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About This Release:

Release 965 is now available for downloading from our website. Some important new features contained in this release are:

In First Class:

- Changing details of blocks in Block Maintenance and allocations in Allocation Maintenance no longer removes them from the timetable.
- Camps are now more student oriented. Selecting the students going on the camp or excursion is made simple by selecting the appropriate sort criterion, e.g., students by form, or by house, or by subject etc. this flows through to A+.

In A+:

- Late/Early Leavers Passes can be printed to a Windows printer.
- Notes entered onto passes show in roll edit.
- It is now possible to schedule absences by day of cycle, or day of week. Examples of these would be that a student will be absent periods 1-3 on day 2 of every cycle for 3 weeks, or, every Monday for a month.

Just a reminder that when a new database is created, all Explanation Letter bar codes are reset to start again at 1. This may cause some problems with letters that were generated using the old database. In this case, the Edit Roll will not recognize the letter, so you will have to edit the student's absence manually.

Any Other Ideas?

Remember, we depend on the feedback of our users to determine the enhancements to be included in our software. If you have any brilliant ideas, (or even not so brilliant, but important), give me, Robert Bakker, a call on 1300 301 931, or email me at rob@humanedge.biz.



Electronic Roll Marking Software

If you need any further information about enabling electronic roll marking in First Class, please call Gary Stoneham on 1300 550 765.

First Class		
File	Open	For schools that had security enabled, there was no indication as to which database was being opened. Now the title bar of the login screen displays this.
Maintenance	Allocations	Changing allocation details in Allocation Maintenance now no longer removes them from the timetable.
		Allocations, including blocks, can now be given colours, which show on timetables. Note, however, that this is for display purposes only, and won't appear in the Preview/Printout.
	Extras	There is now an option in "Today's Changes" to show all teachers, only full-time teachers or only emergency teachers.
		"Camps" (and excursions), are now much more student oriented. Students and blocked classes, as well as whole forms, can now be entered into a camp. First Class will then appropriately ask which classes need cancelling, if necessary. Student numbers in prospective cancelled classes are shown to assist in deciding which classes to cancel. Attendees to a camp are selected using checkboxes, displayed in whichever hierarchy you wish.
A+	Edit Rolls	This can now filter students by form or Year Level.
		There is now a "View student's roll" which, when selected and a student is selected, will go to the daily roll for that student.
	Scheduled Absences	You can now select a date in the future to edit.
		It is now possible to schedule absences by day of cycle, or day of week. Examples of these would be that a student will be absent periods 1-3 on day 2 of every cycle for 3 weeks, or, every Monday for a month.
	Issue Pass	It is now possible to print the pass to a Windows printer.
		The time now prints on late passes.
		When printing late passes, it is no longer necessary to reselect the reason.
		Notes are now updated so that you can edit the default note but also add your own notes for each print.
		Notes are now transferred to "Edit Rolls".
		You can now select reason to be printed on pass as well as reasons for other periods.
Prior to printing the pass, current absence reasons as marked by teachers are shown and the option to edit these is available.		
Students who arrive late in the day can be allocated any reason overriding any prior attendance reasons for that day.		
Students who leave early can also have reasons applied as absences after that period.		

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		The reason selected is now saved to the pass type so the reason does not have to be changed. Most likely, once a reason is set for each pass type, it can be left as it is.
	Reports – Absence Activity	The Absence Activity report can now be filtered and grouped by house. Students will be in alphabetical order within the house.
	Reports – Detailed Attendance by Student	Notes as entered in Passes or in edit roll, now appear in this report.
	Reports – Unmarked Classes	This now has a period selector. There is also the possibility for a page break between teachers.