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Hincks Avenue Primary School

Newsletter

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June 7th 2024

From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

I can't believe how quickly this term has flown by! We are over half way already.



As you know, I have been Acting Principal while Mel Gloede is at MOPS. I am loving the challenge and the opportunity to learn new things. Carlene Paterson (Deputy Principal), Robyn Lindholm (Student Wellbeing Leader) and I are working well together to keep things running smoothly. I've spoken with Mel a few times and she is enjoying seeing how different schools do things and is looking forward to coming back to us with new knowledge and ideas.

I've been trying to get into classrooms regularly and have noticed that our classrooms are humming along nicely and most students are settled and working hard. The Playberry Laser Literacy focus is having an impact already and we are seeing growth for many of our students.

We have had another busy term. During weeks 2 and 3, all our classes had swimming lessons at the Rec Centre. Year 4, 5 and 6 students participated in the Whyalla schools Soccer Carnival, making us very proud by coming runners up. Junior Primary students visited the Road Safety Centre to attend safety sessions run by SAPOL. Our Bush Foods groups have been busy planting, watering, and cooking, and the Wellbeing groups have been busy learning new skills and creating. Classes have been on excursions and the senior students attended a full day STEM Expo at UniSA. In amongst all that, a lot of learning has also been happening!

During Reconciliation Week, Kenniesha and Anita worked with each class on an activity based on the theme of 'Now More Than Ever', encouraging everyone to continue the focus on justice and rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We also hosted a very successful Reconciliation Week Open Afternoon. We had many providers set up in the yard, with Shooting Stars, Mission Australia, Plaza Youth, The Smith Family, Centacare and Nunyarra providing activities for children and information for families. Why Day brought their fabulous array of focus tools and 3D printed toys for families to purchase, and we were lucky enough to see a 3D printer in action.

The R.O.O.T.S. program spent the previous week with our students, cooking delicious Banana and Wattle seed Muffins, Old Man Saltbush cheesy scrolls (my favourite), and Quandong White Christmas. Aunty Anita cooked damper to go with the sausage sizzle lunch and some of our staff cooked spring rolls and noodles. No one went home hungry! Some of the students in our Wellbeing groups had made food and keychains that were available to purchase and we are very proud of their entrepreneurship skills. Families and carers spent the afternoon visiting classrooms, joining in with class activities and catching up with class teachers.

If you see me in the yard, feel free to come and have a chat. I am always keen to learn more about our families and students.

Kindest regards,
Lisa Parsons

2024 Term 2 Dates

June 10th – PUBLIC HOLIDAY. NO SCHOOL.

June 11th – GRUG performance Middleback Theatre Rec – Yr. 2

June 20th – Governing Council Meeting 4pm

July 5th – Last Day of Term 2. 2:10pm Dismissal

Term 3

Friday July 26th – Student Free Day

Monday July 29th – Student Free 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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Finance News

It is not too late to apply for School card. Please see the front office if you need a form.

All invoices are now due; please contact Belinda for a payment plan on Belinda.catchpole827@schools.sa.edu.au

Invoices can be paid via cash, card or EFT.

Banking details are as follows.

Hincks Avenue Primary School

BSB: 065 519

Account Number: 10017267

Reference: Students Name School Fees

Award Winners – Term 2, Week 4

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

Justice Clancy, Tony Fergusson, Anna Tyrrell, Joross Floria, Shannon Peel, Jaycob Bunting, Charlee-Ann Franklin, Adelyn Taylor, Hazel Peel, Emily Salmoni, Celia Rincon-Parker, Onyx Stephens, Tyrese Smith



National Simultaneous Reading Day

On Wednesday 22nd May, Hincks participated in the National Simultaneous Reading Day.

National Simultaneous Story time is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools and many other places around the country.

This year we were fortunate to have a guest speaker, Stephen Stanley. Mr Stanley is an author and illustrator and has published a range of picture books and puzzle books in Australia and overseas. He is also known for the STAN cartoon that features in some newspaper publications.

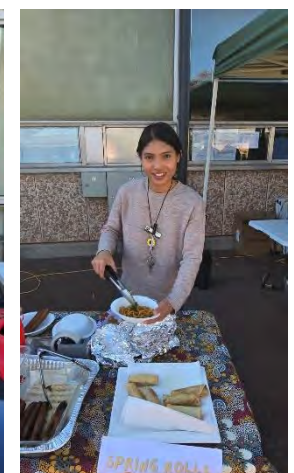
We thank Mr Stanley for his time in reading us the book 'Bowerbird Blues' by Aura Parker.



Reconciliation Week 27.05 – 03.06



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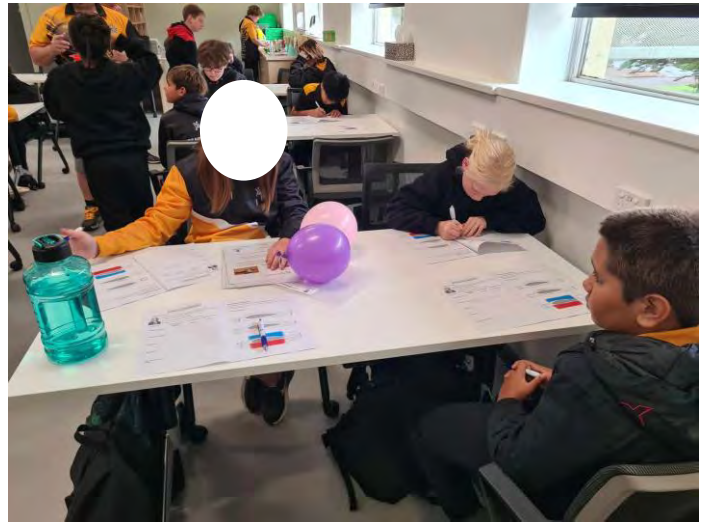


STEM Expo Day at UniSA

On Tuesday 4th June, Our Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 classes attended a STEM expo held at the UniSA Whyalla Campus. The STEM Expo consists of four workshops:

- Science – aerodynamics
- Technology - computational thinking using Arduino coding
- Engineering – engineering design process in a civil engineering challenge
- Mathematics – Find solutions to puzzles

Students had a lot of fun engaging in fun activities and learning about new topics.



SALTY SEAFESTA

CUTTLEFEST
WHYALLA

JUNE 8
3PM - 8PM

ADA RYAN GARDENS

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
KIDS ZONE
ADELAIDE KITE FLYERS
MARKET STALLS
FOOD & BEVERAGE VENDORS
FACE PAINTING
BALLOON ARTISTS
INFLATABLE MARINE CREATURES
VR GOGGLES
FREE BUS

MORE INFO



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UNEARTH WHYALLA



FREE BUS SERVICE

8 JUNE
3PM - 8PM
ADA RYAN GARDENS

SALTY SEAFESTA

DEPARTS WESTLAND SHOPPING CENTRE

TIME	ROUTE
2.20pm	4, 5, 6 & 2
3.30pm	1
4.10pm	4, 5, 6 & 2
5.10pm	1
5.50pm	4, 5, 6 & 2
6.50pm	1
7.30pm	4, 5, 6 & 2

Buses will be running between Westland Shopping Centre and the Ada Ryan Gardens along the routes listed here

PLEASE BE AT YOUR STOP AT LEAST 15 MINUTES EARLY TO AVOID MISSING YOUR BUS

DEPARTS ADA RYAN GARDENS

TIME	ROUTE
3.10pm	3
3.50pm	2
4.50pm	3
5.30pm	2
6.30pm	3
7.10pm	2
8.15pm	*

*Final route will be determined by remaining passengers

TO VIEW THE BUS ROUTE MAP PLEASE VISIT desstransport.com.au/route-bus-timetable OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



EVILWOOD
Des's
Signarama

PRIDE MONTH EVENTS CALENDAR!

PRIDE MOVIE NIGHT!
Friday June 14
5pm Start
Jessop White Hall
Cnr of Whitehead St and Darling Terrace
Come along to watch the movie The Prom
Free popcorn!

PRIDE CRAFT AFTERNOON!
Tuesday June 18
4pm-6pm
The Nest Pod next to the library
Come along and make posters and accessories ready for the Pride March.

PRIDE MARCH
Saturday 22nd June
3pm-7pm
March from head space on Ekblom St to D'faces on Viscount Slim ave.
Free community event with activities at D'faces afterwards.

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CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH

22 JUNE
3PM-7PM

PRIDE MARCH

MARCH FROM HEAD SPACE WHYALLA AT EKBLUM ST TO D'FACES ON VISCOUNT SLIM AVENUE FREE COMMUNITY EVENT AT D'FACES AFTERWARDS WITH CRAFT AND ACTIVITIES!

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Register now for reception in 2025!

In South Australia, the first year of primary school is called reception. 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 2025

Registrations of interest are now open to start school in 2025. If your child is starting school in term 1 or term 3, you are encouraged to submit your registration of interest by the end of term 2, 2024.



Scan or click here for more information

When can my child start school?

