Attendance – Why Is It Important?

DECD has set a target for attendance of 95% by 2016. Some families will assume that 95% is normal attendance. The target may surprise other families. To put the figure of 95% into perspective:

- The teaching year is 40 weeks
- This is 190 days (taking out public holidays and Student Free Days).
- 2.5 days off per term for students will meet the attendance target of 95%.

Looking at it another way:

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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.

Research shows that:

- Children that are chronically absent in Reception and Yr 1 are much less likely to read at the expected reading level by the end of Yr 3. The gap then continues to be hard to bridge.

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Attendance - Why Is It Important? continued

- Patterns of attendance and absence that are set up in the early years usually persist through education and life.
- By Yr 6, chronic absence is a warning sign for students at risk of dropping out of high school.

What can families do to help?

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

A child's refusal to go to school can be very distressing both to parents and the child.

There are many reasons why children refuse to attend school including separation anxiety, learning difficulties, a child’s perception of not having friends as well as perceived harassment and bullying.

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 get 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.

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.

Please remember…… Your Child needs to be at school by 8:45am ready to start school at 8:50am.

Scott Megson
School Counsellor

Reminder
School Fishes at 2:00pm
Friday 8 July 2016
OSHC is available, please contact Jacky Smith

Hackham East Primary School OSHC
Holiday Program for students aged 5 - 12 years

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- The cost per day is now $49.00 (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
INVITATION TO FAMILIES OF HACKHAM EAST

Family Connections Hackham (Junction Australia) and the Hackham East Primary School warmly invite you to share your views on what programs and services you believe are needed for families in your local community.

We would also like to understand what you know about the Family Connections Centre at Hackham East and what you believe currently runs from there.

Held on
Friday 24 June 2016
At approximately 9:45am
Following on after School Assembly
Conference Room at Hackham East Primary School
Morning Tea provided

Hackham East Primary School and
Hackham East Kindergarten
Invite you to attend a
Quiz Night
Saturday 6 August
Doors open 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

Tickets are $10.00 each. Pre-book your ticket by our early bird cut off (8 July) and receive one free entry into our amazing raffle. Tickets can be purchased from Tracy Rowley, Finance Manger, Front Office.

Table size, 6-10 people, smaller groups and individuals welcome. To book a group table contact Jenny Buttfield on 0408080456.

BYO snacks and drinks (A BYO license has been issued). Glasses, tea and coffee facilities are available for a gold coin donation.

Fundraising Committee members will be outside the Library on Thursday 23/6 and Friday 24/6 from 2:30-3:15pm selling tickets for the Quiz Night - cash only.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE
We have a reported case confirmed in Castle Unit. This disease is a virus which is contracted through contact with the fluid in the blisters, most likely to occur when the virus becomes airborne during coughing and talking. Contact with faeces can also spread the infection.

Symptoms include a slight fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, blisters in the mouth and on the hands and feet and a sore mouth for a few days before the ulcers or blisters appear. Affected children may refuse to eat or drink.

The infectious period is as long as there is fluid in the blisters. The faeces can remain infectious for weeks. The blisters should not be deliberately pierced or broken as the fluid within the blisters is infectious. The blisters will dry naturally. The Students are to be excluded until all blisters have dried. Following good hand washing techniques and keeping areas clean will aid in prevention.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 24/6
Parents/Caregivers and family members are invited to attend the school assembly on Friday 24/6 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
School Counsellor

SCHOOL DRESS CODE
Parents/caregivers are reminded that all students need to be wearing dress code clothing while at school. The school dress code is maroon tops, jumpers and hats with black pants/shorts/skirts.
The School Dress Code shop is open if you need to purchase new or second hand items. The Dress Code Shop, located at the end of Penney Unit, is open on Tuesday (2:45-3:15pm), Wednesday (8:30-9:00am) and Friday (2:45-3:15pm).

NAIDOC WEEK 3/7-10/7
The following events will take place at Woodcroft Library:
Weaving Workshop - Monday 4/7, 11:00am-1:00pm
Learn how to weave using traditional methods, with the Southern Elders Group (for adults).
Storytelling with Aunty Sandy - Thursday 7/7 10:00-11:00am
Join Elder Aunty Sandy for a special storytelling session while she weaves (for preschool aged children).
Performance by Nancy Bates & Jessica Wishart - Thursday 7/7 6:00-8:00pm
Enjoy a special performance to celebrate NAIDOC Week with Nancy Bates and Jessica Wishart (for all ages).
For more information or to book Ph 83840050 or visit onkaparingacity.com/libraries.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2017 OR KNOW OF ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?
If so, you are invited to attend our
Open Morning
on Friday 1 July 2016
9:00-10:00am

We will meet in the Conference Meeting Room (next to the Canteen) and then walk through the Junior Primary classes so you can see some of the learning programs first hand.
You will also have a tour of the school and a chance to ask any questions over morning tea.
If you have any questions please call Sally Slattery, Deputy Principal on 83823824.
We look forward to meeting you on Friday 1 July.
**CANTENE NEWS**

**Canteen Fundraising 2/7**
On Saturday 2/7 the Canteen will have a cake stall, sausage sizzle, egg & bacon sandwiches, ice-creams and hot and cold drinks for the community attending our school to vote. Volunteers are needed to assist in the week before with preparing food and on the day in the Canteen. If you are available please speak with Coralie Goodman. Your assistance is greatly appreciated as this is an excellent opportunity to raise money for the Canteen.

**Sausage Sizzle**
In the last week of this Term (4/7-8/7) we are planning on having a Sausage Sizzle lunch. Notes will be sent home soon for students to place their orders.

Thank you for supporting the Canteen.
Coralie Goodman

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **Child & Adolescent Sleep Clinic** The clinic in the School of Psychology at Flinders University provides treatment for children and adolescents aged 6-20yrs who have a sleep problem. Ph 82017587 or email casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au for more information.

- **2016 Census Field Officers Wanted** If you are community minded, comfortable using a computer, mobile or tablet device, are an Australian Citizen or have the legal right to work in Australia, then consider applying to be a Census Field Officer. Apply at abs.gov.au/careers.

- **Soccer Players Wanted** South Adelaide Panthers FC are looking for girls born 1999-2001 to join the Pink Panthers senior group in 2016. Pink Panthers are the only club in the southern suburbs to field teams in all age groups. Ph Leigh Matthews 0412591478 or Phil Webster 0410386100 for more information.

- **Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** We are urgently looking for volunteer families to host 7 French and 1 Italian exchange students arriving on 6 July. For more information Ph Jenny 83230973 or email jeh1313@bigpond.net.au.

- **The Colour Project** Take colouring to the next level with Azzurro Arts. Held on Thursdays from 2/6-7/7 from 4:00-5:30pm at Onkaparinga Youth-Reynella, 10 Main South Rd, Reynella for 8-13yr olds. Ph 83875577 to book.

- **Community Achievement Awards** The South Australian Community Achievement Awards have been launched for 2016. The Awards are all about the passion of people who are committed to making South Australia a better place in which to live. If someone has made an impact or difference in your life or has impressed you with their community spirit, who not nominate them. Visit www.awardsaustralia.com to make your nomination.

- **Let’s Talk** Free Education Session - How to help your child avoid alcohol and drugs. Held on Thursday 30/6 from 10:00am-4:00pm at Uniting Communities, 107 Dyson Rd, Christies Beach. Ph 82964777 or email DebbyK@drugarm.com.au to register.

- **Child & Infant First Aid** For parents and carers of infants and children. Conducted by Legacy Training. Held at Taikurrendi Children & Family Centre, 8 Price St, Christies Beach on Monday 4/7 from 11:30am-2:30pm. Free. Bookings essential. Ph Darjana 81861102 by 27/6 to register.

- **Southern NAIDOC March & Family Day** Held on Thursday 7/7 at Rotary Park, Beach Rd, Christies Beach from 10:00am. Free family fun activities and a street march down Beach Road. Free BBQ lunch and entertainment.

- **Financial Counselling** A Financial Counsellor can assist you with looking at your financial situation and options, negotiating payment plans with creditors, budgeting support, financial literacy and no interest loans. Available every second Friday at Aldinga Beach Children’s Centre, Evans St, Aldinga between 9:00am-5:00pm. Ph 1800759707.

- **Fishing Adventure** Join the Fleurieu Fishing Club on the Onkaparinga River to try your hand at catching Bream or even the huge Mulloway. Suitable for beginners to experienced fishers, all equipment and cooked breakfast provided. Held on Monday 11/7 from 8:30-11:00am for 12-25yr olds. Bookings essential. Ph 85577555 to register.

- **Jamie’s Ministry of Food** School Holiday Program Do you have a budding chef at home who wants to do something fun this school holidays? Over 4 days your child will learn to cook Jamie Oliver’s nutritious and delicious recipes. It’s a fun and entertaining way to learn loads of Jamie Oliver hints, tips and shortcuts and the cooking skills to set them up for life. Course 1 (12-15/7), Course 2 (19-22/7) at Colonnades Shopping Centre, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga. Each course is from 10:30am-2:00pm each day. Ph 83260123 or visit www.jamieministryoffood.com for more information.

- **Reptile Mania** Join us for a fun and interactive program for children of all ages. Get up close and personal with a range of reptiles and learn about their needs and habitats, food chains and evolution. Held at Woodcroft Library, 175 Bains Rd, Morphett Vale on Tuesday 19/7 from 10:00-11:30am and Noarlunga Library on Thursday 21/7 from 10:00-11:30am.

- **Focus on Family Safety** How do we turn our commitment to family safety into effective and efficient practice? Be part of the discussion and join us for an engaging forum exploring the implementation of systems to strengthen family safety. Held on Monday 18/7 from 4:00-7:00pm at UniSA, City West Campus, North Tce, Adelaide. To book visit www.trybooking.com/200046. Cost $70.00 or $55.00 concession.

- **TwentySixteen** A refreshing two hours of new and old, high voltage acrobatics and explosive aerial antics, innovation, irreverent humour and tradition all accompanied by the sensational Circus Oz band. A great family show. Held at Thebarton Theatre, Torrensville on 30/7 (7:30pm), 31/7 (12:30pm & 6:00pm). All proceeds from the 3 shows will go to Nature Foundation SA to help nature conservation in SA. Tickets can be purchased from www.ticketmaster.com.au or direct at Thebarton Theatre.

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**CROSSING MONITORS**

**Term 2, Week 9 (27/6-1/7)**

**Morning:**
- Ajay Harris
- Cooper Scott
- Aiden Harris

**Afternoon:**
- Kassady Buttfield
- Marissa Weymouth
- Ella Salter

**Term 2, Week 10 (4/7-8/7)**

**Morning:**
- Louise Hanton
- Ameilia Holtz-Nottle
- Hayley Ferguson

**Afternoon:**
- Jake Squires
- Jeremiah Cullen
- Joshua Tieste

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