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# Hermit Park Herald



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Dear Community,

Welcome to another week of Hermit Park news. We have had yet another busy and productive week at Hermit Park. We began the week with a "Discipline Audit" on Monday. The audit involved a colleague coming to our school and giving us some valuable feedback around what we are doing in our school to promote learning. The auditor spoke to staff, students and members of our parent community. The feedback we received was fantastic and we are so very proud of all of the work our whole school community puts in to make this such a great school. Thank you all!

## School Photos

School photos on Tuesday and Wednesday was also another highlight of the week. The photographers also expressed their pleasure with working with such a great group of students. If you have not already placed your photos orders you have until Wednesday morning to drop them into the office.

## Rule of the Week

This week it has been pleasing to see all students using our toilets responsibly. Next week's rule of the week is - Being Responsible Before/After School. This includes:

- Before 8.35am sit in undercover area until bell rings
- After school go to the office if you are not collected
- Keep your belongings nearby
- Be at school by 8.50am each day

## 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.

## Tasty Tuesday

Tasty Tuesday this week was amazing! Our lovely Tasty Tuesday staff served up buckwheat pancakes with fresh home-made strawberry jam. 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".

**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. We raised just over \$500 – a great result! Money raised will go towards research for children born with genetic disorders.

**Australian Ballet**

This week we had a visit from dancers from the Australian Ballet. The tour was called

*“Out There, The Australian Ballet in schools”*

*Out There’s* visit to our school involved two main activities - movement/dance workshops and a demonstration/discussion forum called *Talking Doing Dancers*. We thoroughly enjoyed their visit and I am sure that all students gained a lot of valuable knowledge.

**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%

**Red Track**

Next Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup> selected Hermit Park students will be attending the Inter-school Athletics Carnival at “Red Track”. All students participating should have already received a permission note outlining their events and approximate times and requirements for the day. Permission and medical details need to be returned by Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents and supporters are welcome to cheers along the team. Go Hermit Park!!!

**Optiminds**

Not long now until our Optiminds teams attend the regional challenge at James Cook University on Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>! Teams are busy preparing for their categories and are looking forward to performing on the big day.

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.

### 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.

We have a pink lunch box that has been lost this week, it is clearly named so if anyone has seen it or may have picked it up by mistake it would be most appreciated if it could please be returned to the office.

### Book week Parade

It's time to start thinking about book week parade costumes! Our parade will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September starting at 9.15am in the hall. Students come dressed as a favourite character from a book. Parents and families are most welcome to come to our parade.

**Upcoming Dates**

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”.**