To send an App message

Start by adding students to the Datahub 'pick' bar.

You can either.

- 1. enter the names directly into the pick bar
- 2. Pick entire class groups by selecting the 'group' icon on the Class lists

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Once you have the students selected and they are displaying you press App Message button.



This pop up window will display, it allows you to enter the App message:

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App Message Picked Group: 72 Students	× ^م بر
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Hook (text only - max 250 chars)	250 chars left
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- Enter:
 - o A short subject line
 - A Hook text only giving the what/when/where enticing users to open the message
 - o A full and complete message details can be rich text/html and contain links avoid tables or complex formatting -

Select an action if required e.g. Acknowledge (use sparingly to avoid annoying parents!)

In primary and kindergartens - there is a single 'Send to Parents' button which will send the message to the parents of the students in the pick.



In secondaries - where students might also have the App - there are three buttons

Send to parents (of selected pick)

Send to students (in the pick)

and Send to parents and students

Press the correct Send - then Check the preview and don't forget to confirm send

Testing

Remember there are already parents signed up for all schools - since many parents already have siblings signed up in other ESF schools

When testing - test with a small number of students and/or send out official communications rather than 'testing testing 1-2-3' messages.

Permissions

Only school staff have access to the Datahub - if you would like to further reduce access to App messaging to, say, admins or a subset of staff let me know the details

Read Tracking

Probably hidden away on your VLE admin menu (but it might have been moved by the time you read this) is a link to **messages** - essentially it is this URL

{yourdomain}/local/mis/bulletin/messages.php

Let me know if you want to put the links somewhere else

You can use this link to check on your Messages - It will highlight:

- what was sent
- · how many recipients there were
- The open rate (what % of student had at least one parent open the message to render the full message on their device)
- The notification time (and notify option) being used be the user (note a parent isn't notified about a message they have already read)
- The time it was seen, opened and possibly flagged by parent

NB: 'Seen' is either the time the parent opened it - or when they marked it read (individually or by using the mark all as read)

'Opened' is the time the full message details where delivered to the device

You can rollover a date with the mouse to see the exact time the message was delivered/seen/opened etc

Messages (Non-actioned)
 Peak School

04/06/2020 15 49:30 Mr Bill Gamett (92) Dear Parents

Please click HERE to view the latest important updates regarding Peak School

This week, like last week, has been very successful and again we thank everyone for respecting the guidalines. The children have been absolutely amazing and are doing so well in terms of dealing with the restrictions that are in place.

Thank you for your continued support.
Warm regards
Bill
Bill Gamett
Principal
Peak School - "Above and Beyond"
ESF
Hong Kong
IB WORLD SCHOOL
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unlawful. Please notify the sender immediately if you have received it by mistake, and delete it from your system.
345 recipients - opened rate: 21.1%

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Remember, for a particular student there could be 2 parent emails registered - these are tracked separately.

Use the x to remove the user from the recipients - this will retract it from the user

If you have requested permission, acknowledgement etc, there will be an extra column showing parent response (and time)

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Delete message										

Under the message tracking stats there are options to retrospectively add students/parents to the recipients list in case you forgot someone

And the option to (soft) delete the message

- Unlike email you can delete (really it is retract) a message instantly
- If there is an error in a message either:
 - Retract and resend a new message
 - Retract and contact ESF centre with the correction

Note that there are options to re-message parents who have acknowledged, given permission, paid (or, perhaps more likely, those who have not).

These links open up the datahub with the correct students already selected in the pick for you.

Advanced VLE setup options

If you want to check messages from the parent point of view - we can add a **messages** tile to the student summary page (for staff and/or parents to access)



As there are occasionally parents who don't have a smart phone (or have refused to download the App!) - this allows them to still access App Messages through a VLE parent login - **but it is NOT as convenient** and does not have the full functionality of the App - we wouldn't recommend advertising it as an alternative to downloading the App.