

Parents wagging teacher meetings

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ONE in three Queensland parents miss their children's parent-teacher evenings and more than half don't make it to sports day.

New research shows the shock number of parents who are skipping important milestones in their children's school life but most blame the lack of time-efficient, seamless communication with teachers for their non-attendance.

More than 50 per cent of parents rely solely on their child to tell them when the next exam is coming up.

Social commentator Mark McCrindle said parents were

working harder than ever and drowning in permission forms, medical information, diet requirements, sports fixtures and special appointments.

"Teachers are overloaded too and all this leads to a big blockage in communication. I

don't think it is unrealistic to think schools will offer face-time or teleconference parent-teacher meetings," he said.

"I don't think it would be wise to wipe out face-to-face meetings but I think more communications could be done through technology."

The data was gathered by The Skool Loop App.

Brisbane's James Hereward

wants to be fully involved in his daughter Lucy's schooling but is often in the dark about what is going on.

"I am separated from my wife and Lucy spends time with us both. That makes it even harder to keep track of the paperwork – permission forms, important exams and homework," he said.

"It would be so much more simple to just have a list of information arrive in your phone and permission forms and homework requirements sent direct."