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Attendance – Why is it important?

School attendance is important to support student wellbeing and improve student learning to help ensure that students become life-long learners. Hopefully you will have noticed a recent push towards encouraging school attendance. This will continue throughout the year and beyond as continued improved attendance is a priority for Hackham East Primary School. Parents are notified via phone calls, letters, meetings, and in some cases home visits about persistent lateness, non-attendance and unexplained absences.

We hope that all parents/caregivers support our approach, understand the reason why and see the value in improving their children's attendance. Please understand that improving student attendance is purely about what is best for each and every child.

If your child is sick, please keep them home. If the illness lasts longer than 3 days then please see your doctor to obtain a certificate. However, if the reason is to do with a lack of motivation or not wanting to have a battle with your child, then giving in can actually do more harm than good. Other reasons why children may refuse to attend school could include separation anxiety, learning difficulties, a child's perception of not having friends as well as perceived harassment and bullying. One of our schools values is Resilience, attending school when things seem difficult or challenging helps to build a child's resilience.

If there are issues related to non-attendance, contact the school sooner, rather than later. Arrange to meet or speak with your child's teacher. It is better to have an issue sorted out quickly. Students need to learn to face and work through issues rather than avoid them. As a school community we need to build students' resilience. Issues are hard to solve if your child is not at school.

Research shows that:

- Children who are chronically absent in Reception and Year 1 are much less likely to read at the expected reading level by the end of Year Three. The gap then continues to be hard to bridge.
- Patterns of attendance and absence that are set up in the early years usually persist through education and life.
- By Year 6, chronic absence is a warning sign for students at risk of dropping out of high school and therefore possibly reducing future opportunities.

What Can Families Do To Help?

- Be positive about school and support the culture. If you are negative, your children will be negative.
- Support the school around punctuality. Children who are constantly late will start the day behind which can build children's anxiety levels.

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DIARY DATES

Friday 24/3	Canteen Sausage Sizzle
Friday 31/3	9:00am, Assembly in Penney Unit followed by Morning Tea in Conference Room
Friday 7/4	Raffle Books and Money to be Returned
Wed 12/4	10:00am Easter Raffle drawn
Thursday 13/4	2:00pm Finish, Last day of Term 1
Friday 14/4	Public Holiday – Good Friday

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Attendance - Why is it Important? continued

What can Families do to Help? continued

- Students who meet the expectations of the school around attendance and punctuality tend to be more focused with their learning.
- If your child is not well enough to go to school, they are not well enough to play sport or socialise with their friends after school.
- Set and stick to evening/morning routines that enable your children to arrive at school on time and be ready for learning.

DECD has set a target for attendance of 95% for 2017. Some families will assume that 95% is normal attendance. The target may surprise other families.

To put the figure of 95% into perspective see the table below:

If your child misses.....	That equals.....	Which is.....	An attendance % of
2.5 days per term	10 days per year	2 weeks per year	95%
5 days per term	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	90%
10 days per term	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	80%

Hackham East Primary School is committed to working with families to improve attendance. We want to continue to raise the awareness of attendance and encourage parents to strongly support students to attend.

Please remember ... Your child needs to be at school by 8:40am ready to start school at 8:50am.

*Scott Megson
Senior Leader*

Hackham East Primary School OSHC Holiday Program for students aged 3 - 12 years

Monday 17/4	Tuesday 18/4	Wednesday 19/4	Thursday 20/4	Friday 21/4
Public Holiday Easter Monday	RSPCA, Scouts, Bubble Fun, Games & Prizes	Excursion Mystery Trip ?	OSHC Beach	Excursion Belair National Park
Monday 24/4	Tuesday 25/4	Wednesday 26/4	Thursday 27/4	Friday 28/4
Incursion Wheels Day	Public Holiday Anzac Day	OSHC Cafe	Excursion Megazone	Make Your Own Chalk & Chalkboards to Take Home



- The cost per day is now \$51.00 (before Child Care Benefit), all inclusive.
- Activities are subject to change or cancellation (eg weather, low numbers). Afternoon Tea is provided.
- Please bring a healthy recess and lunch each day.
- For bookings or enquiries, contact Jacky on 0499 228 039 or oshc.director286@schools.sa.edu.au
- Notification of cancellations must be given at least 48 hours before the booked day so as not to incur a fee.

Jacky Smith, OSHC Director

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Parent/Caregiver/Teacher/Student interviews will be held in Week 9, beginning 27/3 with some bookings available the following week.

All bookings for interviews will be done on-line from now on. Bookings need to be finalised before Saturday 25/3 at 4:00pm when bookings for this event will close. If you do not have access to a computer or smart phone there is a computer "kiosk" set up in the Library ready to enter your bookings. See Nick Allen in the Library if you require assistance.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 83823824.

To arrange an interview time with your child/children's teacher(s) log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these 3 simple steps :

1. *Enter Code* - Code is vsakf. Once entered press Go
2. Enter your details
3. Select the teacher you wish to see and select the appointment time that suits your family best.

When you click *Finish*, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately please check your junk mail folder and make sure you have spelt your email address correctly.

You can return to the website any time before 25/3 at 4:00pm to change your interview(s).

Bob Thiele
Principal

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thank you to the parents/caregivers and staff who have placed an order for the Billy G's Cookie Dough and Kytos Bakery products. Orders can be collected on Thursday 6/4 in the afternoon. Details of where you can pick up your orders will be in the next Newsletter.

Easter Raffle books will be sent home next week. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Raffle tickets and money need to be returned to Tracy Rowley, Finance Manager by **Friday 7/4** and the Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 12/4 at 10:00am.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising events.

Fundraising Committee



SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker and their family all the way to Tokyo, Japan. Make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017 and you will automatically receive an entry into the competition for your chance to win.

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking for more information.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

Any child late to school will be escorted to class from the office by someone from leadership. Please check in at the front office to get a late pass and be met by Sally, Scott or myself. Parents and caregivers will not go to the class once school has started as this disrupts the learning programs.

All children should be at school by 8:40am to start school at 8:50am. Being late does not set children up for success.

If you need to speak with a teacher, please make a time after school so that teachers' preparation for the day is not interrupted.

Thank you for supporting us in the education of your children.

Bob Thiele
Principal

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 31/3

Parents/Caregivers and family members are invited to attend the school assembly on **Friday 31/3 at 9:00am** in the Penney Unit.

After the assembly you are invited to stay for Morning Tea in the Conference Room.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Scott Megson
Senior Leader



2017 SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS

School card applications must be filled out and submitted **EVERY** year. Spare applications are available at the front office and need to be handed to our Finance Manager, Tracy Rowley as soon as possible.

SCHOOL OPEN DAY/NIGHT INFORMATION

Adelaide High School

Open Night **Wednesday 22 March** from 5:30-8:00pm. Offering Special Interest Languages, Cricket, Rowing Courses and Centre for Hearing Impaired.

Wirreanda Secondary School

Open Night **Thursday 23 March** from 4:00-7:00pm. Ph Sue Bogumil 83297200 for more information.

Brighton Secondary School

Special Interest Music Information Evening for Yr6/7 to be held on **Monday 3 April** at 7:00pm.

Brighton Secondary School

Yr 7 - Out of School Zone Volleyball Trials held on **Wednesday 3 May** (Girls 9:00-10:15am, Boys 1:00-2:15pm). Ph 83758200 to request an application pack.

Mitcham Girls High School

Open Day **Monday 8 May** from 9:00-11:00am and 5:00-8:00pm. Principal's address at 9:10am, 5:00pm and 7:00pm.

CANTEEN NEWS

Sausage Sizzle Friday 24/3 - No late orders can be accepted. Normal lunch orders will be available on 24/3.

Please note that the Canteen is not able to supply disposable cutlery to students who bring noodles or food from home to be heated in the classroom microwaves. Please provide the necessary cutlery for your child.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the Canteen and for catering events. Several catering events are planned for the Term and this can only be carried out if we have enough helpers. If you have any time available to assist it would be very much appreciated. Please speak with Coralie Goodman or Scott Megson if you are interested in being available to volunteer.

Thank you for supporting the Canteen

Coralie Goodman
Canteen Manager

CROSSING MONITORS

Term 1, Week 9 (27/3-31/3)

Morning: **Zoe Moore**
Rose-Marie Ralston
Tanyka Dennis
Afternoon : **Grace Connolly**
Kekoa Jordan
Caitlin Read

Term 1, Week 10 (3/4-7/4)

Morning: **Simone Blyth**
Haylee Williams
Natasha Mazik
Afternoon : **Ella Salter**
Phoenix Bruse
Stephany Mason

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **The Mysterious World of Teens** Are you the parent of a teen or pre-teen? Come and join us or watch our live webcast. Presented by Kirrilie Smout, Adelaide psychologist working with children, teens and their parents. Held on Wednesday 22/3 from 7:00-9:00pm at Riverbank Room, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Tce, Adelaide. Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au> or Ph 83031660. Free.
- **Inclusion Suncorp NetSetGo** Pathways to Netball for people with a disability. Held from 7/3 to 11/4 each Tuesday from 4:00pm at Noarlunga Leisure Centre, David Witton Dr, Noarlunga Centre. Cost \$2.00 per session. Register sa.netball.com.au
- **Twilight Food Affair** A fun night for the whole family at Tatachilla Lutheran College, 211 Tatachilla Rd, McLaren Vale on Friday 24/3 from 4:00-9:00pm. Events include Slide Show, Amusements, Food Stalls, Live Entertainment, Silent Auction, Fireworks and lots more. Ph 83239588 for more information.
- **Regeneration** As part of National Youth Week this event is to be held at Seaford Quarry Reserve, Grand Boulevard, Seaford & Seaford Recreation Centre on Friday 31/3 from 3:30-9:00pm. Events include Bands, DJ's, Skate/Scooter/BMX Jam, Rock Climbing Wall, Food and lots more. Drug and alcohol free. Ph Jolyn Phillips 0420831179 for more information.
- **Does Your Child Struggle With Their Sleep?** A Free information session with Professor Sarah Bluden (Australian Centre for Education in Sleep) will be held on Thursday 16/3 from 1:30-3:00pm at Woodcroft Heights Children's Centre, 25 Investigator Dr, Woodcroft. Limited crèche available. Ph Sara 83818005 to book. Bookings essential.
- **Hackham Football Club Fundraisers** A Car Boot and Op Shop Sale will be held on Saturday 1/4 from 9:00am-3:00pm at the Cnr of States and Doctors Roads, Hackham. Car Boot sellers \$10.00 per stall (contact End 0408326161). Donations for the Op Shop accepted up to Wednesday 29/3. \$10.00 per shopping bag (whatever you can fit in it, excludes Bric a Brac). Barbecue and drinks available.
- **Come & Try Parndo** This ball game was played by the Kaurna people traditionally. If you are interested in learning more about Parndo come along on Friday 21/4 from 10:00am-3:00pm at Living Kaurna Cultural Centre, Warriparinga Way (off Sturt Rd), Bedford Park. For students 10-22yrs. Free + lunch included. Ph 83575900 to book or for more information. Bookings essential.
- **Southern Stars Netball Club** Netball players wanted. All ages welcome. For more information contact southernstarsnc@gmail.com.
- **Gourmet Relationships by AnglicareSA** A fun, food themed workshop for couples to strengthen, enhance and revitalise their relationship. Held on Saturday 22/4 from 10:00am-3:30pm at 159 Port Rd, Hindmarsh. Ph Joy Ephraums 81868900 to register.
- **Music in The Park** Come and enjoy a picnic experience while listening to music from our live DJ. Free fun activities for the children. Food and drink can be purchased at the venue or bring your own. Held on Saturday 25/3 from 10:30am-3:30pm at Cnr Morton & Flaxmill Rd, Christie Downs. Ph 83846894 for more information.
- **Adelaide International Kite Festival** To be held at Semaphore Beach and Foreshore over the Easter Long Weekend (15/4, 16/4 & 17/4) from 11:00am to 5:00pm daily. Free entry and 30 Stalls.
- **Art Therapy, Your Vision For 2017** Kirsty from Red Feather Art Therapy will facilitate this fun and therapeutic session for families in the Southern Area, focusing on the future. Come along and enjoy some time with others while our fantastic crèche staff care for your children. Held on Tuesday 28/3 from 12:00-1:30pm at Community Connections Hackham, 72 Collins Pde, Hackham. Ph 81866944 to book, bookings essential.
- **Cultural Trail** African and other cultural entertainment on Saturday 8/4 from 6:30am-8:30pm at Aberfoyle Community Centre, 1 Jessica St, Aberfoyle Park. Purchase a passport so that you can taste a sample of food from China, India, Thailand & Australia. \$5.00 per adult, \$3.00per child, U12 free. Ph 82705377 to pre-purchase your passport.
- **Kumungka Paringa** Event to be held on Wednesday 19/4 from 9:30am-3:00pm at Living Kaurna Cultural Centre, Warriparinga Way (off Sturt Rd), Bedford Park for 10-22yr olds. Free (lunch included). Starts at 9:30am and includes Fire/Yarning Circle, Cooking with Katherine and Art. Ph 83575900 to register.
- **Wanted Old Pushbikes** If you are in the Adelaide metro area and have an old bike sitting at home that you no longer need, we would love to take it off your hands. Donated bikes will be used in an activity to teach job seekers new and transferable skills for employment. Restored bikes will then be donated to refugees in the local area. Ph Wayne 0466422843 for more information.

Flyers with further information relating to the above events are available from the Front Office.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As part of our continuous school improvement we will be involved in an external school review with a review panel. The purpose of external school reviews is to support schools to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build public confidence in government schools.

All government schools will be externally reviewed every four years.

The focus of the review is to evaluate school performance. The review panel consists of a review officer and a trained review principal. The review will occur on the 15th and 16th of May 2017.

We will find out the aspects of the school's improvement that have been verified through the review processes as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future.

During the external school review, some students, parents, governing council members and staff will be asked to provide information to the review panel in a number of ways. These include:

- individual interviews
- group discussions (with students or staff or parents)
- meetings (usually governing council, staff meeting)
- visits into classrooms.

We appreciate your support and time in helping us with this external school review process. Please complete the reply slip below and return to the front office by 13 April 2017 if you **do not want** your child to participate. Alternatively you can email the school at dl.1066.info@schools.sa.edu.au with your child's name and the name of their teacher advising that you do not want your child to participate.

If you would like more information please contact me on 83823824.

Regards,
Bob Thiele
Principal

EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW PROCESS
Please return to Front Office by Thursday 13 April 2017

I do not want my child _____ (please print) in _____ class
to be involved in the external school review discussions.

Name: _____ (please print)

Signed:
Parent/Caregiver _____

Date: _____