Reading

At the beginning of the school year, teachers have been busy re-establishing and building on positive attitudes, strategies and behaviors towards reading and it is important to have consistency around the messages we give students between school and home.

At Hackham East Primary School there are some fundamental beliefs that we have about reading that guide what we do and support children to become life long readers.

- The children are the READERS, what they read are ‘books’ or ‘texts,’ not ‘readers’.
- The majority of reading material should be easy and accessible for children to read. If texts are too hard for students then they will struggle to understand and build fluency.
- The more children read books that they can read the better readers they become.
- Reading is about comprehension – we want children to be able to discuss, share and talk deeply about their connections and thinking about what they read.
- Children are not a reading level – we talk to children about reading strategies, not reading levels.
- Children who read on a regular basis have a greater vocabulary than those that do not.

So what does this mean for what we do at HEPS?

Children are matched to Just Right (dot) books based on teacher reading assessments and will choose their books from one of the coloured Broad Banded Reading boxes.

Children engage in Independent Reading daily in all year levels building up to around 40 minutes to build their reading stamina.

Teachers begin each reading lesson with a mini-lesson on different strategies that will help to build students comprehension and fluency strategies.

Teachers work with small reading groups to help build new strategies.

Teachers listen to students read and discuss their reading during regular conferences – they use this time to set a reading goal.

Expect that all children will read at home each school night, and at some stage over the weekend.

We do not talk to children about their reading level, but rather strategies they are working on with their individual reading goal.

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2016 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 BANKING – Commonwealth Bank
A reminder that school banking day is on WEDNESDAYS. If you would like to open a new account for your child(ren) please see Tracy for an application form.

SPECIAL EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT OFFER – 2016 SCHOOL FEES
Hurry... if you pay your school fees in FULL before Friday 26 February you will receive a 5% discount! That is a saving of $11.45 per student. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS. If you would like to pay online our bank account details are: BSB: 105-136  A/C No: 510448140 and please include your family code &/or child's name. (eg SMIT00 J Smith schlfees)

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MEDICAL INFORMATION
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If your child has a medical condition which requires medication (eg Asthma) or a serious medical condition (eg Heart Condition, Anaphylaxis, Seizures etc) a medical plan needs to be completed by your doctor. Medical plans which need to be updated by your GP were sent home to families in the first week of school.

Please return the completed medical plan to staff in the Front Office as soon as possible so that we have accurate information available on how to treat your child in the event of an emergency.

Bob Thiele
Principal

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN NIGHTS/DAYS
Wirreanda Secondary School. Open Night to be held on Wednesday 6/4 from 4:00-7:00pm.
Adelaide High School. Held on Wednesday 23/3 from 5:30-8:00pm. Information on entry into courses including Special Language, Cricket, Rowing etc and the application forms will be available on the night. For more information Ph 82319373.
Mitcham Girls High School. Open Day held on Monday 9/5 from 9:00-11:00am and 5:00-8:00pm. Gift Academic Scholarships 1/3 & 1/6 and Gift Dance Auditions 1/3 & 1/6. Visit www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au for more information.

EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN
On Thursday 25/2 we will be conducting an Emergency Lockdown practice drill to ensure that we as a school are prepared for such an emergency. You may wish to speak to your child/children to let them know that it is a practice so that we all know what to do.

If you are on the school site at the time of the Lockdown please follow the Emergency Lockdown procedure as directed by school staff.
Bob Thiele
Principal

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 26/2
Parents/Caregivers and family members are invited to attend the school assembly on Friday 26/2 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

Reading - Continued

How you can help at home:
• Be a role model for reading – talk about your reading and different types of reading you do every day eg. recipes, the newspaper, shopping lists etc.
• Listen to your child read each night and with older children encourage them to read for at least 20 minutes each night.
• Have your child tell you about the book - what is happening, how the characters are feeling and why, what did they learn from the non-fiction text, did they make any connections, did they make any predictions and did their predictions change, what questions do they have from the text.
• Help your child practice letters, sounds and sight words at home – but make it fun and use games if you can.
• Read and re-read your child’s favorite story books - this is a great routine to continue at bedtime.
• Arrange a time to speak to your child’s classroom teacher if you have any concerns or questions about how to support your child with their reading.

Happy Reading
Sally Slattery
Deputy Principal

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope this year will be a successful one for you and your family.

This year teachers at your school will be working with your son or daughter to help your child learn and make as much progress as possible. Your school will be keen to work with you to ensure that your son or daughter is successful academically, socially and developmentally.

Every day at school matters for this development so it’s really important that your child is attending school to get the most out of their education.

While we all know it’s important, it isn’t always easy to support children with their schoolwork. Below are some ideas and resources I have found helpful to date with my kids, or have been recommended to me by other parents. I hope they are useful for you.

Schools welcome your involvement in your child’s education, and if you have any questions, please ask them. As you know, children learn best when parents/caregivers and schools work together.

If you are able, I encourage you to get involved in your child’s school - whether it is through the governing council or volunteering at school events. To make it easier for you to volunteer, the government has recently made some changes to the screening clearance process if you volunteer to support your child at school. Please contact your school if you would like further information in relation to these changes, or visit the website at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

I am proud of the high quality education that we provide in our schools. A strength of our public schools is our community involvement, and working together we can continue to make your school even better.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development

Simple things you can do to support your child:

- Ask your child what they have been learning in class and link it to activities you do around the home.
- Put up times tables posters around the house and talk positively about science and mathematics with your child.
- Try to read with your child every day or read the same novel as your child so you can discuss the story together.
- Encourage your child to share their drawings and projects with you.
- Provide a comfortable space at home for your child to do homework and support them to complete it on time.

Some helpful resources:

- The curriculum your child will be following this year. http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/
- A wide range of parenting information, including healthy eating and creative play ideas http://raisingchildren.net.au/school_age/school_age.html
Thank you to the parents/caregivers who volunteer or have offered to assist in the Canteen, your assistance is valued and appreciated.

If you are interested in being a volunteer to either help in the Canteen or to assist with catering for functions please speak with myself or Scott Megson.

We will be having a Sausage Sizzle in Week 6 (7/3-11/3) and order forms will be sent out soon with all the details.

Thank you for supporting the Canteen.
Coralie Goodman
Canteen Manager

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**CROSSING MONITORS**

**Term 1, Week 5 (29/2-4/3)**

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

**Afternoon:**
- Hannah Klemettilla
- Madison O'Donnell
- Marissa Weymouth

**Term 1, Week 6 (7/3-11/3)**

**Morning:**
- Taylen Oakley
- Reece Hanton
- Jack Muller

**Afternoon:**
- Jackson Jennings
- Jake Squires
- Jeremiah Cullen

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **Bringing Up Great Kids** A program for parents/carers that encourages positive communication and relationships with children, supports the development of children’s identity and provides an understanding of children’s brain development. Held each Thursday from 12:00-2:00pm starting 25/2 to 24/3 at Taikurrendi Children & Family Centre, 8 Price St, Christies Beach. Ph Anna or Tara 81861102.

- **Step Up for SA** An 11 week family program to address young people’s violence and abuse in the family. Held at Woodcroft Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre, 175 Bains Rd, Morphett Vale starting on Thursday 3/3 (5:30-8:00pm). For more information Ph Rosalie O’Connor 0459789336 (Thursday & Friday).

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

- **Dad+Me** Come along with your dad to play some Minecraft and teach him how to play or create something fantastic. The BuddyVerse kid-safe server is fun and easy to use. It is moderated by teachers and kids. Visit www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries for more information. Bookings essential.

- **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** FREE Outdoor Cinema at Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre on Saturday 27/2 from 6:30pm. Food Stalls, Sausage Sizzle, Craft Tables, Photo Booth and lots more. Bring a picnic, blanket and join in the fun. Ph Hopgood Theatre 70094400 for more information.

- **Elevate Festival** Celebrate your community. Held on Saturday 27/2 from 4:00-8:00pm at Federation Park, Gumeracha. FREE entry, Live Music, Food, Family Entertainment, Guest Speakers and lots more. Visit www.dss.gov.au for more information.

- **Bringing Up Great Kids** A FREE 6 week Parenting Program including afternoon tea. Held on Mondays from 12:00-2:00pm starting 22/2-11/4 at Hackham West Children’s Centre, Yellow Unit, 50 Glynville Dr, Hackham West. Free Creche. Ph Milan 0403369791 to register.

- **Clean Up Australia Day** On Sunday 6/3 from 10:30am-12:00noon Katrine Hildyard MP, Member for Reynell invites you to join her at Brodie Road Reserve in Morphett Vale to ensure our local environment remains safe, beautiful and looked after for the future. Please feel free to stop by on the day at the front of the reserve on Brodie Rd. Equipment and refreshments will be supplied. For more information Ph 83820409.

- **Become an Aboriginal Foster Carer** Keeping Aboriginal children’s cultural identity alive and connected to their community. Ph 83378787 to speak to the LCC Aboriginal Cultural Consultant or staff from our Foster Care Services team.

- **Get Fit Bay-City** Start 2016 off the right way and join SA’s latest active community event - The Sunday Mail Bay-City. Take the challenge and run or walk 12km or 4.5km. Held on Sunday 20/3 starting at Colley Tce, Glenelg and finish on Telstra Plaza, Adelaide Oval. After the run enjoy a day out at the Adelaide Zoo half price. Visit www.bay-city.org.au to register or for more information.

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- **Come & Try Hackham Hawks** If you are aged 6-18yrs and interested in playing football this season come along on Friday 4/3 from 5:30-6:30pm at Hackham Football Club, Cnr Doctors & States Roads, Hackham. Free sausage sizzle for players. Ph Enid Holmes 0408326161 to register or for more information.

- **Parenting SA Seminars** Presented by Dr Justin Coulson. Toddlers & Touch Screens - What Should I Do? Held on Tuesday 5/4 from 7:00-9:00pm and Children, Teens & Pornography - What Every Parent Should Know held on Wednesday 6/4 from 7:00-9:00pm. Both seminars held at City Rooms, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Tce, Adelaide. Ph 83031660 or email health.parentingsa@sau.org.au to register. FREE.

- **Twilight Earth Fair** A FREE sustainable event for the whole family, Sustainable Living & Drumming Workshops, Market & Food Stands, Seed Planting, Smoothie Bike and so much more. Held on Saturday 19/3 from 4:00-8:00pm at Woodcroft Community Centre, 175 Bains Rd, Morphett Vale. Visit www.onkaparingacity.com/sustainable for more information and twilight talk times.

- **Curves Huntfield Heights** Open House to celebrate International Women's Day and introducing our New Dance and Tone Circuits. Ph 83826456 for more information or to book a free consult.

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