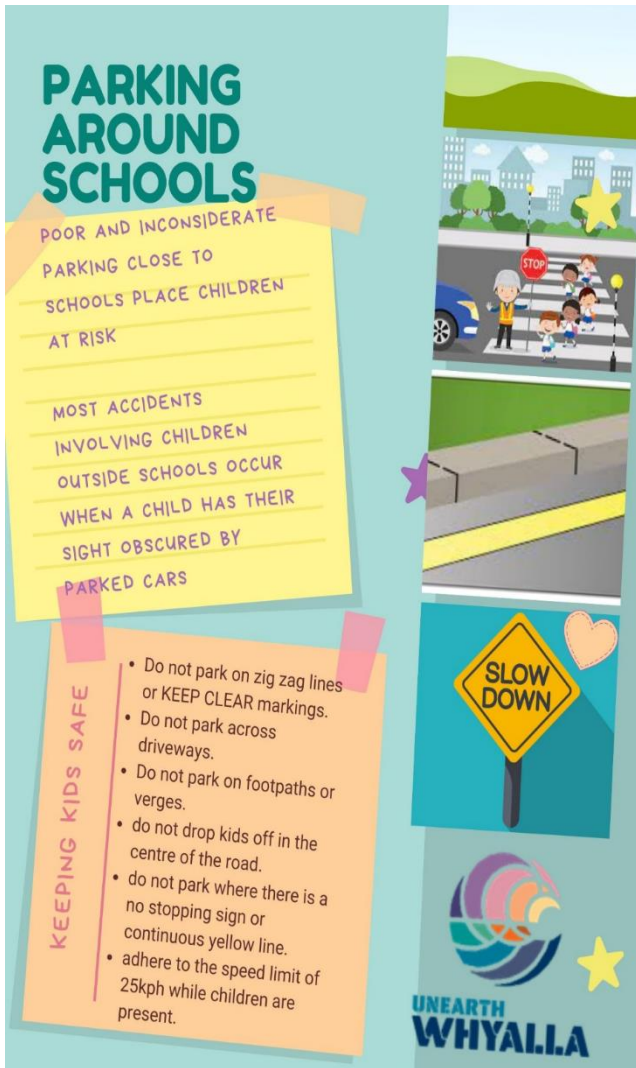
Class Dojo

It has been amazing seeing so many families connect via Class Dojo in the first few days back this year. Class dojo for families is used for teachers to send class-based information to parents and for families to connect with staff via messages within the app.

When using Class Dojo, you will only need a free account, do not feel that you have to pay for Dojo Plus as the elements of Dojo we use within HAPS do not require this. If you require a new code to access your child's class, please contact your class teacher or staff at the front office.



Car Parking at Hincks Avenue P.S



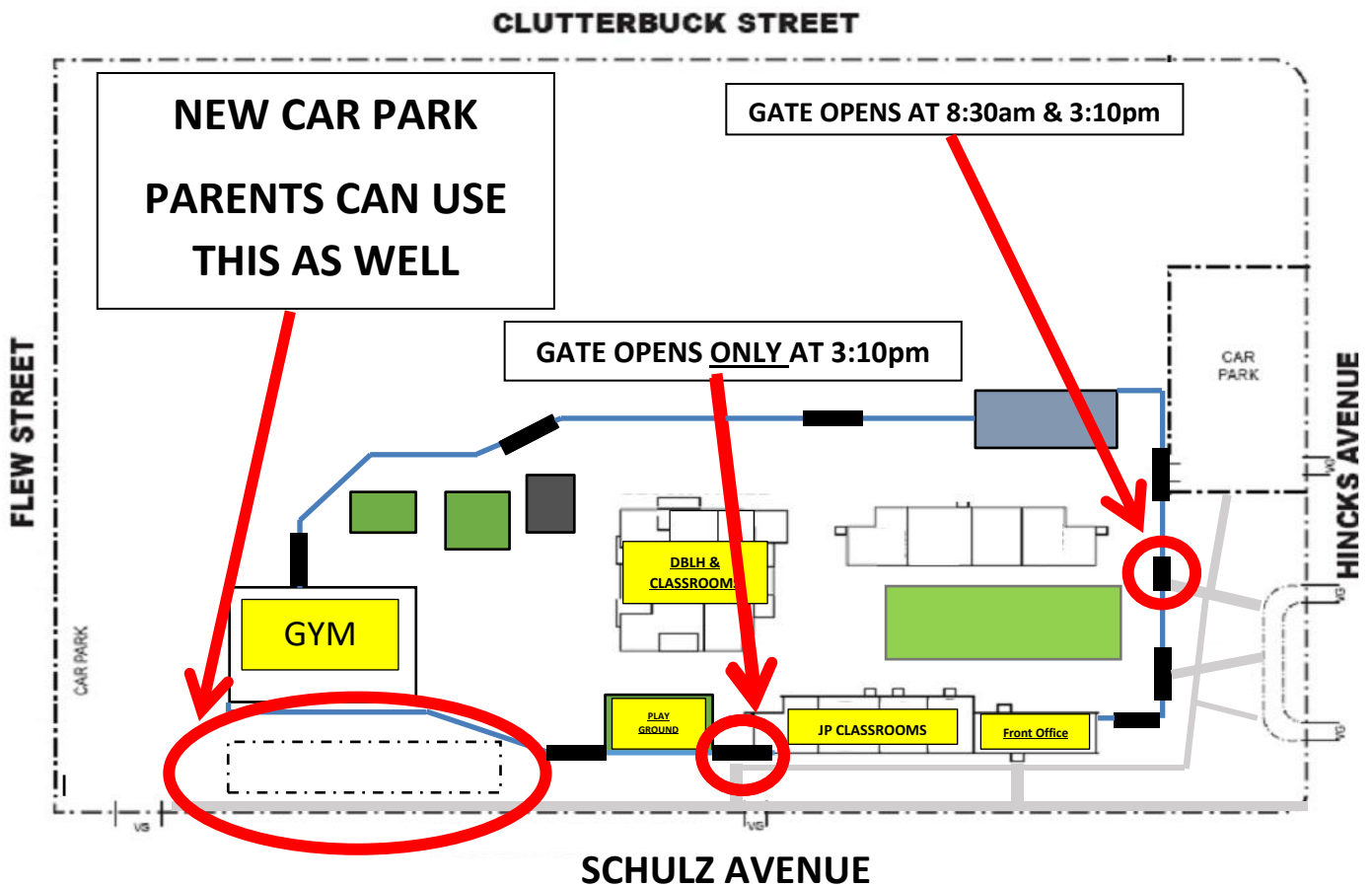
Parents please be aware that we now have students who need to access the Iron Knob Bus. This bus needs to pull up in the bus loop at around 8.15 every morning and then at 3.10 in the afternoon every day. The bus has a strict schedule that they need to stick to and need to make it to the next school on time.

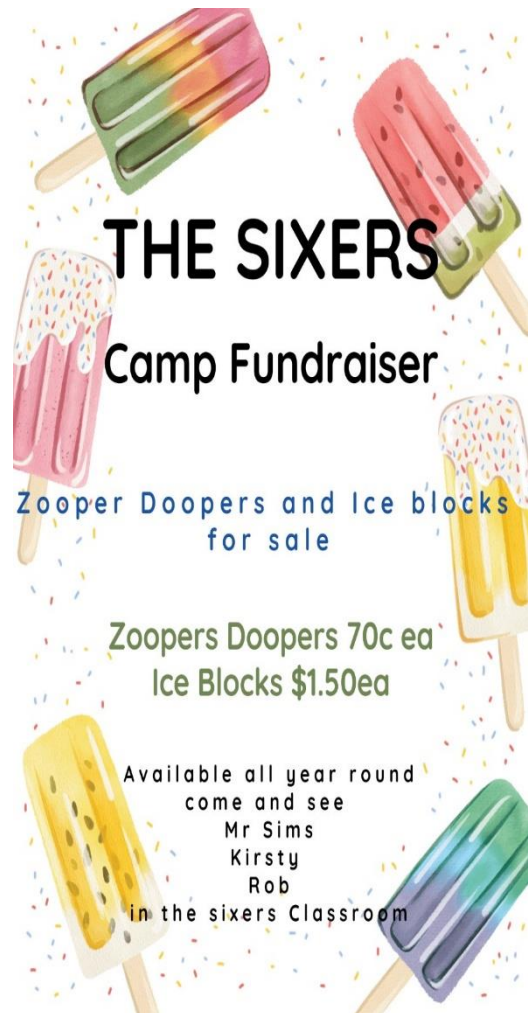
If you need to park your car to walk in to pick up your child, please park on the road/carparks, **not the bus loop**. The bus loop is a 'kiss and drop/pick up' area, not a 'leave the car to get your child' park.

To ease the traffic congestion on Hincks Avenue, we will open the side gate up on Schulz Avenue (see map below) **in the afternoons only**. We still ask that parents use the main gate entrance in the mornings so we can keep an eye on any students who may try to leave.

We have made a car park in front of the gate/gym, which can be accessed from the gym car park. Parents are able to park here as well in the mornings and in the afternoons.

We encourage all parents to come into the yard at the end of the day and utilise seating and shelters while waiting for the students to finish school. Please do not enter classrooms until after the bell goes.





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

True Blue Netball Club

Come and Try Night

Is your child born in 2015, 2016, 2017 or before 30th April 2018?

Come down to the Whyalla Netball Courts on **Wednesday 8th February** from **4-5pm** to try out netball. True Blue will be running a come and try night, with junior and senior players running sessions for under 7 and 9 players. There will be a **FREE sausage sizzle** for any children who participate with no commitment to registering after the session. For more information, please contact Lee Hage on 0419 963 866

JUNIORS WANTED



Warriors Netball club are seeking juniors born in 2015, 2016, 2017 or before the 30th of April 2018 to come try out netball! Our junior training commences on Tuesday the 7th of February at 5:30pm, at the Whyalla Netball Courts. We are looking forward to seeing some new and old faces!

For more information, please contact Alex Milne on 0455 556 084 or Kate Deakin on 0413 796 557.

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 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/warriorswhyalla/>




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

Available all year!



Government
of South Australia

Hon Blair Boyer MP
Member for Wright

Dear parent/caregiver

For the second year, South Australian families with children attending public schools will receive a \$100 discount per student on their annual materials and services charge, delivering the government's two-year commitment made at the 2022 state election.

Approaching the start of the school year, we know cost-of-living pressures are being felt by many families and we hope this discount will provide some relief.

Unlike last year, you don't need to do anything to claim the \$100 discount. It will automatically be issued by your school.

The discount does not apply to families approved for school card as they are not required to pay the materials and services charge.

School card applications are now open for 2023. Income limits, based on the number of dependent children in your family, have been increased by 6.4% this year. With this increase, some families who were not previously eligible may now qualify. Information on school card eligibility, income limits and the application process can be found at: sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty and require assistance paying the discounted materials and services charge, we encourage you to speak to your school as soon as possible. Support is available to those who need it, including the option of paying the charge by instalments.

As a compassionate response to the ongoing nature of the conflict in the Ukraine, Ukraine nationals arriving in Australia will continue to receive fee-free education in 2023 in South Australian public schools. Support will also continue to be provided to Afghan evacuees.

Wishing you and your child/ren a happy and productive start to term 1.

Yours sincerely

Hon Blair Boyer MP
**Minister for Education,
Training and Skills**

Professor Martin Westwell
Chief Executive

