Is Your Child Worth It?

Your child misses a day of school here and there or is regularly late... it won’t hurt them right? Or maybe it’s not worth fighting with your child to get them out of bed and make them go to school..... Wrong!

In reality attendance has a direct relationship with student success and high school graduation rates, starting in kindergarten and continuing through to high school.

We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. We also know that when students miss too much school - excused or unexcused - they can fall behind academically and socially. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent - which means missing 18 or more days in a school year. Research shows that:

- Children that are chronically absent in Reception and Year 1 are much less likely to read at the expected reading level by the end of Year 3.
- By Year 6, chronic absence is a warning sign for students at risk of dropping out of high school.

By Year 9, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than Year 8 test scores.

At Hackham East Primary School we have the goal of reducing the number of students who are absent more than 10% of the time, which is equal to one day per fortnight. Each child is a valued member of our school and will miss vital learning on their days off.

If your child is frequently absent or late you may be asked to come in for a meeting to discuss how best to support your child at school. If your child is absent more than 20% of the school week a referral will be made to the Attendance Coordinator.

Remember... Your Child needs to be at school by 8:45am ready to start school at 8:50am. If your child is absent please remember to contact the school to let us know the reason for the absence.

We value every member of our school community and are looking forward to seeing all of our students attending more often. Please feel free to come and see me if you have any concerns.

DIARY DATES

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Scott Megson
School Counsellor

HACKHAM EAST KINDERGARTEN

Enrol Now for 2016

** hurry… only a few vacancies available **

Pre-entry will be offered in Term 4, 2015

Please contact us on 8382 6551 or come and visit us at the Kindergarten.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our school will once again be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart on Thursday 29/10 from 1:30pm. All money raised will go to fighting heart disease and stroke through research and health promoting programs.

Sponsorship forms will be sent home this week for students to collect money over the holidays from family and friends. Donations can also be made online www.jumprope.everydayhero.com.au/event/JumpRope2015-HackhamEastSchool-113173. For the safety of students door knocking is not endorsed.

For a gold coin donation students can wear red or have crazy hair on 29/10. Coloured hair spray must be applied at home and is not allowed at school for the health and safety of students and adults.

Parents, family and friends are invited to come on Thursday 29/10 from 1:30pm to support our students in this worthy event.

All donations need to be returned to Tracy Rowley, Finance Officer by Friday 30/10.

SHOE BOX OF LOVE

I am doing the shoe boxes again this year for Samaritans Purse, which helps provide a Christmas gift for children overseas who would otherwise not have a gift at Christmas time.

Each class have shoe boxes to fill with small gifts for either a boy or girl of different ages. The gifts need to be small enough to fit into a shoe box.

All donations need to be made before Wednesday 28/10. The boxes will be collected on 29/10.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Julia Osborn
Pastoral Care Worker
THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF TODDLERS SEMINAR
Parenting SA is providing a free seminar for parents “The Wonderful World of Toddlers” on Wednesday 4 November 2015 from 7:15-9:00pm.
The seminar will help you understand more about toddler development and provide practical ways to help them thrive and manage their strong feelings. Attend in person at the City Rooms, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide or view the live webcast.
To book or access the live webcast, go to http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au, Ph 83031660 or to find out more information visit the ParentingSA website.
For the benefit of all participants unfortunately we are unable to admit babies and children.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check lost property boxes located in each teaching unit for any items that belong to your child/children. It is recommended that all items of clothing and items brought to school be clearly marked with your child’s name so that they can be returned.

ABERFOYLE PARK IGNITE PROGRAM
Parents of Yr 5 & 6 students are you interested in the IGNITE program?
IGNITE is a program for students with high intellectual potential. Aberfoyle Park High School is the designated DECD Ignite Secondary School for the Southern Adelaide area.
Year 5/6 Information Night for 2016 students testing for the Ignite Program is Wednesday 4/11 at 7:00pm in the Performing Arts Centre at Aberfoyle Park High School, 36a Taylors Road East, Aberfoyle Park.
Ph 82704455 or email ignite@aphs.sa.edu.au for more information.

HEAD LICE
Head lice do not jump from head to head. Please ask your child not to touch heads with other children and not to share hats or hair ties. If your child has long hair it is strongly advised to have it tied up.
Please regularly check your child/children for head lice. If you detect head lice, treat the hair, remove all eggs and lice to prevent reinfection, and see staff in the Front Office as a Declaration of Treatment form needs to be signed before your child can return to the class room.
Thank you for your assistance with helping to reduce the incidence of head lice at our school.
Bob Thiele
Principal

HACKHAM TRADE DAY
Sunday
1 November 2015
10:00am to 2:00pm
Hackham Football Club
Cnr Doctors & States Road, Hackham
Local Businesses, Martial Art Displays, Darcy’s Travelling Farm and lots more
Come along and support local

WIRREANDA INFORMATON EVENING
An Information Evening for parents/families, caregivers and students who will be commencing Year 8 in 2016, will be held in the Learning Hub on Wednesday 4/11 from 6:00pm.
Phone 83297200 for further information.

BOOK FAIR
A Book Fair will be held in the Library from Wednesday 4/11 to Wednesday 18/11 from 8:30-9:00am and 3:00-3:30pm. EFTPOS is available.
This is a great opportunity for parents, caregivers, family, friends, students and staff to purchase books and novelty items in time for Christmas.
Thank you for your support
Deb Scarff
SSO - Library

SCHOOL DROP OFF ZONE
The school drop off zone is for dropping off or collecting students only. It is a No Parking Zone. Car engines should not be turned off. All cars are expected to move forward as space becomes available. Cars are not to queue in the traffic lane stopping the flow of traffic as this is dangerous for everyone. Please do the right thing and be a considerate driver.
No cars are to be parked in this zone. Cars left unattended in the school drop off zone will have their registration numbers reported to the local transport authority.
Please help make this a safe and effective drop off zone for all users.
Bob Thiele
Principal

REMINDER:
2015 SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS – FINAL DEADLINE
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APPLICATIONS need to be submitted EVERY year so if you have any queries or are uncertain if your application has been approved etc please speak to Tracy as soon as possible … before it’s too late!
Please note that the Canteen is no longer able to supply any meals with meatballs.

Volunteers are always welcome and we are currently in need of help on a Friday this Term. If you have any time to assist in the Canteen please speak with Coralie Goodman, Canteen Manager.

The Canteen also caters for functions held at our school. If you are available to assist or interested to be available for these events please speak with Coralie Goodman, Canteen Manager.

The valuable help by our volunteers ensures the Canteen can continue to provide a wide variety of healthy food for our students and staff.

Thank you for supporting the Canteen.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **Colour Club** A laid back creative space to chill, connect and colour. Held each Wednesday (28/10-2/12) from 5:00-6:30pm for 14-18yr olds at Onkaparinga Youth-Reynella, 10 Main South Rd, Reynella. Free. Ph 83875577 to register.

- **Guitar With Forte** Learn to play guitar and express yourself in song with Forte’s introductory lessons. Please bring your own guitar. Held each Monday (19/10-23/11) from 4:00-4:45pm for 8-13yr olds at Onkaparinga Youth-Reynella, 10 Main South Rd, Reynella. Cost $5.00. Ph 83875577 to book.

- **Taste Teaser** Join the Onkaparinga Youth-Reynella kitchen crew to build your culinary skills and create delicious delights. Held each Tuesday (10/11-1/12) from 4:00-5:30pm for 8-14yr olds at 10 Main South Rd, Reynella. Cost $2.00. Ph 93975577 to book.

- **Women Are Strong, Women Do Survive** A group for women in the southern suburbs. If you sometimes feel as if you are walking on egg shells, confused by your partner or ex-partner’s behaviour towards you (think it might be abusive), feel alone or uncertain, join our 8 week support group starting on Friday 23/10 from 10.00am-12:30pm. Ph 85579050 to register or for more information.

- **Children’s Sleep Information Session** Presented by Dr Sarah Blunden for parents, carers and parents-to-be. Held on Tuesday 27/10 from 10:00-11:00am at Taikurrendi Children & Family Centre, Community Room, 8 Price St, Christie’s Beach. Ph 81861102 to register.

- **Bike Society Triathlon Series, Moana Beach** Enter for a chance to win your school or sporting club $500.00 worth of new sporting equipment. Prize draw at the end of the series. Race dates 25/10, 13/12 & 10/1. Visit www.xcelsports.com.au for more information.

- **Foster Care** Could you provide a safe and nurturing home for a child? To find out more about short term, emergency, respite and long term foster care, attend an information session on Wednesday 28/10 from 6:30-8:30pm at Seaford Community Centre, Beechwood Gr, Seaford. Ph 1400236783 or visit www.fostercare.sa.gov.au for more information.

- **Kids Pantry** A FREE and fun 5 week cooking program for kids, parents/caregivers, aunties, uncles, grannies and grandads. Held on Thursdays (29/10-27/11) from 3:30-4:30pm at Community Room, Taikurrendi Children & Family Centre, 8 Price St, Christies Beach. Ph Darjana 81861102 for more information.

- **Children’s Week Celebration** A special storytime session around A special storytime session around

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**CROSSING MONITORS**

**Term 4, Week 3 (26/10-30/10)**

- **Morning:** Kyle Peat
- **Afternoon:** Zach Kenny

**Term 4, Week 4 (2/11-6/11)**

- **Morning:** Declan McMillan
- **Afternoon:** Max Jennings

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**Grasshopper Soccer** A fun, non-competitive way for your child to make a start or continue developing skills in soccer. An 8 week program on Friday afternoons, Saturday or Sunday mornings. Held at Seaford Recreation Centre, McLaren Vale Primary School, Noarlunga Leisure Centre, Reynella East College & Seaford Rise Primary School. For more information Ph Daniel 0433422347 or visit www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au.

**Thriving Through Change** A building resilience forum for parents and educators. Held on Wednesday 28/10 at Morphett Vale Primary School, Lawrence St, Morphett Vale from 6:00-8:00pm. Ph 81865064 to register.

**Circle of Security Program** A group for parents who would like to explore and further develop their relationship with their child. Held on Thursdays (22/10-10/12) from 12:30-2:30pm at Taikurrendi Children & Family Centre, 8 Price St, Christie’s Beach. Free. Creche available. Ph Anna 81861102 to register, bookings essential.

**Bully Zero** Help us say NO to bullying and create a Safer Nation for Every Generation. Throw on your skates, jump on your scooter or take a walk around Victoria Park Racecourse as a family, a group or individual to raise awareness of the Bully Zero Australia Foundation. Wear something orange to show your support. Held at Victoria Park, Criterium Track, Adelaide on Sunday 8/11 from 11:00am-1:00pm. Adults $20.00, Children $15.00, Family of 4 $50.00 (includes Bully Zero Australia Entrance pack). Purchase online at trybooking.com/JESW. 24 Hour Helpline 1800028559.

**Successful Transitions** Intensive case management support and mentoring to engage and support vulnerable and disengaged young people to successfully transition into further education, vocational training or secure employment. For 17-24 yr olds living in the inner or central Southern Adelaide region and not engaged in employment, training or education. Ph Ben Rice 0466558182 or email benr@works Kylie Youth.com.au for more information.

**Yoga** Strengthen your body, increase your wellbeing and learn how to relax. Held each Monday from 1:00-2:00pm at Hackham West Community Centre. $5.00 per session. Ph 83841065 to book.

Flyers with further information relating to the above events are available either on display at the front of the School or at the Front Office.