Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the final term for 2013! The next 8 weeks will fly by as we get into the term, making sure all students are ready to move up to the next year level. There are sleep-overs, class camps, end of year reports, Year 7 Graduation, whole school Beach Day, High School transition visits, etc, etc, etc. We’ll all be exhausted at the end of it!!

On the Thursday of the last week of Term 3 we had a great twilight sports day! The weather was perfect and it was fantastic to see the large number of parents, extended family members and friends who joined us for the event. Congratulations to Attunga (Green) the winning team on 608 points and Cooranga (Yellow) for winning the Attitude Shield on 286 points. The Geoff Clarke Award winners for 2013 are Sophie Parfitt and Owen Siostrum – two worthy winners nominated by staff.

This week has been swimming week at the Whyalla Leisure Centre, many students have shared how much they have enjoyed the experience. Nikki Dormand took the Yr 6/7 class to an interschool Rugby Carnival on Wednesday at Bennett Oval. Both the boys and the girls did well and managed to get through the day with only one minor injury! Not bad for a contact sport.

While we celebrated and rewarded the 14 students who had 100% attendance last term it is concerning to see the overall data for each year level which is well below the state target of 93% (with the exception of Yr 4 students):

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Questions are being asked about this data and individual students and families will be followed up, especially for unexplained absences. We are analyzing the latest Reading and NAPLAN data for students and those who are low performing are generally those with very poor attendance. I cannot stress enough the importance of coming to school each day for students to achieve academic success.

At assembly today we celebrated World Teachers’ Day by giving a small gift and a certificate to each of our fantastic teachers. We are so fortunate to have such capable and dedicated teachers at Hincks Avenue Primary School. They are definitely the best group I have ever worked with!
Winning House

1st 608 points  Attunga
2nd 548 points  Warawi
3rd 539 points  Arakoola
4th 474 points  Cooranga

Attitude Shield

1st 286 points  Cooranga
2nd 242 points  Warawi
3rd 220 points  Arakoola
4th 218 points  Attunga
Sports Day Marathon Fundraiser

Thank you to the students who returned their Marathon forms to be in the draw for the incentive prize. Congratulations to the following students:-

Junior Primary  Monique Hockey-Staples
Middle Primary  Toya Bryan-Phillips
Upper Primary   Mark Dugan

The highest fundraiser award went to Joshua King in the Rocketship for his huge effort in raising $95 for our school.
100% ATTENDERS TERM 3
Well done to the following students who attended school every day last term: Logan Brownlow, Daniel Everett, Daniella Moore, Liam Oberthur, Yalanda Taylor, Logan Wagner, Corey Wilson, Shyann Connor-Grantham, Dylan Everett, Denzel Moore, Gabby Soriano, Charlie Tobane, Josh Montederamos and Steffy Oberthur!

CONGRATULATIONS!
The following students have collected ten Hincks Hero Awards of the same Success Helper colour. Well done to Jackson Stewart-Thornton, Liam Docherty, Anthony Armour, Josh King, Hayley Bateup, Ethan Doyle, Liam Oberthur, Mia Peel, Sianna Bryan-Phillips, Dylan Everett, Connor Giles, Owen Siostram, Jordan Hardon, Ryan Newchurch, Zac McEwan, Toya Bryan-Phillips, Thomas Addison, Bella Walkington, Kiralee Walsh, Tamika Nelson and Ashley Addison who were awarded $5:00 canteen vouchers as their prize. Bhuvan Jayaraman, Kale Davis and Kiesha McKellar collected ten Hincks Hero Awards in 2 different colour spot capabilities, well done.

FOR SALE
$1 Every Friday at Big Lunch eating time from the Young Achievers Classroom