Behaviour Learning

When I was in Year 2, I remember being belted across my knuckles with a ruler by the teacher because my writing was untidy. I was punished for not learning a skill as quickly or to the same level as other children. The punishment did not make me a better writer. In fact it made me very self conscious of my writing ability. I did not want to write for fear of being untidy. I still have untidy handwriting. It is legible but not copy book like my parents. I type everything now and write as little as possible. Had the teacher encouraged me, shown me how to improve rather than punished me, I might have a better handwriting style today and written more as a child.

Like handwriting, behaviour is learnt. All children learn at different rates and have different skills depending on how they are taught. To become a responsible adult, children must be taught cause and effect. Someone doing the right thing has a positive effect on others. If someone does the wrong thing others are affected negatively. We want everyone to do the right thing because it is always the best thing for everyone and not just because someone is “managing” or watching them. Unfortunately even some adults do the wrong thing if they can get away with it such as parking illegally, crossing the road inappropriately, speeding, being disrespectful to others, littering etc which has a negative affect on others in the school community.

It is essential to teach children that all actions have consequences.

Punishment is not an effective tool to teach a child to behave appropriately. In fact, like being hit on the knuckles, the outcome is often the opposite of what we want to achieve.

Through the influence of Play Is The Way the school has a Behaviour and Self Management Policy rather than a Behaviour Management Policy. Our aim is for every child to be able to self manage their behaviour rather than have parents, teachers, police etc manage it for them. We teach and give students strategies to self regulate their feelings and their behaviours.

When a child does the wrong thing such as bullying or harassing others, disrupting others from their learning, lying, swearing etc it is our responsibility to teach children to change their behaviour. Every child who displays inappropriate behaviour is counselled and in cases of harassment or bullying Restorative Justice processes are followed to try to build positive relationships between the students so that the behaviour is not repeated. We currently have two fathers working with their sons at school to assist them to get along with each other and to build empathy and understanding.

The following are logical consequences for students’ actions which are used to help them learn how to behave socially and also to keep other children from being harassed and bullied:

- Community Service – students do positive work around the school during play time such as cleaning the yard, gardening, moving equipment etc.
- Co-Operative Play – students have to play together in a supervised game to learn more about the other person and to learn how to be co-operative.
- Think Tank – students spend play time completing a Reflection Sheet looking at strategies to change their inappropriate behaviour.

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• Restricted Play – students are given specific areas in which they can play.

• No Play – students spend extended time in the office because they cannot be trusted to do the right thing outside. They get their fresh air and exercise in other ways.

• Office Time Out – if students continue to stop others from learning or teachers from teaching the logical consequence is that they are removed from the classroom and work in the office or another place.

• Internal Suspension – for serious, ongoing disruption, children cannot return to class for a number of days. Children are counselled while in the office.

• Suspension – children legally can only be suspended for up to 5 days after which they must complete a re-entry plan in a meeting with their parents and the school. Children can be suspended to home or in some cases, to school.

• Exclusion – after 15 days suspension in a year, children can be excluded to another site or the Southern Learning Centre. This can only be done with permission from and negotiation with DECD and parents. One child has been excluded from this school this year.

The school uses all these strategies at different times. Suspensions are used to break the cycle of inappropriate behaviour and to reset the child’s behavioural learning with parent support through the re-entry meeting.

In all cases, parents and caregivers are notified of the behaviour and the outcome. Without parent support, none of these measures will be effective.

The School’s Annual Report has information on the statistics of inappropriate behaviour. It is posted on the school’s website each year. Please contact me if you would like more information or have any questions.

Our School Vision is to “Create a Community of Life Long Learners.” Learning to behave appropriately is part of every person’s life long journey.

Bob Thiele
Principal

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS TO BE RETURNED

It's that time of the year again! We need to have all library books back by Friday 29/11 in order to do our end of year stock take. We would appreciate it if you could please help your children to locate any missing books. Bills for lost/damaged books will be sent out the following week.

Jonathon Kaesler
Librarian

CHANGE TO SCHOOL TIMES FOR 2014

Staff recommended to Governing Council that from 2014 each day begins at 8:50am and ends at 3:00pm Monday to Friday. This is in line with the new DECD Enterprise Agreement. Governing Council has endorsed this which means that there will be no early dismissal on Tuesdays.

Bob Thiele
Principal

Hackham East Primary School OSHC
Holiday Program for students aged 5 - 12 years

Week 1, 2013 (16/12 to 20/12)

16/12 The Amazing OSHC Race & Dazzling Paper Planes
17/12 Excursion, Laser Zone (Noarlunga)
18/12 Candle Making, make your own candle to take home
19/12 Incursion, Stardome. Check out the night sky.
20/12 New Release DVD. Party lunch (bring a plate of food to share). Christmas Activities

Week 2, 2014 (6/1 to 10/1)

6/1 Old Fashioned Sports Day & Make your own 2014 Calendar
7/1 Tie Dying, bring in a white T-shirt or pillow case
8/1 Excursion, Team Trampoline
9/1 Cooking, Jelly Slice & Table Tennis afternoon
10/1 Excursion, Mystery Trip??

Week 3, 2014 (13/1 to 17/1)

13/1 Wild Animal Adventure. Come dressed as your favourite wild animal
14/1 Excursion, Noarlunga Playground & Wetlands Walk
15/1 Excursion, Noarlunga Swimming Centre
16/1 Make your own Puppets & Water Fun
17/1 Bath Salts & OSHC Wii Championship

Week 4, 2014 (20/1 to 24/1)

20/1 Incursion, Ride a Bike Right (bike & helmet required)
21/1 First Aid Day & Get a Fake Injury, learn basic First Aid skills
22/1 Cooking Fun, Lamingtons & Pavlova
23/1 Excursion, Wallis Cinema, Free Birds
24/1 Australia Day Activities, Sausage Sizzle (lunch provided) & Disco

• Activities are subject to change or cancellation (eg weather, low numbers). Afternoon Tea is provided.
• Please bring a healthy recess and lunch each day.
• For bookings or enquiries, contact Jacky on 0499 228 039. Cost is $42.00 per day minus childcare benefit ($47.00 per day on incursion/excursion days).
• A deposit of $50.00 per child is required.
• Notification of cancellations must be given at least 48 hours before the booked day so as not to incur a fee.

Jacky Smith, OSHC Director
Hackham East Kindergarten

Enrol today for 2014

If your child turns 4 before 1 May 2014 they are eligible to start Kindergarten in January 2014.

Pre entry is being offered now.

Please contact Chloe Stephens (Director) on 83826551 or come and visit the Kindergarten Monday to Wednesday.

Remember to mention this to your family and friends who live in the local area.

We look forward to hearing from you.
**DENTAL CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN**

It is important for children to have strong, healthy teeth and gums.

All children (0 – 17 years) are welcome to attend School Dental Service clinics.

Dental treatment is free at School Dental Service clinics if:

- Family Tax Benefit Part A is paid for your child, or
- Your child is covered by a School Card, Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

**CROSSING MONITORS**

**Term 4, Week 7 (25/11-29/11)**

**Morning:** Shayarn Bodsworth

Gabrielle Connolly

Sara Williams

**Afternoon:** Kamilah Shaw

Georgia Davey

Rychelle Buttfeld

**Term 4, Week 8 (2/12-6/12)**

**Morning:** Brayden Kilgariff

Riley Mugridge

James Siemensma

**Afternoon:** Jhayden Jarman

Tyrone Thompson

Wayne Jackson

The School Dental Service will bulk-bill under the new Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule that starts in 2014. Under this scheme, most children aged between 2-17 years will be eligible to claim up to $1000 of Dental services over 2 years.

If your child already attends a SA Dental Service clinic, contact us when their next appointment is due. If your child does not already attend one of our clinics, please phone us to make an appointment in 2014.

For more information contact your local clinic. Clinic list found at www.sadental.sa.gov.au

**CANTEEN**

**ROSTER Term 4, Week 7 (25/11-29/11)**

**Monday:** Catherine McRostie, Clint Noble

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**Wednesday:** Clint Noble, Leah Tynan

**Thursday:** Mandy Stopp

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **What about Mum?** A Free program for mums to come together each week to chat and share skills, while the children are cared for in the crèche. Held each Friday 12:30-2:30 at Family Connections Hackham, Collins Parade, Hackham.

- **Strawberry Fair** To be held on Friday 29/11 from 5:30pm until dark at The Vines Uniting Church, Cnr Rolton Ave & Reynell Rd, Woodcroft. Join in the fun - sausage sizzle, hot potatoes, hot dogs, strawberries & cream, Christmas crafts, gift baskets, cakes & produce, books & puzzles, white elephant, plants and lots more plus Father Christmas will be there.

- **First Taekwondo** Employs different selected programs and the latest instruction techniques to help its members to reach a high standard. Held at Morphett Vale Community Hall, William St on Monday & Wednesday 11:00am-12:00noon, Pimpala PS, Vanstone Ave on Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm and Flaxmill PS, Flaxmill Rd on Thursday 6:30-7:30pm. Suitable for families and for all ages. Ph 0411831650 for more information.

- **How to Manage Stress** A FREE session & lunch with Wellness Expert Todd Gignac. Stress can badly affect your daily life and is the number one trigger to heart attack. Held at Hackham West Community Centre, 2 Majorca Rd, Hackham West on Wednesday 27/11 from 12:00-1:00pm. Ph 83840655 to book.

- **Managing Children’s Behaviour Parent Workshop** This is a short one evening workshop that explores various methods of discipline for young children aged 2-10yrs. The workshop is intended primarily for parents. Held on Thursday 28/11 from 6:30-9:00pm at Woodcroft-Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre, 175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale. Gold coin donation. To register Ph Alison 81868900.

- **Foster Carer Support Group** Whether you care for babies, children or teenagers, whether you have been caring for these children for a week or for 15 years, come and enjoy meeting other carers for a free coffee and chat at Woodcroft Heights Children’s Centre, 25 Investigator Dr, Woodcroft on 29/11 & 13/12 from 9:30-11:30am. To register or for more information Ph Mel Round on 0433319611 or mel.round@internode.on.net.

- **Noarlunga Library** Games Hour Join us every 2nd Wednesday from 4:00-5:00pm for Games Hour. Chess Master Spencer will still be hanging out with the chess boards ready to teach and challenge, but now there’s more. Twister, Hedbanz, Connect 4, Uno, Jenga, Wii and lots of other games for you and your mates to play. Ph 83840655 for more information.

- **Christmas Pageant** Come and join in the fun at Beach Road, Christies Beach on Sunday 24/11. The Pageant commences at 10:00am followed by various activities at Rotary Park until 1:00pm, including meet and greet with Santa, roving entertainment, live music, balloon sculptor, face painting and local food and craft.

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For further information relating to some of the above events there is a folder in the Front Office with flyers.