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Hincks Avenue Primary School

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From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

As we come to the end of our first term, we are hosting Parent Learning Conversations (PLC) in the pre-pandemic format of meeting together in the Gym.



This is a great opportunity to come together to develop family school partnerships. We know parents are the first and most important educators of their child and it is vital that we work together to enable high wellbeing and educational achievement.

Our teachers are looking forward to talking with you about your child's progress, as well as learning more about their interests and needs to continue to build on the whole 'school story' of your child. Please make sure you book an appointment for Wednesday afternoon.

We are also using this opportunity to proudly show-case some of the 'product to plate' examples of our emerging bush tucker project. Our students are working with Eliza and Hannah (OTs from the ROOTS program) to make quandong chocolate brownies, Old Man saltbush cheese puffs and Lemon Myrtle scones. These will be available for tasting on Wednesday afternoon for you to try.

I'm not sure if you heard me speak on radio last week, but we are passionate about starting an edible garden on the Hincks side of our school for our community to enjoy. We have started this project in collaboration with Gabmididi Manoo CFC and we have applied for several grants that have a good chance of coming to fruition. For the moment, I am keen for any interested gardeners that would like to volunteer to help get this project off the ground. If you know of someone who is keen, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday afternoon.

Kindest regards, Melíssa Gloede

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 <u>8645 7266</u> and leave a message on the answering machine. This is checked daily each morning through the school week.

or

- Text our school number <u>0417 237 036</u>. This gets checked daily and checked reguarly on weekends as well.

2023 Term 1 & 2 Dates

April 4th – Donut & Milkshake Day

April 5th – School Photo Day

April 6th - Student Free Day

April 7th - <u>Public Holiday: Good</u> <u>Friday</u>

April 10th - <u>Public Holiday: Easter</u> <u>Monday</u>

April 14th – Last day of Term 1 – School finishes at 2:10pm

May 1st – Term 2 begins

May 8th – 12th – Swimming Lessons: The Pond, The Cygnets, The Prickly Bunch, The Mighty Lions

May 10th & 11th – Mother's Day Stall @ Recess & Lunch

May 15th – **19**th – Swimming Lessons: The Lighthouse, The G.O.A.T.S, The Sixers

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 card applications are available at the front office or you can apply online by visiting:

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard.

School fees can be paid by cash, card or direct deposit. Our banking details are BSB: 065 519, Account number: 10017267, Reference: Invoice number and student name. School fees can also be paid in instalments. For more information, please email belinda.catchpole827@schools.sa.edu.au

Assembly Award Winners Week 8



Be Responsible: Leyton Byers & Tony Fergusson



Be Respectful: Michael Cruse



Be Your Best: Kayden Sambo, Tate Makedonski, Daniel Phillips, Kenzie Grantham, Hunter Knowles, Onyx Stephens, Romeo Packham, Eddie Peel

PRIME Energy Drinks

Recently we have had several cases of children bringing bottles of 'Prime Hydration' to school. The energy drink 'Prime Hydration' the drink does contain a high level of electrolytes and artificial sweeteners. Electrolytes are not recommended for children unless they are unwell or at risk of dehydration and as a result is not recommended for children under the age of 15.

Another form of the drink, 'Prime Energy', contains around 200mg of caffeine for every 330ml and as a result is not recommended for children under the age of 18.

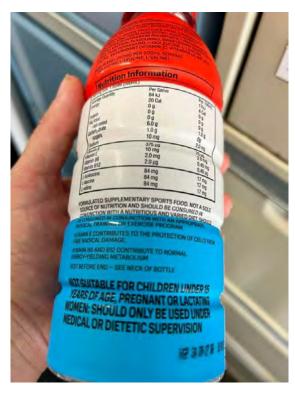
Additionally, the noticeable change in behaviour and energy levels is not supporting of learning and engagement. As a result, the school has taken the decision to ban all forms of the Prime drink. Children should therefore not bring it to school.

BTN recently had a news article around energy drinks. If you are interested in watching it, it can be found here:

https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/prime-energy-drink/102043342

Thank you for your ongoing support ensuring our kids are happy and healthy learners.





Shooting Stars

The Shooting Stars Team will be commencing training this week Monday 3rd April – Wednesday 5th April 2023.

Due to this, we will be unable to provide transport to and from school. This also includes the Shooting Stars room to be unavailable for recess and lunch as we will be offsite.

Bus run will commence again on Tuesday 11th April 2023.

Any support needed during this time, please contact the school. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

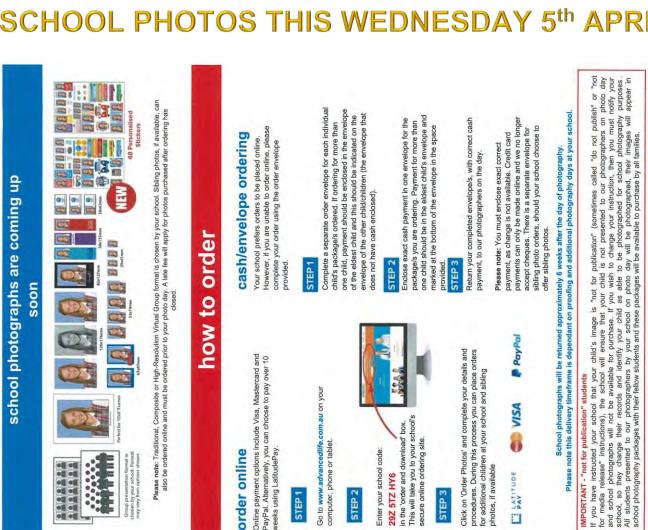
Kind Regards,

Shooting Stars Team.

SCHOOL PHOTOS THIS WEDNESDAY 5th APRIL

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Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact



News from The Sixers

In the Sixers this term, we have been focusing on Biological Sciences and learning about the incredible world of mould and Andrew Fleming's discovery of Penicillin. We have even had a go at recreating his experiment and growing and monitoring our own mould specimens. Using the scientific process, we created 3 identical environments and then changed a single variable in each. This has shown us the ideal environment for mould growth is in a cool, damp environment.

In Design and Technology – we have been learning about electricity and electrical circuits. Using the Engineering Design Process, we have had a go at designing and building a portable vacuum/blower to help keep eraser shavings and pieces of paper off our desks. We have had a great time learning about all the different components and implementing them in our designs.













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 MONDAY

 Date
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 Time
 5:30pm

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Waratah are seeking players for 2023 in the following grades:

U7'S Boys and Girls U13 Boys U16 Boys



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