Bullying and Harassment

It is unfortunate that bullying and harassment occur in every school and workplace. It must be some flaw in human nature that some people have the need to hurt others. There is a distinct difference between the two. Harassment can be a one off incident. Bullying is the ongoing targeting of a person or group of people. Neither are condoned at our school. Cyber-bullying is increasing. DECD and school filters prevent it happening at school but it causes major issues when issues are brought to school.

The school has anti-bullying policies and procedures for dealing with both bullying and harassment. Teachers are instructed to follow up every reported incident. Children are able to anonymously report incidents to teachers, the School Counsellor Scott Megson, Deputy Principal Sally Slattery or myself via the Bully Reporting box in the front office or directly via email.

School exists for learning. Learning to behave appropriately and to solve problems without violence or anger is part of this. When there is conflict between children, we work with them to help solve their problems. One step may be to spend time apart from each other for a while but ultimately we want children to be respectful of each other, to work and play co-operatively. We expect children to be friendly to each other but not necessarily be best friends.

To demonstrate this to children, I ask them if I am their friend. They generally say that I am. I then ask them if I ever hang out with them at their place or if they ever come surfing with me because friends do things together because they enjoy each other's company. Obviously, neither occurs. I am however friendly to every child. I always greet them and speak, act respectfully to them at all times and will work with them and support them. I am friendly.

Friendliness is one of the school Virtues to which all children aspire. We define Friendliness as:

- Sharing your time, your feelings, your ideas, your belongings and yourself with others
- Smiling warmly and greeting people courteously
- Asking people about themselves
- Caring for others
- Introducing yourself
- Showing an interest in other people and their lives
- Being kind and considerate
- Listening to someone who needs to talk – listen attentively and give eye contact
- Doing things to help other people

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When harassment or bullying occur we work with the victim, the bully and the bystanders. We assist the victim to develop skills in dealing with bullies in an assertive but safe way. We work with bullies and inform their parents. Some of the power though rests with the bystanders. Bullies often crave power and they get this by “performing” for bystanders. The bystanders can help stop the bullying by speaking up, letting the bully know that they are not impressed, that it is the wrong thing and that they will get a teacher. Good friends online will stop a conversation that has turned into harassment. They will not join in and by doing so, encourage it. The bullying must stop.

I have heard children say that they have been told to hit back twice as hard if anyone hits them. This is not condoned at our school and will not be tolerated. We insist on children learning to show friendliness and to solve problems including bullying and harassment in a non violent way.

To help develop our Virtues throughout our school community, large posters will be placed around the school for all to see and reflect on.

Bob Thiele
Principal

SPORTS DAY THURSDAY 24/10
Hackham East Primary School Sports Day will be on Thursday 24 October 2013 and will be held on the Oval at school from 9:15am until 2:15pm. Students can wear their school sport colours to school. Students are not permitted to use coloured hair spray or paint at school for safety reasons. If you are allowing your child to spray their hair or use zinc creams please do this at home as it will not be permitted at school. Parents/caregivers and friends are invited to come and support your child/children on the day.

Drew Grieve
PE Teacher

DO YOU THINK YOUR CHILD IS READY FOR SCHOOL?
Curtin University School of Psychology and Speech Pathology are conducting research into whether parents think that their child is ready to start primary school. They are seeking parents of children in pre-primary or year one to complete a 15 minute online questionnaire about factors that may influence parent’s perceptions of school readiness. To participate, please follow the link: https://qtrial.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5asTDTnLxWElG6F
For more information please contact Beverley at beverley.stacey@student.curtin.edu.au.
Your valued participation in this research is greatly appreciated. (This research has been approved by the Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. PSYCH & SP 55).

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart event on Tuesday 22/10 and had fun participating in the various skipping activities organised. Please return ALL sponsorship forms and money to Tracy Rowley, Finance Officer by Friday 25/10/13 or complete the details online (details are on the form). Thank you gifts will be distributed later this term.
Thank you for supporting this event.
Barb Beare
JRFH Coordinator

HEAD LICE
Please check your child’s hair regularly for head lice. If you detect head lice (live lice or eggs) treat the hair immediately. School Card families can see staff at the Front Office for shampoo. Remove the eggs - don’t assume all the eggs are dead. Removing them with a fine toothed comb and, if necessary, by hand, confirms your child’s hair is egg free. ALL eggs need to be removed from the hair before your child can return to school. Please advise office staff if you have treated your child’s hair for head lice.

PRIMARY SMALL CLASS EXCURSION TO SHOW
Last Term our class went to the Royal Adelaide Show to see our Show entries. We entered two group, six individual sewing entries and two art entries. Both group wall hangings won 1st Prize. All individual entries won prizes.

We are proud of our achievements and representing Hackham East Primary School at the Royal Adelaide Show in 2013.
Gail McAllister
Primary Small Class
**COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL BANKING**
The Dollarmites have found treasure washed ashore on Savings Adventure Island and they want to share it with students who use their Dollarmites school banking. All you need to do is make two or more deposits through the school (Wednesday) from 21/10 to 30/11 and you are automatically entered into the competition. There are 60 Apple iPod Touch 16g and 100 Adventure DVD Packs to be won. Good luck.

*Tracy Rowley*
*Finance Officer*

**HACKHAM TRADE DAY**
Want to meet the people who are behind the businesses in the area, from shops to home run businesses, we will have something here for you. To be held on Sunday 3/11 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Hackham Football Clubrooms, Doctors Road, Hackham. Come along and support local businesses in the Hackham Area.

Phone Claudia 0415313312 or Julie 0409676597 for more information.

**ABERFOYLE PARK IGNITE PROGRAM**
Parents of Yr 5 & 6 students are you interested in the IGNITE program?
IGNITE is a program for Students with High Intellectual Potential (SHIP). Aberfoyle Park High School is the only DECD Special Interest School in the southern suburbs that offers an IGNITE (SHIP) program tailored to suit the needs of Gifted and Talented Students at high school. Parents are invited to an information evening in the Aberfoyle Park High School Conference Centre on Wednesday 6/11 at 7:00pm. Phone 82704455 to reserve your seat. Expression of interest forms for the IGNITE program can be obtained by downloading from the school’s website at www.aphs.sa.edu.au, phoning 82704455 or emailing lsimons@aphs.sa.edu.au.

**SNAKES**
A member of our school community has reported having a snake removed from their backyard recently. With the warmer weather snakes will be on the move and looking for food. Please be mindful of this and speak with your child/children about their safety if they see a snake.

**BOOK FAIR**
A Book Fair will be held in the Library from Wednesday 6/11 to Tuesday 12/11 from 8:30-9:00am and 3:15-3:30pm. There is a new payment option with a mobile EFTPOS machine. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, caregivers, family, friends, students and staff to purchase books and novelty items in time for Christmas.

Thank you for your support

*Jonathon Kaesler*
*Librarian*

**SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY ROAD CLOSURE**
Honeypot Road will be closed at the Southern Expressway bridge from 26/10/13 until March 2014 as part of the $407.15m Southern Expressway Duplication project.
This temporary closure of Honeypot Road will enable major earthworks and bridge extension works to be undertaken safely and efficiently for construction of the duplicated expressway.
Vehicles will be detoured via Dyson Road, Goldsmith Drive, Beach Road and Main South Road. All detours will be clearly marked.

Pedestrian and cyclists will detour via Barcelona Road, Peppermint Grove, Peppermint Path Bridge and Brentwood Drive.
Adelaide Metro passengers who ride the 743 and 744 will still be able to commute in the area. Log onto www.adelaidemetro.com.au for revised timetables.
Work will generally be undertaken from Monday to Saturday between 6:00am and 7:00pm (weather permitting). At times it may be necessary for crews to work outside of these times. If this is the case, advance notification will be provided.

*Danny Parkinson*
*Project Director, Boulderstone Abigroup Joint Venture*

**NORTHERN CARPARK CLOSED**
The northern carpark to the school, accessed off the drop off zone, will be closed to all traffic from Wednesday 23/10 for approximately two weeks while work is carried out in this area. Parents dropping off or picking up students attending OSHC will need to park either on Collins Parade or Bahr Court and walk through to the OSHC room. There are only limited car parking spaces on Bahr Court with parking restrictions in place from 8:30am-5:30pm Monday to Friday. The walkway will still be open.
The main carpark is for staff only.

*Bob Thiele*
*Principal*

**WANTED**
The Craft Group need Moccona coffee jars of any size or similar jars with a vacuum seal for the upcoming Fete in 2014. Please leave all donations at the Front Office. Thank you for your support.

Do you make craft items at home? Do you have any items you no longer require? The Craft Group would appreciate any donations of craft items for the Fete in 2014.

If you would like to be involved in making craft items in a friendly atmosphere please speak with a member of the Governing Council to find out more about the Craft Group. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents at school while creating and making items for sale which benefits the school.


**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **Southern Domestic Violence Community Development Network** Coming together to address domestic violence in the Southern region through innovative Community Development projects. Held on 30/9 from 10:30am-12:30pm. Ph Sarah 8382006 for more information.

- **Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister** Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 4 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call toll free on 1800500501.

- **Celebrate the Vision of Young People** The City of Onkaparinga is a Child Friendly pilot community working to improve local outcomes for children and young people. Children and young people will be showcasing their results from an audit of local facilities, including what they hope to see in the community. Held on Thursday 24/10 from 10:00am-12:00noon at Woodcroft Library, 175 Bains Rd, Morphett Vale.

- **Reclaim The Night** Rally at 7:00pm Tarndanyangga (Victoria Square), March at 7-30pm King William St & Hindley St. Festival at 8:00pm Yungondi Courtyard (Uni SA). Featuring Aunty Josie, Catherine Zengerer, Emily Davis & DJ Narelle Walker. Check out Reclaim the Night SA on Facebook for more details.

- **MoneySmart Rookie Training** Are you a community educator, youth worker, student adviser or someone that just wants to empower 16-25 yr olds to be smarter with money? As active consumers, young people need guidance to help them make informed and confident financial decisions. Free training session on Tuesday 29/10 at Helping Young People Achieve, 135-139 Currie Street, Adelaide either at 9:30-11:30am or 12:00-2:00pm. Ph Craig Stephenson 92614167 to book.

- **Writing out the Blues** Using journaling and altered books, Community Sisters will be exploring what it means to experience the blues, to make meaning of those feelings, to discover ways to make peace with those darker emotions, and to draw on the strength and the light within each of us. Held from 29/10-17/12 on 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 9:30am-12:00noon at Southern Women’s, Alexander Kelly Dr, Noarlunga Centre. Bookings essential 83849555.

- **My Time** Are you the primary carer of a child with a disability or a special need? My Time provides an opportunity to relax, socialise and discuss challenges that arise from being a parent/carer of your children. Held at Hackham West Children’s Centre, 50 Glynville Dr, Hackham West each Friday from 9:45-11:45am. For more information Ph Milan Gligic 040369791.

- **MyTime Peer Support** For parents or carers of a child with a delay, disability or chronic health condition. Held at O’Sullivan Beach Children’s Centre, Galloway Rd, O’Sullivan Beach on Monday morning and include massages, craft activities, professional guest speakers or activities that participants identify as important to them.

- **Free Playgroup Celebration At the Park** Held on Friday 25/10 from 9:30-10:00am for children with special needs and 10:00-12:00noon for all children at Christie Downs Community House, Cnr Flaxmill & Morton Rds, Christie Downs. Includes a performance by the Cool 4 Kids. Ph Allison on 83846894 for more information.

- **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 1/11, 15/11, 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.

- **Online Short Film Competition** Online short film competition invites young people aged 13-25 who are residents of Onkaparinga to submit an original short film (up to 1 minute) on the theme “My Place, My Community”. Visit website www.onkaparingacity.com/oneminutewonders for more information.

- **Child Tax Offset** Do you have a child in Yr 4, 5 or 6? In 2001 the Government introduced the Child Tax Offset and surprisingly many Australians did not know about and have not claimed any benefits. If your child was born between 1/7/2001 & 30/6/2004 you may be eligible to receive tax entitlements. The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information.

- **Infant Massage** Massage for babies has been shown to reduce crying times, improve sleep and reduce levels of stress hormones in babies. Free Courses held on 30/10, 6/11, 13/11, 20/11 from 1:00-3:00pm at Hackham West Community Centre, Cnr Majorca Rd & Warsaw Crescent, Hackham West. Ph 83775400 to register.

Please see pin up board opposite the Canteen for further information relating to some of the above events.