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# Hermit Park Herald



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Dear Community,

I would like to start this week's newsletter by saying how wonderfully proud we are of our Hermit Park School community. This week we have shown our school to some new parents and students and they commented that the school has a wonderful feeling. It is such great compliment to the whole school community and we thank you!

## Rule of the Week

Walking around the school this week it was great to see all classrooms focusing on "Being Responsible on the stairs and verandahs". Miss Foster's Year 4 class displays the weekly rule on their little blackboard just outside the classroom door while Mr Weynberg's Year 3 class displays the rule on the white board each morning. Keep up the great work everyone!

Next week's rule is "Be Responsible in the Toilets." This includes:

- Using the toilets during breaks
- Return to class/area promptly
- Leave the toilets in a clean state

## Attendance

Our target for student attendance this term is 94% which means out of the 50 days (10 weeks x 5 days) this term, we are aiming for each student to only be away a maximum of 3 days. Of course if your child is sick, please notify the office.

As you have probably noticed on all classroom doors we are also reminding parents how being on time to school is very important. The beginning of the day provides the structure for the day which is very important for both the teacher and students. School begins with a bell at 8.50am with learning commencing at 9am. We thank you for your assistance with sending your child to school each day on time.

## Lunchtime Program – Yrs 2-7

Our lunchtime program continues this term on the big campus. We are offering many activities including Chess, Soccer and Disco. This term, Mrs Cervellin will also offer a technology activity in the library. Lunchtime activity timetables are displayed in the school eating areas.

## Tasty Tuesday

Tasty Tuesday is on again next Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup>. This week we will be serving Buckwheat pancakes with freshly home-made strawberry jam – Delicious! Tasty Tuesday is only \$1 and is facilitated by our lovely Mums led by Anna. Tasty Tuesday also has its own facebook page and can be found by searching for "Tasty Tuesday".

## A Note from Mr Newell

Next week starting 4<sup>th</sup> August there will be **NO** lessons or orchestra due to Mr Newell being away in Brisbane for Fan Fare State Finals!

**Jeans for Genes Day**

On behalf of the Student Council we would like to thank all of the students and parents for supporting the Jeans for Genes day. Money raised will go towards research for children born with genetic disorders.

**Challenge Games**

This week our school was proudly represented at the Challenge Games by the following students - Alana Richards, Bodhi Isaacs, Fred Davis, Kody Leigh, Imogen Van Ballegooyen, Paden Milton and Maddaxe Ryan. All students had a great time and came away with many ribbons. We would like to thank parents who supported the students who can't wait for next year!!

**Australian Ballet**

We are very lucky to host the Australian Ballet at school on Thursday and Friday. We will be hosting a free dance concert on Thursday afternoon from 2-3pm which you are very welcome to come along too. We will be hosting four dancers for two days.

**School Photos**

Just a reminder that School Photos are next Tuesday and Wednesday. Photo money can be paid up until and on the actual photo day. Below is a timetable of the day your child's class will have their photo.

Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> – 7A, 6/7G, 6B, 5/6A, Prep B, Prep C, Prep M, Prep H, 3C, 3GD, 3W, 4B, 4F, 4V

Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> – 2OH, 2M, 2C, 2RT, 1DR, 1E, 1M, 1S, 5G, 5SG

**Goals for This Term**

We have set many goals and targets for term 3 following our super term 2. Our targets for this term include-

- Pat on the back –400 across term three. Last term we handed out 322.
- Time Out – reduce time out occurrences by 5%.
- Semester 2 - Students receiving A-C for English on report card – 80%

Have a great weekend,  
Clayton and Sharon

**Facebook Page**

Our facebook page is now being followed by over 300 followers. If you are not a member, just search for 'Hermit Park State School'. We tend to average two or three posts per week and it provides a way to also post photos from around our school.

**Bookclub**

Just a reminder bookclub is due back no later than **8<sup>th</sup> August** (sorry no late orders can be accepted) please return to the office with order form and correct money or pay online.

### Uniform Shop

We open Tuesday during term time, 2:45 - 3:30 pm.

Orders can be made at other times through the school office.

We now have winter jackets in stock at \$30 each and a range of groovy hair accessories hand made from Aranda at afterschool care. Please feel free to check out all designs at Koukla Boo on Facebook.

Do you have any old uniforms you no longer need? The P & C would love to receive your unwanted items. These will then be sent overseas to a school community in need. Please drop your old uniforms to the office (any day) or to the uniform shop which is open every Tuesday 2:45 to 3:30. Thank you for your generosity.

### Get involved in the School Banking program!

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account.

When your child make's their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will receive \$5 commission.

Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

How to open an account:

1. Application Forms are available to complete and lodge at the school office. Parents will need to bring along a current photo ID (eg licence)
2. If you already have a Commonwealth account, log onto Net Bank and open a Youthsaver account for your child through the 'Offers and Apply' tab.
3. Visit any CBA branch, remembering to take in identification for you and your child (driver's license and birth certificate).

You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

### To All Year 6 & 7's

**KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL** are having Sports Excellence trials next week for any students who are interested in enrolling in their Sports Excellence Programs for 2015. This is a compulsory trial for students wishing to enrol in the Programs. Trials information is:-

When : Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Time : 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Where : Meet at KSHS Multi Purpose Shelter

Bring : Sports Excellence Application Form for 2015, water bottle, hat, appropriate clothing and footwear (Sports Excellence Application Form will be provided on the day if you don't have one)

**Upcoming Dates**

August 5 and 6 – School Photos

August 7 and 8 – Australian Ballet

August 12 – ICAS Tests - Maths

August 14 – Red Track Interschool Athletics

August 19 – P and C Meeting

August 19 - 22 – Band Workshop

August 24<sup>th</sup> – Optiminds (Sunday)

September 5 – Moderation of student work with Edge Hill (Cairns) and Bulimba (Brisbane).

September 8 -16 – District Eisteddfod

September 16 – P and C Meeting

September 19 – U11 Rugby League – Annandale Challenge

September 19 – Last day of term 3.



**“We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, travel and live. We pay our respects to the Elders, their Ancestors and Future Generations”.**