Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year. It is great to see the return of familiar faces and it is exciting to extend a warm welcome to our new families and staff. We trust that you feel very much part of the Hincks Avenue Community.

At the beginning of the school year it is important to reflect on the very important role that we have as co-educators of your children. A school and its staff work in collaboration with parents to build on what is taught and expected at home. Education is about valuing and nurturing every young person’s uniqueness and assisting them to be the best they can be. Parents and School staff working as partners can present education as a happy and fulfilling experience. We have lots of opportunities to come together this term and it was wonderful to start the year with our breakfast last Monday. I am looking forward to meeting you all and the exciting year ahead.

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Upcoming Events
- **Assembly**
  To be advised
- **Governing Council Annual General Meeting**
  All welcome
  Tues 16 Feb 6pm
- **Public Holidays**
  Mon 14th March
  Adelaide Cup
  Fri 25 March
  Mon 28 March
  Easter
- **Photo Day**
  Tues 5th April
- **School Fees**
  Invoices and School Card Applications will be sent out next week. Please return these forms before February 28

STAFF NEWS
Welcome to our new staff members for this year.

Rosie Gilsenan-Reed - Principal

Patrick McArthur - Year 2/3

Peri Kneebone - Reception / Yr 1
Communication with school

Good communication between home and school is vital if we are to create and sustain a climate that is conductive to productive learning. If you have any questions regarding the school or something which concerns your child and their learning we are more than happy to talk to you. This can be arranged by phoning the office to make an appointment. It is sometimes very difficult for teachers to have in depth conversations at the beginning of the day when they are preparing for their students or starting the learning. Please remember that teachers are teaching until the end of the day and are required to dismiss students safely and on time. Ringing the office ensures that sharing information and discussing your child is given the time it deserves so you have our full attention.

A lot of thought, planning and professional discussions go into all aspects of providing the best learning experiences for your child. It is important that parents are aware of what’s happening in our school so that you can assist us in making informed decisions about future developments. You can help by:

- Reading the school newsletters, checking information sent home with your child and using the school communication book
- If you want to collect your child early, please come to the front office
- If you wish to discuss a matter of concern please ring for an appointment
- Any issue concerning playground behaviour please talk to Rosie, Dean or Deb.
- Any serious issue regarding school/classroom management are best addressed through me as Principal
- Any serious family issues are best addressed through me as Principal or the Student Counsellor

Helping your child with their learning

- Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time, learning begins at 8:50am. This is very important since many of our children miss important literacy/numeracy warm ups
- Make sure your child has plenty of sleep, our students have a very busy day and our younger children often find this a challenge
- Encourage your child to have breakfast, our children need the energy to learn
- Encourage your child to use their manners and smile
- Mobile phones are not allowed during learning time. Please ensure that your child gives the phone to their teacher
- Remember to wear school hats and use sunscreen. Children should put sunscreen on before they come to school. Each class has sunscreen for further applications
- Encourage your child to read at home
- Our school behaviour code supports the safety and harmony of our school. Please remind your child that the school rules are important

Thank you to those parents who have talked to class teachers about the needs of their children. This has enabled us to put appropriate support in place.

Regards Rosie Gilsenan-Reed, Principal

Please indicate your preference for the times we hold our whole school assemblies for 2016. They will be each fortnight on a Friday

☐ 9am  OR  ☐ 2:20pm

Please return to school with your child as soon as possible
New price list for lunches inserted here

Starting soon - bicycle exchange
Bikes for all at no cost!!!
My son and I are starting a non-profit bicycle charity. No child without a bike. We are looking for donations of any bicycle parts. Please contact Patrick Bax 0413357545 or Lincoln Bax at school.

Croatia Soccer Club
2016 Season Junior Sign-on / Training day
Under 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 & 17 commencing
Tuesday February 16th starting at 5pm
All training at Croatia Soccer Club on McDouall Stuart Ave. All current and any new players urged to attend. Further details contact contact Anton 0438459184 or Jack 0417830267

FOR SALE
Everyday at Big Lunch eating time from Investigators Classroom

Variety of ice creams $1

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