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Diary Dates:

Term 3

Assembly	10/8	6/7s hosting
Hiragana Comp.	17/8	Some Yr. 7 students
Working Bee	18/8	All welcome!
Book Fair	20/8 – 27/8	
Book Week	27/8 – 31/8	
Yr. 4/5 Excursion	21/8	SA Water
Finance Meeting	21/8	
Governing Council	27/8	
Assembly	31/8	1/2s hosting
External Review	3/9 and 4/9	

Principal's Report

In my short time at Hallett Cove South Primary School, I have been constantly delighted and warmed by the way in which staff and parents work together to support our students. I know that we can have our differences of opinion at times but I find the parents at our school to be very reasonable in their dealings with staff and also very passionate about their children's education and our school in general. It's with this in mind that I thank very sincerely our Governing Council who provided drinks and nibbles for the staff on the last day of term. I have never been in a school where this has happened before and the staff were most appreciative of the gesture itself, as well as the thought behind it. At one point I just stood back and watched and listened – taking in the laughter, smiles and enjoyment on the faces of our staff. So thank you to all who provided the delicious food, and also to those who were there on the day, setting up and clearing up afterwards. Your thoughtfulness really meant a lot to the staff.



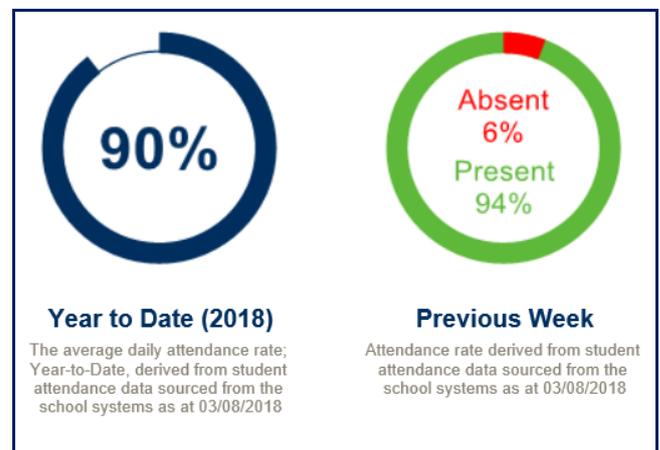
Working Bee

On Saturday August 18th we are holding a Working Bee at the school. A group of local churches are lending us their muscles and gardening expertise in order to help us with a much needed 'spruce up'. The Working Bee will run from 9am to 1pm, with morning tea provided.

We are looking at working on 3 or 4 main areas of concern within our grounds, and the main tasks will be weeding, planting, painting and assembling and locating two outdoor new tables (with seating).

It would be wonderful if as many of our school community as possible could also come along. We can get a lot done in a short time with more helpers. If you are able to come along please let the Front Office know. Helpful items to bring could include wheelbarrows, gloves, spades garden snips etc. Additional paintbrushes might not go astray either!

Attendance



Our attendance last week was very good indeed. Students are often unwell during the winter months, and we obviously don't want them to come to school when they are unwell, however it is great to see so many of our students at school and engaged in their learning.

Please be mindful of the importance of consistent school attendance, as this helps students to maximize their learning opportunities. One day a fortnight of missed schooling adds up to eight weeks missed over a school year (almost a term!). This can severely affect a student's learning and progress.

External Review

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. Our review will occur on September 3rd and 4th. Our review was delayed because of the fire at the school two years ago.

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 let the front office if you do not want your child to participate. Our understanding that our very youngest student will not be interviewed.

If you would like more information please contact Jo Rowell on 8381 4080.

Sports Report

SOCCER 4th August.

Cove Sharks U11 3 Southern Montessori 5
Goals = Ben I (2) Alex Martin

After a promising start we battled through but really did not do ourselves justice in this match with 3 players not available we had no subs which made it difficult to mix things up a bit.

Our goals were great, but we needed to work on our concentration throughout the whole game. This will come with experience.

Thanks to Alex and Jhye for stepping up and playing in goal for a half each this week, with Ben and James away we needed a strong presence in goal. You both did well and had no chance with any of the goals we conceded.

We have no game on the 11th August, but training will be as normal on Thursday.

Adam (U11 Coach)

A reminder to all families that the soccer fees are now due to enable the players to receive a participation trophy.

Lyn Stribley

	The Father's Day stall will be held on Monday 27 th August. Lots of choice available. More details to come....
	Do you have children's clothes or toys laying around unused and unwanted anymore? Or are your children growing way too quickly and you can't keep up with new clothes all the time? Well we have the thing for you.... HCPS Little Op Shop coming soon
	The Annual Christmas Raffle will be held in Term 4. Closer to the time a note will be sent home with more details!
	If you have any fundraising ideas, please drop a little note in for us at the office, we would love to hear from you! Or if you'd like to join our group we are always looking for more helpers....

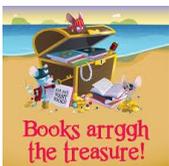
Canteen News

The Canteen is open on Wednesdays at recess times for over the counter sales only.

Volunteers are sought for helping in the canteen, particularly on Wednesdays for counter sales. Help would also be appreciated on Thursdays and Fridays. If you are able to assist then please provide your contact details to the Front Office or to Carolyn in the canteen.

Playgroup

A reminder that Playgroup is on Friday mornings from 9-11am in the Preschool. The playgroup is open to all families with children aged 0-5 years with parents/carers/grandparents staying with the children throughout the session. A variety of fun indoor and outdoor activities are provided each week and tea and coffee making facilities are available. A small weekly fee is charged per family. Playgroup users do not have to have children enrolled at the school/preschool so feel free to invite friends, relatives, neighbours etc. The more the merrier! Lots of fun for you and your child.



Book Week and Book Fair

Book Week is celebrated each year in mid to late August. This annual event highlights the importance of reading and draws on the joy of stories and the creativity of Australian books.

The aim for teachers and libraries during Book Week is to create an exciting environment using displays and art that challenge and stimulate students to enjoy the theme, **Find Your Treasure** as well as the books that are Short Listed for the 2018 Book of the Year.

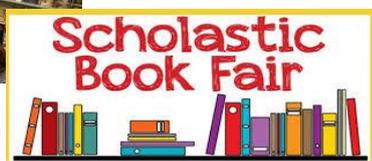
Our school will celebrate Book Week during Week 6 of this Term,

27TH TO 31ST AUGUST

We will have an assembly on Friday 31st August where students can choose to dress up to the theme of 'Find Your Treasure'. This is an opportunity to create a simple homemade interpretation of a treasure or character in a book that means something to your child. It can be as easy as a decorated hat, old shirt or an artwork to wear.

It is not necessary to buy a costume. Please do not send students in 'action hero' costumes.

We will continue to encourage the enjoyment of reading with a 'Scholastic Book Fair' in weeks 9 & 10 this Term - from Thursday 20th to Thursday 27th August. Students and parents will be able to buy from a range of titles provided by Scholastic Australia when the Library is open or the Fair is staffed.



Students will be given the opportunity to view the books and create a 'wish list' to bring home before purchasing. **There is no expectation for parents to agree with the list.** It is more likely that students may be able to purchase just one or two of their choices. As well as books there will be small stationary items on display to buy.

All profits from the sales will be used to buy more books for the school.

Thanks for your attention
Kay G. SSO Library HCSPS

OSHC NEWS

Hi Families

I hope you are settling into Term 3. I would like to offer families a "free trial" of OSHC during parent/teacher interviews. You will need to enrol with me and places are very limited.

Please see Gemma at OSHC. My hours are 7:00am – 9:00am and 2:45pm – 6:15pm Monday to Friday. You can also email me on:

gemma.chidlow894@schools.sa.edu.au.

Sorry we cannot look after children under kindy age.

I'm running a survey to see who would access vacation care **IF** we were to offer it here. We would be able to offer excursions as the R-12 have kindly offered to support us. Please contact Gemma for more information. The survey is in the OSHC room, so please come over and say hello.

Gemma Chidlow
OSHC Director.

SCALLYWAGS Term 3, 2018

A Disco for Primary School Children

- **Week 5 - Friday August 24th 6.30 – 9pm**
- Hallett Cove Lutheran Church
- \$5 Admission \$1 goes to a children's charity
- Drinks and Lollies available for purchase

This is a lock in event with trained and police checked helpers.

All enquiries 8322 2544

What Great Gardeners we are!



In Term One the Year 1/2 class was studying Biological Science. They planted some stock seeds in a tub. When the seeds became seedlings, with the help of Jasmin's mum Courtney, they planted the seedlings in the garden bed near the library. What an achievement!

Don't they look great!

Japanese

Term Three Overview



R/1 class

Their theme this term is Hungry Caterpillar. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.

- Read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in Japanese.
- Learn vocabulary from the story including fruit, counting and days of the week.
- Create their own Hungry Caterpillar book in Japanese.

1/2 class

Their theme this term is Into the schoolbag. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.

- Learn about Randoseru (Japanese schoolbags)
- Learn classroom object vocabulary.
- Complete a variety of activities focusing on how to ask for an item and how to say an item is in the schoolbag.
- Complete matching assessment on vocabulary.
- Complete a mini book showing understanding of the vocabulary and sentence structures taught.

Year 3/4 class

Their theme this term is Friends. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.

- Complete an about me sheet including name, age, favourite food, sport and colour.
- Survey 3 friends about themselves.
- Present a peer's information and the class have to try and guess who it is.

Year 4/5 class

Their theme this term is Hamburger Shop. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.

- Extend their ability to read and write hiragana and kanji
- Learn how to ask for items and develop an understanding of Japanese Yen notes and coins
- Create and perform a shopping role-play.

Year 6/7 class

Their theme this term is My Town. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.

- Learn common prepositions and how to use them to describe where a place is on a map.
- Answer questions referring to a map as well as create a map following instructions.

