



Hallett Cove South Primary School
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Preparing for the future

ILLAWARRA

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Diary Dates:

Term 1

3 Way Conferences	12/2 -16/2 and 19/2-23/2
Small Class Swimming	14/2, 21/2, 28/2, 7/3
Assembly	16/2 Year 4/5 hosting
Preschool photos	26/2
Assembly	9/3 Year 3/4 hosting
Public Holiday	12/3 Adelaide Cup
Pupil Free Day	13/3 LDAM strategy
Governing Council	19/3 7pm
Annual General Meeting	

Principal's Report

The first three weeks have started well and all students and staff, old and new, are settling into school routines for 2018. It has certainly been a much more positive start being back in the new administration building and having everything back in its place.

This year we have welcomed a number of new students to our Reception class as well as to other year levels – welcome to Jack, Dom, Mark, Hailee, Ruby, Skye, Mia, Eloise, Eadie, Marinel, Katie, Sky, Alex, Declan, Zoe, Amy, Asher, Chelsea, Ane, Amber, Jordan, Sarah, Oscar, Wynter, Cheyenne and Claire. We hope that you and your families enjoy your time with us. One of our new Year 7 students shared her positive experiences of joining a new school.

HOW I FEEL ABOUT MY NEW SCHOOL

Dear parents/parent,

I felt challenged in some parts of my mathematics but eventually I didn't find it as difficult because my group was very collaborative and helped me out when I felt unsure. I also didn't find it as difficult to do my English tasks because I feel as if I can understand certain parts of English better like clauses and complex sentences.

I'm really glad I met S and A, they are very kind, unique and hilarious individuals and they have treated me very well this week.

Everyone else in my class are really kind and interesting people, I am absolutely happy here and I wish I had come here sooner.

From Claire

We also welcomed some new staff to HCSPS – Mrs Rebecca Bartolic is teaching the R-2 small class and Claire Grantham and Jardey Daniel have joined our school support officer team in classroom support roles.

All new staff have complemented our team and have greatly appreciated the friendliness and support of staff and the school community as they settle in. We inadvertently left Ms Kay Griffin, our Resource Centre SSO off the list of SSOs in the week 1 newsletter. Now that teacher librarian Mrs Coghlan has retired we are keen to find some volunteers who might be willing to assist in the library on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays with tasks such as shelving and book covering. Please call in and see Kay in the Resource Centre or let the Front Office staff know if interested.

Meet and Greet Night last Tuesday

Our format for the Meet and Greet Night was changed this year with classroom visits being followed by a parent forum, and BBQ. This proved very successful with approximately 30 parents participating in the forum and about 70 students, parents and staff enjoying the BBQ. It was a great opportunity in the forum for parents to provide their vision of the 'ideal' graduate and to chat informally at the BBQ. Staff undertook the same vision exercise prior to school commencing and it is affirming that parents had very similar values, skills and qualities they would like to see in our students including resilience, kindness, respect and bravery.

Communication

There are many ways that we will endeavour to communicate information to families in a timely manner. Our newsletter 'The Illawarra' will be sent home in weeks 3, 6 and 9 each term via email. Please ensure that we have your current email address. Hard copies will only be provided if we do not have your email address or on request.

The Skoolbag App is our other key information platform and will have regular updates and alerts. This Free APP can be downloaded from the iTunes store or Google Play store by simply searching for Hallett Cove South Primary School.

A term planner has already been sent home and an update is now posted on the Skoolbag App.

The school's Facebook Page will also have regular updates of key events and the website will be updated in the coming weeks.

Classes too will have their own communication methods for families including communication books, letters sent home, class blogs etc

Community News and Events



TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER EXPERIENCE FRANCE AT HOME HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

In June each year, students aged 15 - 16 years from France will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 12 weeks. Opportunities are available to become a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice your French, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.



Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance, a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your extended family and friends will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, we would love to hear from you...

For further details, please contact Jenny Hanson (SPANZ SA Placement Co-ordinator)
Ph: 08 8323 0973 / Mob: 0409 890 184 / Email: info@studentplacement.com.au

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Free parenting seminar
Raising brilliantly behaved children



Are you the parent of a 5 - 12 year old?
Want fewer behaviour dramas at home?

Hear psychologist, parenting author and commentator Jodie Benveniste talk about:

- dealing with challenging behaviour in ways that bring out your child's strengths and true character
- alternatives to discipline and punishment
- encouraging cooperation rather than conflict.

Wednesday 21 March
When: 7.00 - 9.00pm
Where: Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide
Riverbank Room 7 & 8
(easy access via West entrance)

Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at:
Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au

Presented by Parenting SA.
For more information about raising children visit www.parentingsa.gov.au or www.cyh.com

For the benefit of all participants we request no babies and young children.

Materials and Services fees and data sheets

Last week all invoices for Materials and Service fees and the incursion/excursion levy were sent home to all families, along with student data sheets.

Prompt payment of school fees would be appreciated or arrangements made with the finance officer to pay by instalments. Applications for school card assistance may also be made on-line if you think you may be eligible. Contact the Finance Officer, Margaret Bryant, if further information is required.

The student data sheets you have received is a copy of the records we currently have on file for your child. Please check these details carefully and return with any amendments so that the information we have is up to date. It is of great importance that information such as phone numbers and emergency contacts is current so that we can contact you if necessary. If no amendments are needed please simply sign and return. We would ask that all student data sheets are returned by Friday 2nd March please.

For children with medical conditions that need to be managed at school such as asthma, all health care plans must also be up to date and medications kept on site within current expiry periods. Please check with Front Office staff if unsure.

Library Book and Reader Returns

A number of library books and take home classroom readers are still outstanding from the 2017 school year.

Remember books can hide in places like school bags, under beds, in toy boxes, down the side of couches and other places! We would appreciate all readers and library books being returned promptly.

Volunteers in schools

Changes were made to volunteer screening requirements in schools and parents/carers of children are permitted to go with them on class excursions or help in their classrooms without a clearance. All other volunteers such as grandparents and community members require a clearance, as do members of the Governing Council or for attending events such as overnight camps or sleepovers. If interested in volunteering in your child's classroom please contact your child's teacher. Information on how to apply for a screening clearance if required can be obtained from front office staff.

All volunteers are required to undergo volunteer mandatory reporting training which will occur later this term.

Each time a volunteer visits the school they are required to sign in and out at the Front Officer and collect a volunteer badge to be worn whilst on site please.

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JUNIOR COME AND TRY NIGHTS

WHEN

THURSDAY FEB 22ND

THURSDAY MARCH 1ST

WHERE

**WILFRED Taylor Reserve,
Sports Dr, Morphett Vale SA 5162**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION : CONTACT
OUR JUNIOR CHAIRPERSON : EMMA
BROWN PH: 0481 109 280 OR EMAIL
EMMAMICHAELBEN@YAHOO.CO.UK**

**JUNIOR AGES
TRAINING TIME FOR
THESE NIGHTS**

U/7 5:30 - 6:30PM
U/8 5:30 - 6:30PM
U/10 5:30 - 6:30PM
U/12 5:30 - 6:30 PM
U/14 5:30 - 6:30PM
U/16 5:15 - 6:30 PM

**ALL ABILITIES, SHAPES &
SIZES**

**THERE'S A POSITION FOR
EVERYONE**

MAKE FRIENDS

GET FIT AS A TEAM

FAMILY ORIENTATED CLUB

BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME



Japanese Term One Overview

Welcome back to the 2018 school year! My name is Alysha Milani and I will be continuing to teach the Japanese language program at Hallett Cove South Primary School.



During term one there are many cultural events which occur on the Japanese calendar. In particular, students will be learning about the Japanese New Year traditions and the Year of the Dog.

Reception class

The theme this term is Greetings and Self-Introduction.

Students will:

- Learn how to greet their teachers and peers in Japanese
- Learn 2 greetings songs
- Trace their name in Japanese
- Present their self-introduction to the class including name and age

Year 1/2 class

The theme this term is self-Introduction and family.

Students will:

- Present a self-introduction in Japanese including name, age and their favourite animal
- Learn family member names in Japanese
- Learn how to say how many people are in their family
- Trace and copy family words in Kanji
- Describe family members using 4 different adjectives

Year 3, 4/5 & 6/7 class

The theme this term is Hiragana/Katakana.

- Students will be learning and revising the Hiragana alphabet through a comprehensive writing and assessment booklet.
- Students who have mastered hiragana will start learning about the second script- Katakana.

Coles Sports for Schools

HCSPS has registered for the Coles Sports for Schools Program in 2018.

Simply shop at Coles and collect your vouchers. You receive one voucher for every \$10 spent. There will be a collection box at the office for you to place your vouchers in or send the vouchers in with your child. Please ask family and friends to donate their vouchers too.

Thank you for supporting our school and helping us to get some fantastic new sports equipment.

Reception Class News

A special welcome to our new Reception students and their families. The children have settled well into school life and are building rapport and developing friendships with others. They are also establishing an understanding of our classroom routines.



Canteen News

Our modern, new canteen is operating with a more extensive menu, which was limited last year due to its' temporary location in the Blue Unit.

It has been encouraging to see so many families supporting the canteen since the start of the year, to ensure its ongoing viability. The canteen is open every Thursday and Friday for lunch orders, as well as for recess and lunch time counter sales. The menu was sent home last week and can also be found on the Skoolbag APP.

We will once again be opening the canteen on Wednesdays at recess time for counter sales only with the support of volunteers. If you would be willing to assist then please speak with our Canteen Manager, Carolyn or Front Office Staff.

Governing Council Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council will be held on **Monday March 19th at 7pm** in the staffroom/meeting room with drinks and nibbles provided. At this meeting the 2017 Annual and Financial report will be presented and the 2018 council elected.

The Governing Council is a great way to be involved in the life of the school as their role is to assist the Principal and school community with aspects such as:

- Setting the general educational direction for the school and financial management
- Policies and Procedures
- Management of OSHC and the Canteen

There will be vacancies on the council in 2018 so if interested please collect a nomination form from the Front Office. Meetings are held twice per term on a Monday evening. We are always interested in new members, ideas and contributions to council.

If you are not able to make the commitment as an elected member you are still very welcome to attend the AGM.

SOUTHERN VALLEY SAPSASA

Your child attends a school that is a part of the SOUTHERN VALLEY SAPSASA District. SAPSASA – Primary School Sport, provides students with opportunities to compete in their chosen sport by representing their school, the District or their State. Students who are in years 6 and 7 have opportunities to compete in all common sports. There are also opportunities for all students born in 2008 and older to compete in swimming, cross country and athletics events.

All information for the District is distributed to students through school SAPSASA representatives, however this year all SAPSASA information will also be posted on our Facebook Page. If you would like to keep up to date with all Southern Valley SAPSASA information, please click on "JOIN GROUP". If you have any questions, please contact jonathan.grant806@schools.sa.edu.au
Jonathan Grant
Southern Valley District Convenor

Parents/Caregivers interested in helping with school sport at HCSPS - netball, soccer and athletics this year please contact our SAPSASA representative Liz Graham, with your name and details of sports interested/experienced in to Front Office.

Parking around the school/ student safety

A reminder that the speed limit around schools at any time when children are present is **25kmh**. For drop off and pick up, car parking is available on the roads surrounding the school in designated areas. **The car park off Shamrock Rd is for STAFF parking ONLY**. There have been near misses as students walk through this car park to access the school and parents/family members are NOT permitted to park or drop off/collect students in this area. There is also a clearly signposted taxi drop off zone on Gretel Cres south of the crossing for students in our small classes to be safely brought to school. Please refrain from parking in this space in the times indicated.

Preschool/Playgroup

Our on-site preschool also commenced on the 29th January with more enrolments than expected for the 2018 year. We have welcomed Youssef, Krisztian, Lylah, Lachlan, Sheridan, Evie, Braxton, Aoife, Kenzie, Vera, Yeva and Prashant.

There are still some spaces available for pre-schoolers who turn 4 before 1st May 2018 so please let any families know who may still be looking for a supportive, friendly educational preschool setting for their child.

Playgroup will also continue on Friday mornings from 9-11am supported by parent volunteers. 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 activities are provided each week. A nominal fee is charged for this service.

OSHC News

The year has started well in Before and After School Care with our new Director, Gemma Chidlow running the program, following the resignation of Matt Holmes for family reasons. We would like to thank Matt for the considerable effort he put into making the OSHC a viable and stimulating program.

A reminder that all OSHC bookings need to be made well in advance as if we do not have adequate staff rostered on a particular day, then a late request for care can be declined.

Payments must also be made within 14 days of receipt of all invoices please.

There will be a Pupil Free Day on Tuesday March 13th so if you require this service please book now so that we can determine whether it is viable to operate the service.

Being Sunsmart

We follow a range of Sun Smart procedures at the school such as the wearing of hats for all outside activities. Our indoor hot weather policy applies when the temperature is approximately 37/38° C or 100° F. The temperature is checked on the BOM website prior to break times and it is often 20-30° cooler in Hallett Cove. When the temperature has been around 34/35° children have been strongly encouraged to remain in the shade, play more sedentary games and the library is open for most lunch breaks.

We strongly recommend that sunscreen is applied before school and sunscreen can be sent to school with your child to reapply during the day. Due to the possibility of allergic reactions the school does not supply sunscreen. Teachers will endeavour to remind those children with their own sunscreen to reapply throughout the day.

Book Busters: A book club for the young

Is your child an avid reader, looking to meet up with other readers? At Book Busters, we meet in the library after school once a month to browse new books, to read, do a craft activity, discuss, and share excitement about reading. Bring a friend or two to make it a fun session. A wonderful opportunity to connect with others and relax after a school day. Great snacks provided. Each participant gets to create and keep their very own journal.

Suits age 8 years and up
When: Once a month on **Tuesdays 4.00 – 5.00 pm**
@ Cove Civic Centre Library, 1 Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove SA 5158

Dates: 20 FEB, 20 MAR, 1 MAY

FREE Bookings essential on 8375 6755 [Library Online Event Bookings](#)