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Hincks Avenue Primary School

Newsletter

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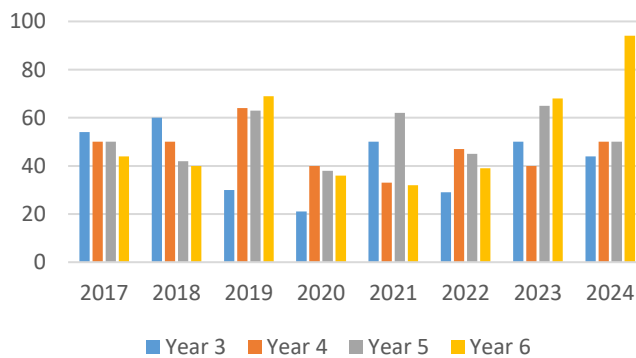
From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

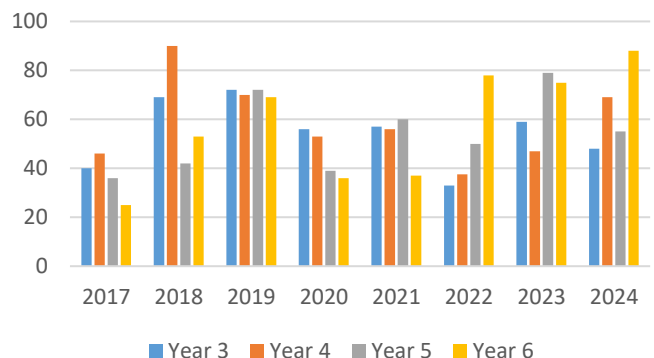
The end of term is here and it is time to celebrate! Our primary students have completed Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in Reading and Maths over the past few weeks. This year we have seen an increase in the percentage of students achieving the Standard of Educational Achievement (SEA) for each year level cohort, with our year 6 students making considerable gains.



PAT Maths 2024 - % Students Achieving SEA



PAT Reading 2024 - % Students Achieving SEA



In addition to this, the average scores for our students in years 4 to 6 also increased substantially, which demonstrates great growth in our students reading and maths as they progress through primary school. This is a collaborative and accumulative result of everyone's dedication and efforts from reception right through to our student's finishing school. The above graphs, combined with average PAT scores, represent a commitment to the continuation of learning that all staff should be very proud of.

In the last couple of editions of our newsletter, I shared the Thrive with Five information from The Australian Primary Principals, Association (APPA).

This week I share a poster with you about the importance of TALKING with your children. With this poster, came some information about the POWER of the first 1000 Days and why talking with babies is super important. I share this information with you too. Share it with your friends with young babies and children.

Talking with babies helps them learn to understand and use words, which is key for their brain growth and future learning.

Here is how you can make it fun and helpful:

- **Talk About Everything:** Describe what you are doing, even if it's boring. For example, say, "I'm washing dishes now."
- **Repeat Their Sounds:** If they say "mama," you can say, "Yes, mama loves you!"
- **Show Interest:** Look into their eyes and smile when they babble or talk.
- **Talk About What They Like:** If they play with a toy train, say, "Toot, toot!"
- **Read Together:** Look at picture books and name what you see. Point to a cat and say, "Look, a cat! Can you say cat?"
- **Praise Them:** If they point to a dog and say "dog," you can say, "Well done for pointing out the dog!"
- **Ask Questions:** Even though they cannot answer, asking questions helps them learn about conversations. For example, ask, "Do you want your teddy bear?" and then give it to them.

Doing these fun activities helps babies learn to talk and gets their brains ready for learning more as they grow!

Let us know how we can support you to support our children. We are all in this together.

I hope you all have a fabulous holiday and enjoy some quality family time and morning sleep-ins.

We look forward to being back together next term.

Kindest regards,
Melissa Gloede

2024 Term 3 & 4 Dates

Sept 26th – 'RUNT' movie @ Middleback Theatre R-6 9:10am – 11:20am

Sept 27th – Colour Run – 1:30pm

Sept 27th – LAST DAY OF TERM
3. Early Dismissal 2:10pm

Oct 14th – Start of Term 4

Oct 21st – Year 7 Transition Virtual Tour 11:30am – 12:30am

Oct 25th – World Teacher's Day

Oct 31ST – Instrumental Music Performance to Year 4 students 9:45am – 10:30am

Nov 1st – T20 Cricket Carnival

Nov 4th – STUDENT FREE DAY

Nov 7th – Governing Council Meeting 4pm

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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

- Go to our website and fill in the absentee section:
<https://hincksp.s.a.edu.au/contact-us/>

Award Winners – Term 3, Week 8

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

Back Row: Hazel Peel, Matilda Brown, Jathan Dujmovic, Eddie Peel

Front Row: Anna Tyrrell, Louella Goldsmith, Harper Lucas, Justice Clancy, Alby Cruse

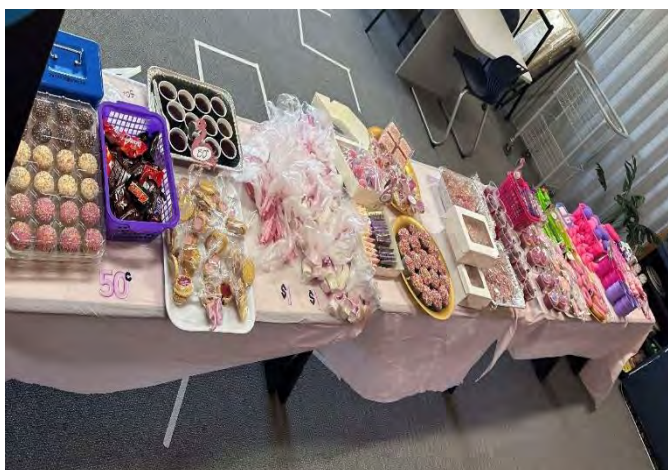


PINK & PURPLE DAY

On Wednesday 18th September, we held Pink & Purple Day. Pink & Purple Day is held in memory of Teresa & Di who worked as SSOs in our school. Teresa worked in the special small class here for many years. Di also worked in the special small class for many years and was our librarian. Sadly, both of these ladies passed away while in palliative care after a long battle with cancer, Teresa in 2011 and Di in 2021.

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

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



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

See below for information regarding 2024 school fees. If you have any questions, you are more than welcome to attend our next governing council meeting or to contact the school.



Hincks Avenue Primary School - 0938		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2025		
Notice of Charges for Reception - Year 6		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES COST (\$)	
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$0.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$70.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$70.00
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$70.00
	Other (please Specify)	\$0.00
	Other (please Specify)	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$70.00
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$90.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$0.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$0.00
	Pe & Curriculum Performances	\$20.00
	Other (please Specify)	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$110.00
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$50.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$50.00
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)	\$300.00	

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00

Hello! from the
Bush foods group

This term...



Gardening

We have been busy maintaining our school garden! We have been planting, watering and growing heaps of plants in our school garden. They are all over the bus loop side of school, be careful when walking on the dirt in case you step on a plant



Cooking

This term we have made some great food. We have cooked kangaroo skewers with saltbush seasoning. We also baked wattle seed biscuits with icing and they were delicious. We have been keeping up with our journaling as well and researching new recipes to try for next term!



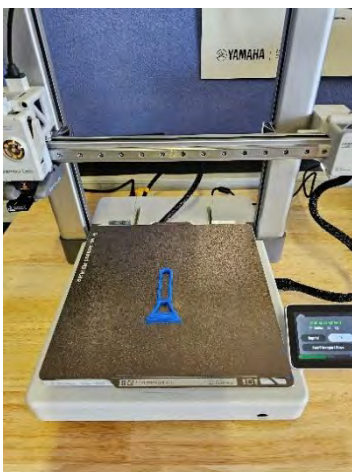
News from Design & Tech

This term has seen the Junior Primary students exploring the basic components of a computer. This has included looking at the difference between software and hardware, also input, and output. They have looked at what is a digital device and started to experiment with basic coding using the Bee-Bots. Work with the Bee-bots has required them to program the device to follow a basic track. We have also experimented with students giving each other directions as if they were the Bee-Bot, to walk our partner around a track.

Primary students have this term also worked with the Bee-Bots attempting to program them to follow a more advanced, longer track. Students have also attempted to navigate a student around a track with their eyes closed by giving specific directions for them to follow. As the term comes to a close, the Primary students will be involved in a Program by Beacon Illumination that will allow them to work with Augmented Reality/ Virtual Reality software and devices. This will finish up in Term 4.



Alongside this, students have been involved with the Bush Foods Program again this term, cooking Damper and Learning about the nutritional value of tradition bush foods. As we head to the end of the year, students will get the opportunity to design and print a project on one of the two new 3D printers that have been purchased by the school through a SANTOS Community grant that we were lucky enough to receive. Lots of exciting new things in the making.



SPORTS DAY

Sports Day was held on Friday 20th September. We spent the morning doing the tabloid events (e.g. high jump, egg and spoon race, javelin). Later in the day, we started our sprints and relay events and finished off the day with a Parents v Staff v Students race.

Congratulations to Arakoola (Blue) for being the overall point's winners of the day and to Warrawi (Red) for winning the Attitude shield.



GEOFF CLARKE AWARD

Every year on Sports Day, we award the winners of our Geoff Clarke Award. This is awarded annually to two students of any year level (nominated by staff) who shows respect, honesty, teamwork, participates in whole school activities, has strong community spirit, encourages others to do their best and takes pride in their selves and the school.

This year our winners were Tyshane Graham (The Dragons) and Emika Koonkhuntod (The Stingers). Congratulations to you both!



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THRIVE WITH 5

2. TALK

Talk with your children to build their speaking and language skills. Through conversations they increase word vocabulary, pronounce words better, understand instructions, and develop imagination and knowledge about the world around them. We know that by developing oral language skills we lay strong foundations which help children learn to read.



1. PLAY 2. TALK 3. READ 4. EAT WELL 5. SLEEP

READINESS FOR LEARNING

APPA Australian Primary Principals Association

Hincks Avenue
Primary School

School Tours

Term 3 : To enrol in 2025



Book in or drop in!

For more information visit:

<https://hincksp.s.a.edu.au/>

or call our office at 86457266

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Come see:

- * Meet our principal
- Meet our amazing teachers
- * Meet our great students
- Explore our classrooms
- See our Art centre, including our Music room
- * Learn about our **inclusive approaches** to delivering the curriculum



Quorn Quandong
FESTIVAL

26-27
OCTOBER

Activities for
KIDS

Creative and outdoor fun for the kids!

Colouring Competition

Rock Painting

Leaf/Nature Crown Making

Paint a Pot Activity

Treasure Hunts

Bush Food "Seed Bomb" Making

Keep an eye out for full program details on Facebook & our website
<https://www.quornquandongfestival.com>

Find us on Facebook

Quorn Quandong
FESTIVAL

26-27 OCTOBER 2024

With a focus on sustainability, landcare, celebrating the quandong (kurti) and the town of Quorn, you can expect a jam-packed program with something for everyone!

GUEST SPEAKERS

GUIDED WALKS

GARDENING WORKSHOPS

MARKETS

GOURMET FOOD

LIVE MUSIC

GUEST CHEF
Andrew Fielke

GUEST SPEAKER
Matthew Koop

HEADLINE ARTIST
Amber Lawrence

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TITANS SUMMER SEASON 2024/25 REGISTRATIONS OPEN

- Under 10s 2016-2017
- Under 12s 2015-2014
- Under 14s 2013-2012
- Under 16s 2011-2010
- Under 18s 2009-2008

Seniors



Contact- Cathy Daniels

✉ titans@whyallabasketball.com.au

f Whyalla Titans Basketball Club

FIRST NATIONS Come and Try

The First Nations Tennis Program is designed to give primary school age students an opportunity to play tennis in a safe, fun environment. Tennis SA are inviting children who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander between the age of 5 and 12 years of age for a fun afternoon of Tennis and a BBQ after the session.

Venue Whyalla Tennis Association
 112 Nicolson Ave, Whyalla Norrie

Date Thursday 24 October

Time 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Cost FREE

Secure your spot now!

Contact ldoughty@tennis.com.au

REGISTER TODAY!

Government of South Australia
 Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing