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Hincks Avenue Primary School

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

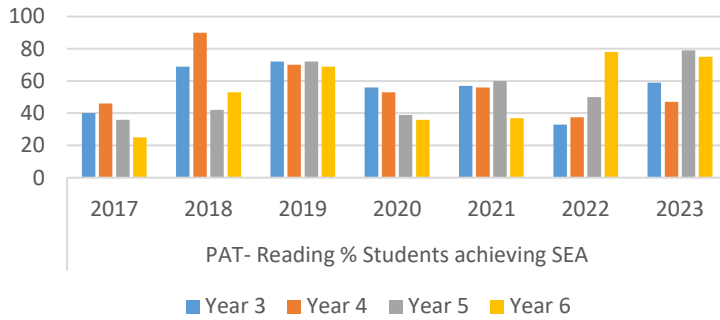
This term, our staff voted to support the AEU industrial action to 'fix the crisis' regarding teacher shortages across SA. As part of this industrial action, our teachers opted not to contribute to school newsletters this term. This was a good option, as it did not directly impact our children's learning. However, it also meant that we have only received one other newsletter this term.



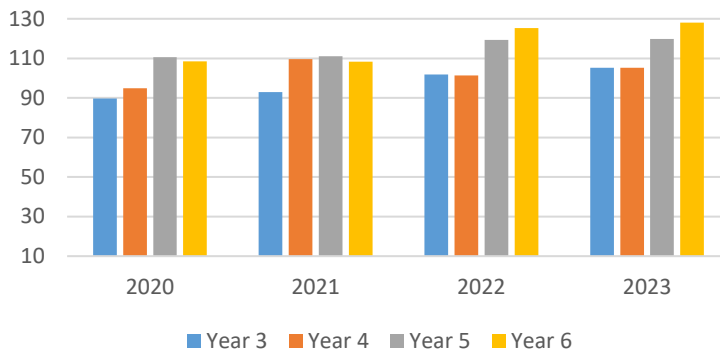
Particular highlights to this term have included: Sports Carnivals, STEM Congress, Book week, SSO week, Ear Health Screening, Choir Performance, Father's Day Stall, PAT assessments, Phonics Screening Check, a JP trip to the theatre, as well as the Year 4/5 Camp. Some of these extra-curricular activities provide us with additional information about each child's learning, so we can better plan for their personal development. Some of these activities support increasing children's social networks and social skills in a range of contexts. The STEM congress for 4 of our First Nation learners was particularly beneficial in building confidence and exploring different interests. We look forward to more extra-curricular activities in Term 4.

Again, I would like to celebrate some reading data with you. Over the past couple of weeks your children have completed the Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) for reading and maths. This year our children have collectively made particularly good progress in Reading. As you can see from the graphs below, more students in each year level have achieved the Standard of Education Achievement (SEA) and the average scores for each cohort have also increased.

PAT - Reading % Students achieving SEA



PAT-R Average Scores across years



As always, myself and Lisa do love a good chat and we do morning and afternoon duties. Feel free to come and have a chat to us in the yard and let us know how things are going for you.

Kindest regards,
Melissa Gloede

2023 Term 4 Dates

16th Oct – Term 4 Starts

19th Oct – Recorder Consort R-6
11:30am

26th Oct – WSC Year 7 students visit to Hincks Avenue P.S – Transition Year 6

30th Oct – **STUDENT FREE DAY**

Nov 3rd – T/20 Cricket Carnival

Nov 8th – Clontarf Visit – Primary Classes 9am – 10am

Nov 9th – Governing Council Meeting 3:45pm

Nov 10th – Sports Day

Nov 27th & 28th – Year 6 Transition to WSC – Full Day visit

Nov 30th – Children’s University Graduation @ Middleback Theatre

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 card applications are now due. Please submit ASAP to the school or online through

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

NEW ACEO STAFF MEMBER



Hi, my name is Kenniesha Dadleh (Taylor).

I am a proud Barngarla woman.

I have currently won a shared position, as the Aboriginal Community Education Officer here at Hincks Avenue Primary School.

As the ACEO, part of my role is to support you and your family's development and have positive relationships within the school community. I will be helping your children reach their goals, learning potential and become happy and confident learners.

CHOIR 2023

On Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st September, the choir did two performances of the songs they have been working so hard on this year! Additionally to singing in the choir, they were selected to stand at the front of the choir before the audience for the National Anthem as part of the AUSLAN Signing Choir! Ayesha had a solo and did an amazing job! All students did a brilliant job and made Hincks Ave Primary very proud! They will be performing "Proud Mary" on Friday at assembly this week. The choir is made up of Ayesha Mata, Maddie Macrae, Phoenix Champion-Mercer, Islah Klippert, Scarlett Sims, Jesse Skipworth, Declan Van Gelder and Hilton McKnight. Congratulations for your efforts and for overcoming your nerves!



SSO WEEK AUGUST 21ST – 25TH 2023

SSO RECOGNITION WEEK 

This week we appreciate and celebrate the dedication, hard work and positive impact that our SSOs have on the lives of students, teachers and the entire school community. On Wednesday we had a special recess celebration and parade to recognise their incredible work. Our SSOs are the backbone and absolute stars of all school operations and integral to the ongoing success of our school. We are privileged to have our fabulous SSOs and value their input every day.

AUGUST 21-25

THANK YOU

IT TAKES A TEAM TO HELP CHILDREN DREAM

STEM Congress 2023

In August, Chris, Elizabeth, Phoenix and I went to Adelaide for the 2023 Indigenous STEM Congress. I really liked that and when we did the chemistry, we made soap and it smelled really good. We did some dancing to show how we can relate dancing to STEM subjects like Maths and Art. We learned about different types of bush medicine in one activity, they showed us which plants can be used and which plants can make you sick. When we woke up on the second day, some ducks were in the pool and came up to us. Sadly, we could not pat the ducks but I really liked it anyway

– Donn H.

This year in 2023, four of our students at Hincks went to the Adelaide Convention Centre in Adelaide for Indigenous STEM Congress. The students chosen were Chris, Donn, Phoenix, and Elizabeth. It was a long bus ride. We stayed at the Marion Holiday Park in Adelaide. The first part was one of our favourite times. Uncle Moogey is an Aboriginal Elder; he did a special Welcome to Country, and invited good spirits into the room. Another favourite part was a lecture by a CEO of an augmented reality company who turns augmented reality into real life dreaming stories. The proud Indigenous woman has been working on big game companies like Apple and Microsoft. We had many scientists come in who gave speeches and yarns from many different scientific fields including engineers, chemical engineers, and experimental scientists to coders. The students said they really enjoyed it

– Chris T.

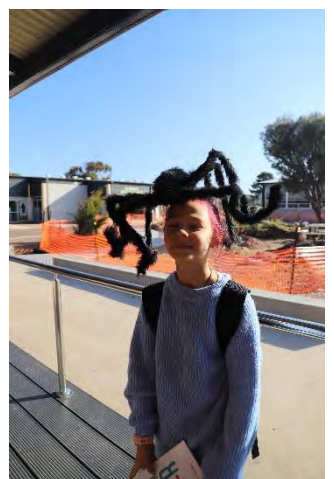
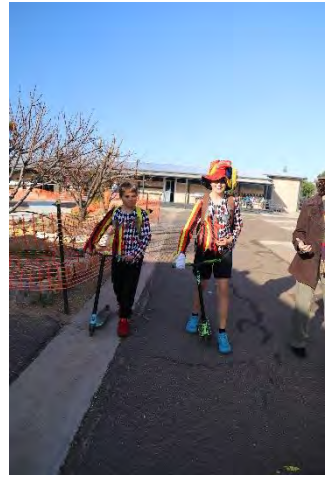


BOOKWEEK 2023

Bookweek was held from Monday 21st August to Friday 25th August. We celebrated bookweek with a parade on the Wednesday 23rd August. It was fantastic to see so many students dressed up as their favourite characters and to see so many parents come along to watch the parade.

There was a prize for the best-dressed student in Junior Primary, Middle Primary and Upper Primary. Congratulations to the winners: Travis Blayney (JP), Axel Hammond (MP) and Ruby Chapman (UP).





PINK DAY 2023

On Wednesday 20th September, we held Pink Day. Every year, Pink Day is held in memory of Teresa who worked as an SSO in the special small class here at Hincks for many years. Sadly, in 2011 Teresa passed away while in palliative care after a long battle with cancer.

Students are encouraged to come dressed in pink for a gold coin donation. Students could also get their hair sprayed pink and buy pink sweet treats and novelty items at recess and lunchtime.

We held a lucky square fundraiser where first prize was a box of homemade goodies and second prize was a box of chocolates. Congratulations to our winners: 1st Prize – Kirsten Durant & 2nd Prize – Lacey Sanders.

Thank you to everyone who donated helped on the day and helped raise money. This year we raised a total of \$1,000. All proceeds will be donated to Whyalla Palliative Care at an assembly later next term.

