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Hincks Avenue Primary School

Newsletter

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From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,



Welcome to week 8 of the term. The students are working well and are busy completing assessments and projects as we head towards the end of the term. We are seeing some excellent results and it is very rewarding to see their social, emotional and academic growth. During recess and lunch times, we are providing a range of yard activities and it is great to see many of the students playing soccer or football, doing chalk drawing on the concrete, playing with bubble blowers and engaging in the activities.

Four of our year six students have been chosen to represent our school at The STEM Aboriginal Learner Congress in Adelaide in August. Beginning in 2017, the congress is a departmental initiative designed by Aboriginal students, elders and academics to engage and inspire the future STEM pathways for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians. This year's Congress will be attended by 178 schools with a total of approximately 700 participants. We congratulate Chris, Elizabeth, Donn and Phoenix from The Sixers who have been chosen to attend this year. We look forward to hearing about your trip.

Tori and Courtney from Headspace visited our school last week to work with the Year 5/6 girls around the positive and negative uses of social media. They discussed the different forms of social media, such as gaming sites, YouTube and Pinterest, along with popular apps like Snapchat and Instagram. The girls did activities around the impact and consequences of inappropriate use and what to do if they are caught up in online bullying. We are following this up with a presentation from the South Australian Police around Cyber Related Laws.

In week 10 we celebrate NAIDOC week. NAIDOC Week honours the history, culture, contribution, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and is celebrated from the first Sunday to the second Sunday of July. We are currently working on the events and timetable for the week and more information will be sent home soon.

Our teachers have been busy writing student reports, which will be sent home at the end of the term. The staff at Hincks continue to provide supportive and encouraging classroom environments in which to stimulate a love of learning. We encourage you to take the time to read the feedback provided of your child's successes and future learning goals.

Kindest regards,
Lisa Parsons

2023 Term 2 Dates

June 22nd – Governing Council Meeting 3:45pm

June 23rd – Boys Basketball Carnival

July 3rd – 7th – NAIDOC Week

July 7th – Last Day of Term 2. School finishes at 2:10pm

July 24th – First Day of Term 3

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.



Dental Care for Children 2-18 Years Old

Your child may be eligible for a FREE dental check up and treatment under the Medicare funded Child Dental Benefits Scheme. **Your Dental Care** provides these services in a friendly and caring environment.

Kerri Morgan is the clinical Dental Therapist with over 30 years experience working with children of all ages. She is now working full time at the dental clinic and is passionate about enabling children of all ages to access dental care.

For any queries or to make an appointment, please call and speak to the team at **Your Dental Care on 8649 3511**.

National Simultaneous Story time Day

On Wednesday 24th May, we participated in the National Simultaneous Story time Day. The Australian Library and Information Association hold National Simultaneous Story time annually. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

This year's book was 'The Speedy Sloth'. The book was read to students by Kirsty at a whole school assembly. We also encouraged students to come dressed in their pyjamas for a gold coin donation. We raised \$114.00, which will be donated to the Story Dogs program.



News from Music with Mr West

Lighthouse and Prickly Bunch

The Lighthouse and Prickly Bunch classes have been exploring music in many ways. They have been singing using solfege, a technique that uses hand signals to identify musical notes, making learning fun and interactive. Alongside, they have been playing with boom whackers, long, tuned tubes, to accompany music tracks and videos. These students have also been drawing pictures to interpret music, enhancing their creative skills. Dance and movement have been included to express how music makes them feel. Lastly, they have been playing glockenspiels, a percussion instrument, with piano accompaniment, fostering their musicality.



G.O.A.T.S and Mighty Lions

The G.O.A.T.S and Mighty Lions have been honing their vocal and instrumental skills. They have also been using solfege to improve their note recognition. To expand their musical abilities, these classes have been learning to play the recorder, a woodwind instrument. They have also started reading and interpreting rhythm notation, enabling them to play rhythm patterns on drums as a group.

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The Sixers

The Sixers have been engaged in ensemble playing, an excellent team-building exercise that enhances musical synchronization. They have been learning to read music as a group, which involves understanding musical notations and symbols. In addition, they have been working on written exercises to recognize different musical notations and rhythms. Playing the ukulele has been an added musical adventure. Like the other classes, they have been participating in aural recognition activities, where they listen and identify different notes and rhythms.



Shooting Stars News Term 2

This term the Shooting Stars girls have participated in a variety of activities at the school and in the community. The girls have recommenced their Health & Wellbeing sessions and Out of Hours activities which has included Mother's Day, Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week, Connect to Country, Social Media and the impacts just to name a few. We have also celebrated success with attendance, engagement and behaviour with a mid-term reward. The 3-4 participants were lucky enough to enjoy an afternoon at the Play Café with the Nicolson participants, whilst the 5-6 girls were rewarded with the Cuttlefish tour with all the Primary school participants.



SPECIAL LUNCH FRIDAY

23rd JUNE

ASIAN SOY SAUCE NOODLE DISH

\$4.00 PER SERVE

CASH ONLY!

ORDERS AND MONEY BACK BY
WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE



FREE Parent Workshop

Understanding reading difficulties - Why some children struggle and how to help

- Develop an understanding of reading difficulties, including dyslexia
- Develop a practical understanding of the associated characteristics and difficulties
- Explore ways to support your child

This 2 hour workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of reading difficulties and practical strategies that can help your child.

Wednesday 28 of June, 6:30pm - 8:30pm



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BOOK ONLINE at:
spelsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops

Thank you to the Department for Education for supporting this initiative.