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Aussie parents miss school milestones

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As Aussie kids head back to school this week, new research has revealed that 72 per cent of parents miss major school events, and most aren't aware of what academic milestones their children should be achieving.

In the newly commissioned study, 39 per cent of parents admitted they had missed their child's sports day, 29 per cent had skipped a parents teacher evening, 27 per cent a school concert, and one in five had forgotten an important exam date.

Parents listed the main reasons for missing events as being notified too late or not being notified at all. At least 36 per cent believed their child had lied about or hidden news, events, or school letters.

To turn the tables on the numbers, mother of two Sharlene Barnes has launched a free app as a tool for principals, parents and teachers to stay connected and tackle the issue.

The Skool Loop App is designed to help educators share school news and events, while also helping parents keep track of dates and progress.

"I was struggling to keep up to date with the school curriculum and missed a few important school events," Barnes said. "Parents want to help their children succeed, however trying to juggle parenthood with a job is hard with all the admin.

"I was surprised from the research how many teachers and parents wanted better communication, and thought technology like an app would help so I created The Skool Loop App."

The new figures showed that although currently facing challenges, 83 per cent of parents did want to be more involved in their child's education, and 75 per cent said they would benefit from an app to better connect parents and teachers.

The Skool Loop App includes a school calendar, school contacts, absentee messaging, newsletters and forms and permission slips that can be accessed, signed and submitted via smart phone.