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Hincks Avenue Primary School

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

We come to the end of another year and take this time to celebrate another fabulous year at Hincks.



This week our year 6 students graduated and it is at these times that we look back and reflect on the growth that our young people have made over their primary schooling years. At times, our children can take a while longer to develop reading, writing and regulation skills, but they get there in the end. We are exceptionally proud of the way our students have developed into honest, brave, kind, accomplished and responsible young people and we know that they will do well going off into high school. We also hope they come back and visit from time to time because we will miss them.

This information was included in our last newsletter (Week 6), but I just thought I would share the updated timetable with just a few changes. In 2024. This is what our classes will look like:

Year level	Teacher	SSO Staff	Location
Reception	Deb Smith	Alicia / May and Pear	1 st class along deck
Reception	Robyn Lindholm	Marisa / Marina and Noy	2 nd class along deck
Year 1 / 2	Carlene Paterson / Nicki Agius (Tues)	Charmaine and Emily / Hannah	3 rd class along deck
Year 1 / 2	Jas Selby	Jenny and Shaina / Hannah	4 th class along deck
Year 3 / 4	Paloma Turton-Tiley	Sharnee and Tayla	Class at the end of front building
Year 3 / 4	Paul Campbell	Paula and Jade	Primary building (South)
Year 4 / 5	Tayla Murray	Stefano and Karinna / Sue	Primary building (East)
Year 5 / 6	Russell Sims	Kirsty and Rob	Primary building (north)

Specialised Subjects	Teacher	Location
Health & PE	Patrick McArthur / Silvia Friedrich	The Gym
Technologies	Michelle Smith	The Arts Centre
The Arts	Michelle Smith	The Arts Centre
Music`	Rhiannon Howell	Music Room

Last week we celebrated our amazing year with our children, by spending the day in Cowell. I am hoping your children came home and told you about their fabulous day because it was amazing. It was a real treat and delight to spend this time with the students and have some fun.

I hope you get to also have fun with your children over the holiday break. Enjoy a more relaxed pace and stay safe. We all look forward to seeing you again in 2024.

Kindest regards,

Melissa Gloede

2024 Term 1 Dates

Jan 29th – Term 1 Starts

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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Assembly Award Winners

Assembly Awards: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Your Best

Rakheem Stewart-Ward, Harper Zubrinich,
Liuryzah Sy, Austin Hart



High Academic Award Winners

Cari-Lee Curtis, Deisel Varney, Byron Watson, Donn Haseldine, Anita Bishop, Ruby Chapman, Bianca Gill, Chris Turner, Eryn Nolan, Scarlett Sims, Dan Reano, Bella Blayney, Liuryzah Sy, Harper Zubrinich, Austin Hart, Louella Goldsmith, Hunter Knowles, Daniel Phillips, Teddy Beall, Patrick Duffy, Nikolai Anderson, Michael Cruse



100% Attendance for Semester 2

Byron Watson, Charlee-Ann Franklin, Chris Turner



FAREWELL TO OUR GRADUATING YEAR 6 CLASS OF 2023



Year 6 Outstanding Student Award

This award is presented annually to one male and one female student (nominated by staff) who meet the following criteria: Displays leadership, Participates in whole school activities, Strives for academic excellence and demonstrates positive relationships with members of the school community

The first award goes to a student who is reliable, easy going and focused. They have consistently set the benchmark for what the rest of the class should be aiming for, both in learning and socially. Over the years, they have involved themselves in just about every program the school has offered ranging from children's university, to choir, to sports carnivals and have excelled at whatever they put their mind too. This student has been the embodiment of our school values and above all else, deserves recognition for the outstanding year they have had. Congratulations to our first Outstanding Year 6 of the year student, Chloe Naupan.

The second award goes to a student who has been with us since reception. They are friendly, confident, helpful and always polite. Consistently focused, they have shown themselves to be someone who is always respectful to staff and has earned the respect and appreciation of their peers. They always strive for improvement in themselves and the people around them, showing all the characteristics of a future leader. It has been an amazing journey watching this student beginning to become the fantastic young person we all know she will be in the future. Our second outstanding year 6 of the year award goes to Phoenix Champion-Mercer.



Merry Sturges Award

This award is presented annually to one male and/or female school community member (nominated by staff) who acts as a role model for others living our school values of:

- Pride in self and school
- Respect
- Honesty
- Trust
- Teamwork
- Open communication

This year's award goes to a student who exemplifies consistent presence, pride in work, and notable improvement in communication this academic year. They consistently embody the Hincks values of respect, responsibility and excellence. They demonstrates exceptional compassion and dedication within the school community. Their commitment to maintaining a respectful and caring approach towards peers, teachers, and the environment reflects an admirable sense of responsibility. Noteworthy for their honesty and self-directed efforts, this student has served as an exemplary role model, contributing to a positive learning environment for all members of our school. Congratulations Elizabeth Ferguson.



Indigenous Student Of the Year

This award is presented annually to one male and/or female Indigenous student (nominated by staff) who:

- Consistently lives our school values of pride, respect, honesty, trust, teamwork and open communication.
- Acts as a role model for others
- Has excellent attendance at school
- Puts excellent effort into their learning

The first award goes to a student who throughout their school years has faced many, many ups and downs. Despite these challenges, they have displayed unwavering resilience, emerging as a shining example for us all. Over the last two years, we have witnessed significant growth in this student's academic journey. Their commitment to education is evident through improved attendance and a newfound genuine care for learning. It is a testament to their dedication and perseverance. This student's self-driven improvement has been amazing to behold and she should be so proud of herself. Congratulations Nevaeh Mercer-Freely.

Our second winner has been at Hincks since reception. They have formed relationships with staff showing a much-improved ability to build connections. Through ups and downs, this student has navigated challenges with determination, revealing a truly exceptional strength of character. They have fantastic attendance, only rarely missing a day here and there. Their insatiable thirst for knowledge has left an enduring mark on almost every educator that they have interacted with. Congratulations Chris Turner.



Shooting Stars News

In 2023, the Shooting Stars participants have had the opportunity to engage in Health and Wellbeing sessions, different rewards, engagement activities and challenges, and our Deadly Minds Matter Program ending in our Community Day with Ambassador visits by the Adelaide Thunderbirds Hannah Petty and Matilda Garrett. The engagement activities included participation in sessions with Headspace and UniSA focusing on personal and feminine hygiene, social media and safe relationships and nutrition, we also participated in the NAIDOC March, a Reconciliation Breaky and finishing with our year 6 graduates pamper afternoon. Rewards for the girls included the Circus, Cuttlefish Tour, pamper session and Photo Shoot, Afternoon Disco, Sleepover, Paint and Nibble arvo, a visit to the Play Café, Dancing Class, a beach visit and regular weekly site rewards. There were many highlights through the year; we have seen an increase of attendance for some students and an increase in positive engagement in school and the community.

I would like to acknowledge our winners from our Awards night held earlier this Term. Charlee-Ann Franklin, Faith Goldsmith, Cari-Lee Curtis and Liz Ferguson for maintaining above 90% School Attendance for 2023.

A big congratulations to Nevaeh Mercer-Freely for winning the Primary School Most Improved award and to Phoenix Champion-Mercer for winning the Hincks Avenue Heart of Gold Award.

I have been extremely proud of all the Shooting Stars participants during my time at Hincks Avenue Primary School.

I want to thank the school staff bust of all the families for your trust, support, and cooperation throughout my time here. I have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of your children and watching them grow and develop over this year. They have all left a special mark on my heart.

As my time comes to a close in the Shooting Stars program, I know that each and every one of the girls will shine bright in the future and will achieve whatever they set their mind to achieve.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's educational journey. I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and hope to see you soon in the New Year.

Regards

Bec Page



Whole School Excursion to Cowell

On Thursday 7th December, students and staff travelled out of town to Cowell for a whole school end of year excursion. Classes were able to participate in many different activities such as jumping pillow, playground, exploring the mangrove walk, visiting the local museum and playing in the waterpark. Everyone looked like they had a good time and there were lots of smiles and laughs shared on the day. A big thank you to the governing council members and friends who helped put together recess packs for all the students.



