Reading is a complex thing to learn and teach as there are many things a reader needs to learn to put together including: how to decode words, thinking about the meaning of new words, trying to make sense of new information, and learning to read with fluency are just a few of these. But the most important part of being a reader is the ability to understand what has been read and to be able to share, talk and use the information in a range of ways. If a child can read the words, but is not able to talk about what they have read, then they are not really reading!

This year one of the school priorities and focuses for our work is developing deep reading comprehension.

When we read we are usually using a range of strategies that we may or may not know that we are using to help us make sense of the text.

Some of the main comprehension strategies include –

Making predictions and using what we already know
Asking questions
Visualising
Summarising
Inferring

This year we will build students understanding about how the importance of being able to have conversations about reading and to share and talk about which strategies helped them to understand the book, rather than reading just being about the level of book that they are on.

We look forward to your support with this. Following are some questions that you could use at home to have conversations about reading.

Ask:
- Tell me about the book – what did you think about it and why?
- What were you thinking about the characters and why?
- What did you learn?
- What was the problem and how did it get solved?
- Did this remind you of anything? Could you make any connections to your life?
- Were there any new words that you learnt or were not sure about the meaning? Discuss how these words can be used in other ways
- Why do you think the author wrote this? What was their purpose or what do you think they want you to think about?
- How would you have changed the story?
- How can you use what you have learnt?

If your child is not able to read the words in their book, this is okay. Take a deep breath and read it with them and then talk about the book after. They are still getting comprehension from this.

Next time you read something, take a moment to stop and think about which strategies you were using that helped you to comprehend and understand. You will probably be surprised at how much subconscious thinking we do without knowing it.

Happy reading.
Sally Slattery
Deputy Principal
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CANTEEN NEWS
Orders have been sent home for the Easter Meal Deal on Thursday 28/3. Please return all orders to the Canteen by Monday 25/3 - no late orders can be accepted. Meals other than the Special Easter Meal Deal will be available on Thursday 28/3. The Canteen is holding an Easter Colouring Competition with all entries to be submitted by Wednesday 27/3. There will be winners from each class. The cost to enter is $0.50. Thank you for your continuing support of our school Canteen.

Coralie Goodman
Canteen Manager

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS/NIGHT
The following schools will be open for parents and students to visit. Parents of students in Yr 5 & 6 are recommended to start visiting schools to gain an insight of what secondary schools have to offer.

Aberfoyle Park High School, 20/3, 6:00-8:00pm
Adelaide High School, Principal Tours (bookings essential) 9/4 & 30/4, 9:00-11:00am
Brighton Secondary School, 8/5, 6:00pm
Christies Beach High School, 24/3, 11:00am-1:00pm
Hallett Cove R-12, 20/3, 9:15-11:00am & 5:00-7:30pm
Mitcham Girls High School, 13/5, 9:30-11.00am & 5:30-8:00pm
Reynella East College, 5/5, 1:30-4:00pm
Urrbrae Agricultural High School, 26/3, Information sessions at 2:00 & 6:00pm, Tours 1:00, 4:00 & 5:00pm
Seaford 6-12 School, 27/3, 6:00-8:00pm
Willunga High School, 20/3, 5:30-7:30pm
Wirreanda High School, 4/4, 4:00-7:00pm
Principal’s welcome at 6:00pm

Attendance Campaign
Your child misses a day of school here and there... it won’t hurt them right? Or maybe it’s not worth fighting with your child to get them out of bed and make them go to school...
In reality attendance has a direct relationship with student success and high school graduation rates, starting in kindergarten and continuing through to high school.
We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school - excused or unexcused - they can fall behind academically. **Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent** - which means missing 18 or more days in a school year. Research shows that:
- Children that are chronically absent in Reception and Year 1 are much less likely to read at the benchmark level by the end of year three.
- By Year 6, chronic absence is a warning sign for students at risk of dropping out of high school.
- By Year 9, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than year 8 test scores.

At Hackham East School we are beginning an Attendance Campaign. We have the goal of reducing the number of students who are absent more than 10% of the time, which is equal to one day per fortnight. Each child is a valued member of our school and is missing vital learning on their days off.

If your child is frequently absent you may be asked to come in for a meeting to discuss how best to support your child at school. If your child is absent more than 20% of the school week a referral will be made to the Attendance Counsellor. If your child is absent please remember to contact the school to let us know the reason for the absence.

We value every member of our school community and are looking forward to seeing all of our students attending more often!

Jacinta Wade
School Counsellor

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Dear Mr Lamshed,
The purpose of this letter is to thank you and your class for making my time at Hackham East Primary School one that I will never forget. In fact I have put it down as one of my best days of teaching.

As you know, being a relief teacher can be a very tricky role but when greeted by enthusiastic students who are willing to help and support you throughout the day, a significant transformation takes place.

The level of respect, emotional intelligence and support was overwhelmingly positive. I think it is really important that the students and the parent community understand that whatever you are doing in the school has been working to create citizens that we can all be proud of.

This year, I have also worked as a relieving PE teacher at Hackham East and I wish to commend the students that I have come in contact with from a range of Year 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 classes. They too are displaying a high level of respect, emotional intelligence and support for each other and for me as their relieving teacher.

I believe that the Play Is The Way Program and literacy programs such as Jolly Phonics as well as the teaching of values, manners and respect have made a significant difference to the way the children see themselves as a learner and how they function in their learning environments.

I also believe that having separate boy and girl classes has also provided many learning opportunities that are difficult to provide in mixed classes.

Please share my insight with the staff, students and school community, as I believe it is important to take time to reflect on the successes of the positive work that you have all committed to. It is definitely shows in the way your students behave.

Yours truly,
Salli-Jane Campbell
(a.k.a. Ms. Campbell)

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COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING
Account Opening Day - Would your child like to take part in our School Banking Program?
Rebecca Drew from the Commonwealth Bank will be holding an account opening session at our school on Tuesday 7 May 2013 from 8:15am.
All you need is your driver’s licence or passport for identification.

School Banking is a great way to help teach children to save and also get great benefits for our school.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS
Our OSHC service will close at the end of Term 1 2013 unless more children are enrolled.
Scott Cameron, OSHC Director, is leaving to pursue another career. The numbers currently attending OSHC are too low to make it viable to attract another Director.
To save our OSHC service more enrolments are needed now. This service is too valuable to lose.
Thank you to the parents who have and are currently using OSHC.

ANZAC YOUTH VIGIL
The RSL ANZAC Youth Vigil is a collaboration between the RSL and local youth and service organisations.
On Wednesday 24 April, the day before ANZAC day, two students from Hackham East School are invited to participate in a Ceremony of Remembrance at the Eternal Flame Memorial Gardens, at the corner of Flaxmill and Main South Road, Morphett Vale at 8:15pm. If your child would like to represent the school in this ceremony, please contact Jacinta Wade on 8382 3824.

FOUND - A “Bob the Builder” case/bag. Please speak with staff in the Front Office if you have lost it.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **Nunga Lunch** The Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Health Team would like to invite you and your family as Community Members to join us for Nunga Lunch at Christie Downs Community House from 12:00-1:30pm. To be held on 3/4 and 10/4. Transport is available. Ph 83849577 for more information.

- **Old Noarlunga Cricket Club** Junior cricketers wanted in U11’s, 13’s and 15’s. U11’s play Sunday mornings, U13’s Wednesday afternoons & U15’s on Saturday. Ph Oliver Rhodes 0433424473 for more information.

- **RSPCA** The Lonsdale Animal Shelter recently faced an unexpected crisis with the outbreak of Parvo which closed the dog adoption facilities. The Shelter is trying to raise $100,000 to mitigate the threat of Parvo and cover the sudden cost increase of caring for additional animals in the shelter. All donations appreciated.

- **Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** need Regional Representatives to encourage towns, schools, clubs, friends to share their lifestyle with students from overseas. Ph 1800500050 for more information.

- **Harmony Day** Celebrates the dynamic, diverse country we live in and enjoys the benefits this brings to every one of us. Picnic to be held on Thurs 21/3 at Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre from 3:30-6:30pm. Free entertainment, workshops, face painting and more. Bring your own picnic for dinner. Ph Rosalind on 83840739 for more information.

- **Close the Gap** Celebrate and show your commitment to Closing the Gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Aboriginal Australians. Event held on Thurs 21/3 at Alberton Oval, Cnr Brougham Place & Queen St, Alberton from 11:00am-2:00pm. Ph 84043436.

- **Aboriginal Mum’s & Bub’s Program** Held at O’Sullivan Beach Children’s Centre on 25/3 from 12:00-2:30pm. Ph Teya & Sandra on 83849577. Lunch and transport provided.

- **Autism SA Early Days Workshops** Designed for parents who are in the “early days” of their journey through the assessment and diagnosis process. Workshops are held in small groups to give you the opportunity to meet with other parents. Held on Wed 27/3 at Aldinga Beach R-7 School, Quinliven Rd, Aldinga Beach from 10:00am-12:00 noon or 12:30-2:30pm. To register email earlydays@autismssa.org.au or Ph 1300288476.

- **Sammy D Foundation Quiz Night** To be held on Sat 13/4 from 6:30pm at Reynella Neighbourhood Centre, 164-170 Old South Rd, Old Reynella. To register phone Janine 83870001.

- **Anglicare Fatherhood & Separation Group** Been through a separation, want to connect with other dads, explore your new role as a separated dad, keen to make the most of your relationship with your child/children? Held at 197 Main South Rd, Morphett Vale each Monday 6:30-8:30pm. Registration essential - Ph Alison 83923100.

- **Smart Move Chess Sessions** Want to learn how to play chess or improve your game? Come along to these 1 hour sessions held at Noarlunga Library from 4:00-5:00pm every second Thursday (even weeks) of the school term. Suitable for students aged 7-13yrs. Ph Spencer on 83840655 for more information or to register.

- **Basketball Carnival** Held at Noarlunga Leisure Centre on 13/4. Division 1 (12-15yrs), Div 2 (9-11yrs) & Div 3 (6-9yrs). Free sausage sizzle plus trophy for winning team and MVP. Ph Dave Adams 83841144 for more information.

- **Flinders Psychology @ GP Plus Super Centre** Flinders insight Psychology is now operating at Noarlunga GP Plus Super clinic. It is a free service offered by Flinders University clinical Masters and PhD Provisional Psychologists, and is supervised by a Clinical Psychologist with over 13yrs experience. Available for adults every Thursday and Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. Ph 81649111 for more information or to make an appointment.

- **Blok’e N Kids** If you’re a dad, step dad, brother, uncle, grandfather, family friend or any other important male in your child’s life come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast and an easy going play time with blokes at the kindy. For children aged birth-6yrs. Held on 23/3 from 9:30:11:00am at O’Sullivan Beach Children’s Centre, 51a Galloway Rd, O’Sullivan Beach. Ph 83822850.

- **Foster Care** Information Session on Tuesday 16/4 from 6:30-8:30pm at Reynella Enterprise and Youth Centre, 10 Main South Rd, Reynella. Phone 1300236783 or visit www.fostercare.sa.gov.au for more information.

- **Onkaparinga Youth Services** This service supports young people to become actively involved in their communities by providing opportunities for fun, learning and personal growth. Ph 83840666 or visit www.onkaparingacity.com for more information on the programs available.

Please see Staffroom window for further information relating to some of the above events.