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# Hincks Avenue Primary School

## Newsletter

No 1.

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2024

### 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 2024. On our first day we joined with Long Street PS to learn more about **The Berry Street Education Model** of using trauma informed practices across our school to support students with managing their behaviour and learning. 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 2024 include:**

#### Writing & Reading

- Introducing Playberry Laser as a multisensory approach to teaching literacy in all year levels.
- Using a teaching and learning cycle with mentor texts to teach children to understand texts (read) and construct texts (write) across all areas of the curriculum.
- Teaching keyboarding skills from Reception to year 6
- Targeted writing conferences to embed student agency in setting goals for their personal growth in Writing.

#### Maths

- Include Number Fact Fluency tasks at the start of each Maths lesson, as a part of a new maths lesson structure to promote student understanding of number.
- Making maths more visual and hands-on for all our learners, so they can grasp concepts before applying them in abstract situations.
- Teachers collaboratively design maths units of work to promote student engagement and self-efficacy in Maths

I am excited about this year. We have maintained a good 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 2024, our class teams are:**

Reception	Rec / Yr 1	Yr 1 / Yr 2	Yr 1 / Yr 2	Yr 3 / 4 / 5	Yr 3 / 4 / 5	Yr 4 / 5	Yr 5 / 6
The Pond	The Rainbow Warriors	The Nest	Under the Sea	The Fields	The Dragons	The Incredibles	The Stingers
Teacher: Deb Smith	Teacher: Wendy Jackson	Teachers: Carlene Paterson / Nicki Agius (Tues)	Teacher: Jas Selby	Teacher: Paloma Turton-Tiley	Teacher: Paul Campbell	Teacher: Tayla Murray	Teacher: Russell Sims
Support Staff: Alicia / May Pear	Support Staff: Marisa / Marina Noy	Support Staff: Charmaine Emily / Hannah	Support Staff: Jenny Shaina / Hannah	Support Staff: Sharnee Tayla K	Support Staff: Paula Jade	Support Staff: Stefano Karinna / Sue	Support Staff: Kirsty Rob

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

Principal	Deputy Principal	Student Wellbeing Leader	Health / Physical Education Teacher	Specialist Music Teacher	The Arts / Technologies Teacher
Melissa Gloede	Lisa Parsons	Robyn Lindholm	Patrick McArthur	Rhiannon Howell	Michelle Smith

And of course, no school can exist without the important **administrative support staff**.

This is what ours looks like in 2024.

Admin Front desk	Executive Assistant / School Resources	Business Manager	Aboriginal Community Engagement Officers
Tayla	Alicia	Belinda	Aunty Anita Taylor Kenniesha Dadleh

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*

## Some sad news

During the holidays, we lost a staff member who was very dear to us. For those families who have been connected with our school for a number of years, you may have heard your children talk about working with Bruce. Bruce made special connections with our children and their families and had a HUGE impact on helping our children develop positive mindsets to successfully change the way they think and behave. I had the pleasure of working with Bruce over many years at both Stuart High School and Whyalla High School. However, Hincks was the place that became his home. We were his family and his work here provided him (and us) with a massive amount of joy. Last year, Bruce finally retired to fulfil his dream of travelling around Australia. Unfortunately, lung cancer shortened this adventure for him and he lost his battle with this during the holidays. He is well remembered by our school community, as well as the wider community. He told me he was already planning his next life and I am sure it will be just as amazing as this one.

Melissa



## From the Deputy Principal

Welcome to school for 2024. The first week of school is always a busy time, and the students and staff have had a fabulous start. The children have returned refreshed, excited, and ready learn and catch up with their friends again. Our new reception students have settled in well and are working hard to adjust to new routines and structures. 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.

Once again, we encourage family involvement and communication. Please join your child's class group on ClassDojo to keep up to date with what's happening throughout the year and to communicate with the class teacher.

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

My role within Hincks has changed from being in a classroom working with students and families. I am now supporting all students and families with feeling a part of our school community. This involves assisting teachers to implement strategies to support students while linking with agencies and others who can also support long term. I work with the Student Rep group to have a voice about what is happening at school. My background is working with children and families with learning difficulties and behaviour concerns. I am looking forward to working with your child and meeting you.

Kindest regards,

*Robyn Lindholm*

## 2024 Term 1 Dates

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup>** – Council Visit Year 3/4

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** – Sammy D Foundation Talk Year 5/6

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>** – Learning Club Starts  
3:15pm – 4:15pm

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Governing Council  
AGM 3:45pm

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>** – BMX Bike Show

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>** – ADELAIDE CUP  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup>** – GOOD FRIDAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Apr 1<sup>st</sup>** – EASTER MONDAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>** – School Photo Day

## Outside of School Hours Contact

If you need to contact the school for any reason (eg. positive covid case, student absences) 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**

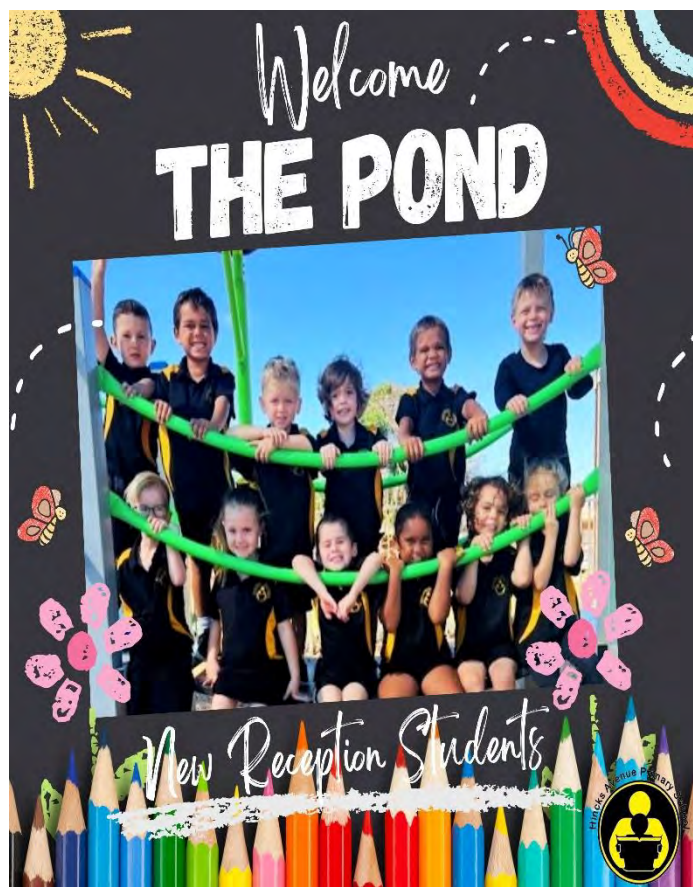
This number can be used to text  
message us for student absences,  
booking meetings, questions etc.

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# Welcome To Our New Reception Students



## Award Winners – Term 1, Week 2

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

Celia Rincon-Parker, Hannah Knowles, Michael Cruse, Ollie Fergusson, Yindi Byers,  
Peyton Francis, Lily Parsons, Callum Gardiner



## Finance News

School card forms are available at the front office or alternatively follow the below link to apply online. [www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard).

**You must apply for school card every year.**

School fees can be paid by cash, card or direct deposit. Invoices will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

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](mailto:belinda.catchpole827@schools.sa.edu.au)

## Governing Council

We are looking for nominations for Governing Council as well. Meetings are held twice a term (week 4 & 8 at 4pm). If you are interested in becoming a member of the Hincks Avenue P.S Governing Council, please pop into the office to grab a form.

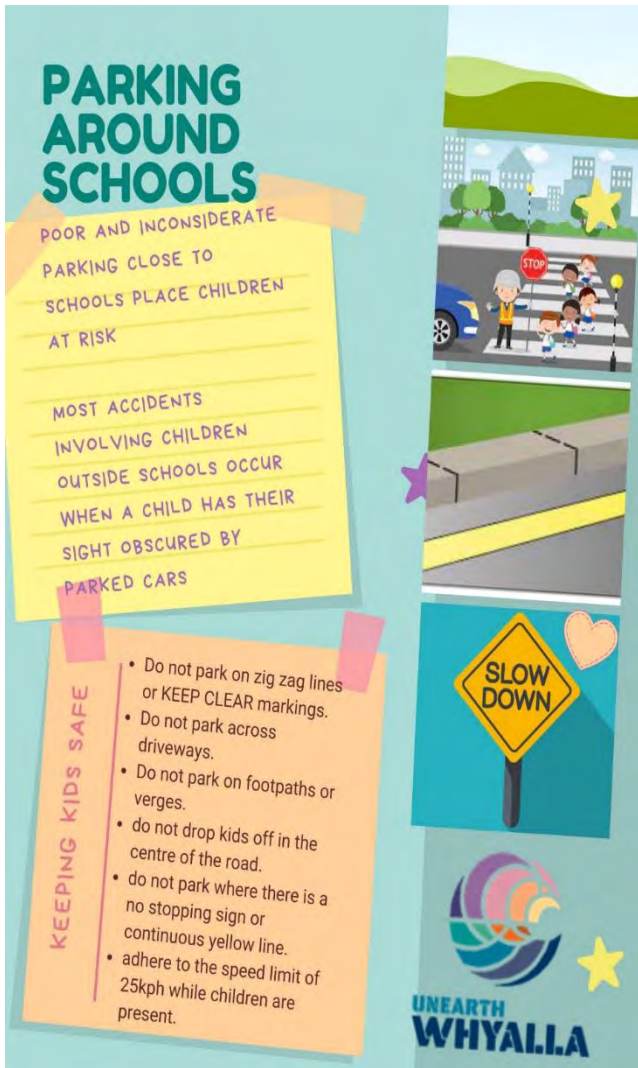
## Class Dojo

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

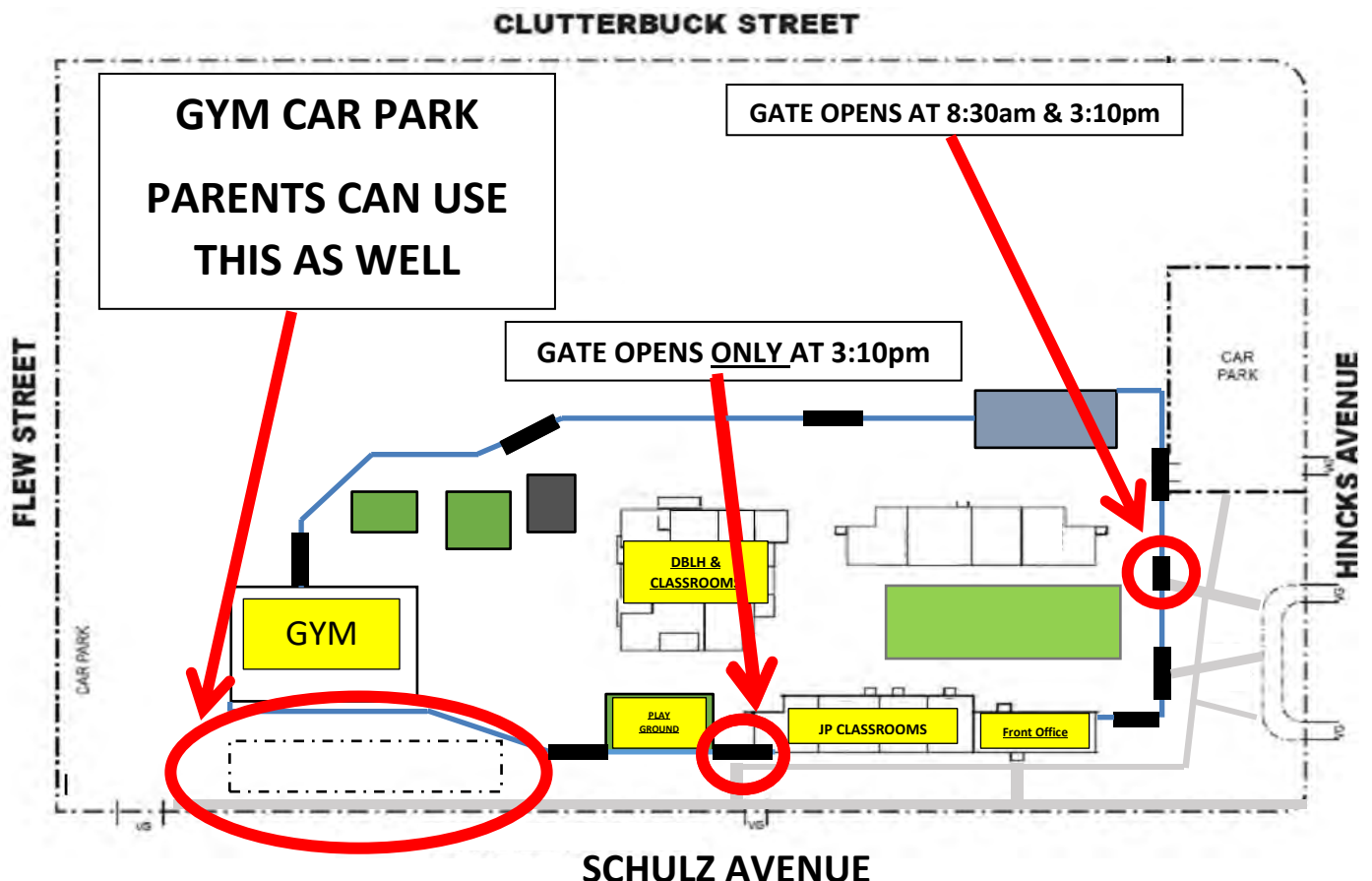


If you need to park your car to walk in to pick up your child, please park on the road/carparks, **not the bus loop**. The bus loop is a 'kiss and drop/pick up' area, not a 'leave the car to get your child' park.

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.**





# START SCHOOL IN JULY!

## THE NEW MID-YEAR INTAKE TO RECEPTION STARTS IN 2024.

### STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL

In South Australia, the first year of primary school is called reception.

From 2024, children who turn 5 years old:

- before 1 May can start school in term 1
- between 1 May and 31 October can start school in term 3 (mid-year intake)
- after 31 October can start the next year.

Children who start school at the beginning of the year will complete 4 terms of reception.

Children who start school in a mid-year intake will complete 6 terms of reception.


### REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR 2024

Registrations of interest are now open to start school in the 2024 mid-year intake.



For more information visit [www.education.sa.gov.au/primary-school-enrolment](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/primary-school-enrolment)

Government of South Australia  
Department for Education



# START SCHOOL IN JULY!

## MY CHILD TURNS 5

**5TH BIRTHDAY**

Before 1 May

Between 1 May and 31 October

After 31 October

**STARTING SCHOOL**

Starts school in term 1 (that year)

Starts school in term 3 (that year)

Starts school in term 1 (next year)

**TIME IN RECEPTION**

Completes 4 terms of reception (terms 1-4 the year they start)

Completes 6 terms of reception (terms 3 and 4 the year they start, then all 4 terms the next year)

Completes 4 terms of reception (terms 1-4 the year they start)

**FUTURE YEARS**

Starts year 1 (and each year after) in term 1



# Take the pledge!

**"I will put all food scraps and organic waste in the organics bin and all recyclables in the yellow bin!"**

Council has found that large amounts of waste in red-lidded waste bins could be recycled or composted. Organics in landfill create dangerous gases 🤢, while composted organics grow our food 🌱



Together we can reduce our environmental and financial impact by separating our waste into the correct bins.

## JOIN TODAY

Sign up via the QR code or visit [whyalla.sa.gov.au](http://whyalla.sa.gov.au)



WIN

Take the pledge for your chance to win a Peats compost pack and your choice of a \$25 voucher for the Whyalla Garden Centre or Whyalla Mitre 10\*

All participants will also be eligible for half priced green waste dumps!\*

\*Open to Whyalla residents only. Terms and conditions apply see website for more details

# NUNYARA GROUPS INFO DAY

**BBQ AND YARN**  
Friday 9th February 2024  
11.30am - 2.30pm  
[NunYara via perkins laneway](#)

WHYALLA ABORIGINAL WOMENS GROUP

Arts, crafts, day trips, yarning, games, social interaction, lunch provided

NUNYARA ABORIGINAL MENS GROUP

Bowling, guest speakers, day trips, hang with the fullas, BBQ's, information, friendship

WHYALLA ABORIGINAL ELDERS GROUP

Information, education, speakers, good tucker, outings, friendship

COME ALONG AND FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE!

For more information, call and leave a message for Dale - 86499900

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People over 18 years welcome!!!





# Quiz Night

17<sup>th</sup> March

Steel United Keith St

7pm start

Tables 8-10 people at \$10.00 each

Contact Bronwyn to book a table

0427 440 601

Pay at the door. Lots of Prizes and Raffles

Ride starts 18<sup>th</sup> March

McDonalds carpark

Going to

- KIMBA•COWELL•CLEVE
- WUDINNA•CUMMINS
- PORT LINCOLN

Raising funds for Ronald McDonald House Adelaide & Mathew Flinders Nursing Home Port Lincoln

## ICE BLOCKS FUNDRAISER

THE STINGERS ARE SELLING ICE BLOCKS AND ZOOOPER DOOPERS AGAIN IN 2024

**ICE BLOCKS \$2**  
**ZOOOPER DOOPERS \$1**

COME SEE US AT RECESS OR LUNCH EATING TIME

## TIME TO PLAY

Men, Women & Children.  
**EVERYONE!**

Free stick will be provided to all 1<sup>st</sup> year players (junior age groups)

<p><b>Steel City Hockey Club</b> Steve O'Brien 0403 204 040 steelcityhc@gmail.com www.steelcityhockey.org.au</p>	<p><b>Waratah Hockey Club</b> Kirsty Sampson 0413 612 350 waratahc@hotmail.com or Waratah Hockey Club Juniors</p>
<p><b>Stuart Hockey Club</b> Gemma Todd 0455 533 423 stuarthockeyclubinc@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Hummock Hill Hockey Club</b> Jen Gerrard 0413 237 158 hummockhillhockeyclub@gmail.com or Hummock Hill Hockey Club</p>

SA Design & Print

## COME PLAY HOCKEY!

Starting Friday 16th of February for 6 weeks

**For ages U13 and below**

**FREE – sticks supplied**

For more information please call Jesse on 0417 995 320  
Or email [whadevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:whadevelopment@gmail.com)





**1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching, Inclusive Adaptation**

**RESOLVE DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR IN CHILDREN 1 - 12 YEARS OLD**

A FREE PARENT/CARERS EDUCATION COURSE AT

ON **G abmididi Manoo Children and Family Centre** (former Classroom Street & Strada Avenue, Whyalla Home South Australia Sociel)

Thursday's March 28th, April 4th & April 11th

12:00pm - 2:00pm

**PARENTS/CARERS WILL LEARN**

- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- Choosing strategies - the 3 choices model
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- Strategies for encouraging good behaviour

**PARENTS/CARERS RECEIVE**

- A workbook to apply the concepts learnt to their families
- A certificate of completion

**WHO IS RUNNING THE COURSE?**

The course facilitators are:

Kirsty & Wenona

**OTHER DETAILS**

Light refreshments will be provided

(please advise of any dietary requirements before hand)

**TO REGISTER**

For any queries or to register please contact the Mission Australia Whyalla Office via:

Phone: (08) 8645 6900  
Email: [adminwhyalla@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:adminwhyalla@missionaustralia.com.au)



This course is being facilitated by a Parentshop licensed practitioner | [www.parentshop.com.au](http://www.parentshop.com.au)

**Ages 8-17**

**Every Second Thursday  
4pm till 530pm**

A Welcoming & Safe environment that encourages young people to talk about the different challenges growing up.

Learning new skills & making new friends

**Starts 1/02/2024**

Bus run available upon request

Plaza Youth Centre  
9-11 Colebrook Street  
Whyalla Stuart, 5608



Topics:

- Communication Skills
- Games & Cooking
- Problem solving
- Teamwork & Sports
- Self esteem & self confidence
- Anger management
- Positive Mental Health
- Positive Relationships
- Personal Development
- Bullying & Harassment
- Life Skills
- Harmony Day
- Closing the Gap





# STEM CLUB

Thursdays at 4pm

**12 Years & Up**  
Learning 3d Design & Coding with Robots



Call the library on 86457891 for further information

**HELD AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEAR  
WESTLANDS**

# Lego Club at the Library

After School each Thursday  
4pm- 5pm

Bookings through Humanitix essential

Phone the Whyalla Public Library on  
8645 7891 for further information

**UNEARTH WHYALLA**

**Learning Club**  
at the library  
Wednesdays  
3.30-4.30

**Libraries SA**

**The Smith Family**

For all who seek.

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**Humanitix**

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