



# Hermit Park State School Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 4 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## CALENDAR EVENTS



### From the Principal's Desk

This term Hermit Park SS will be moving to an online eNewsletter format. Final preparations are being made through our preferred supplier Schoolzine. In the coming weeks parents will receive instructions on

how to sign up for the eNewsletter or download the Schoolzine app. We are very excited about this move as it will significantly reduce our impact upon our environment; more than 48,000 sheets of paper (approx. 6 trees!!) will be saved. The Schoolzine newsletter will be interactive and allow us to communicate a greater range of information to our community. Watch this space for details on how to sign up.

If you are interested in advertising your business to our community through the new eNewsletter then please see below.

### **HPSS eNewsletter Sponsorship**



*We are pleased and excited to inform you that we'll soon be producing a new eNewsletter with Schoolzine. The move to this new format will promote and enhance our engagement with parents, students and the wider community in a format that is respectful to our school sustainability practices. We believe you'll find the eNewsletter highly engaging, as it will provide us with a more efficient and effective means of connecting with you. The new format will allow the inclusion of photo galleries, online bookings, mobile app, feedback forms, calendars and so much more. The newsletter also has a **sponsorship section** which provides a great opportunity for our local businesses to engage with our parent community. **If you would like your business to be a part of this, please contact Schoolzine re the Hermit Park SS eNewsletter on 1300 795 503.***

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

P&C Day

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Year 4 Excursion - The Witches, Riverway Arts Centre

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

2P&2R Excursion – Heritage Houses

OSHC meeting 5:30pm

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

2C&2M Excursion - Heritage Houses

P&C meeting 6pm

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

AFL QLD School Cup

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

School photos

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

School photos

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June

P&C Trivia Night

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Paluma Camp

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Senior Athletics Carnival

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Junior Athletics Carnival

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 Ghosts of Gold Excursion  
Charters Towers

Natalie Taylor



### EVERY DAY COUNTS

Current attendance rate

94.8%



## **From the Deputy Principal's Desk**

### **Rule of the week**

At Hermit Park we follow three main rules: Be Safe; Be Responsible; Be Respectful. Classroom teachers explicitly teach a rule a week. In our newsletters we will put in our rule of the week. Please feel free to chat to your child/children about the rule and what it means to them.

### **Week 5: Be Respectful – Stairs and Verandah**

- Walk quietly and orderly so that others are not disturbed
- Allow younger children to go first



### **Week 6: Be Respectful - Toilets**

- Respect privacy of others
- Leave it tidy



### **Student Council News**

Today we held our Pink Stumps Day. We are most grateful for everyone's support in wearing 'PINK!' and donating in excess of \$500 in gold coins!

We would also like to thank the wonderful families who donated baked goods for the pink themed bake sale. Everyone enjoyed the pink treats!

The cricket match between the teachers and students was a huge hit also!!

*Mrs Pecchiar*



## **From the Sports Desk**

### **Inter-house Athletics Carnival**

Take your marks, get set, GO! Our massive athletics carnival is just around the corner with all grades perfecting their throwing, jumping and running technique during PE classes.

The following dates have been confirmed for our inter-house athletics carnival:

- The senior carnival will run from 9am to 3pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of June.
- The junior carnival will run from 9am till approx. 1pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of June.

All parents and family are invited to come and watch their child participate on their respective day.

### **Interschool Cross Country**

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May twenty eight of our finest distance runners descended on Bicentennial Park to compete in the annual interschool cross country. Hermit Park performed extremely well with all runners representing the school with pride and passion. A massive congratulations to Fred Drovandi and Baley Woolf who finished in first place and Lila Sehdev who finished an impressive fifth. Each division consisted of over 130 of Townsville's top cross country runners. These three athletes will now compete in the NQ Cross Country trials on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

### **Friday Sport**

Expression of Interest notes have gone home for round TWO of Friday Block Sport. The sports available this season are tennis, rugby union (boys only), football/soccer and touch football. A special note for those students who paid all their money for block one, you will receive a \$14 discount due to the two rounds missed in block one. This will be indicated on the permission form your child will bring home.

### **AFL Gala Day**

Finally on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of May Hermit Park SS will field two teams in the annual ALF QLD Schools Cup held at Tony Ireland stadium. In previous years Hermit Park SS has performed extremely well with the boys' team placing second last year and a strong girls' team that improved rapidly during the day. We wish our two teams the best of luck!

*Mr Cody*

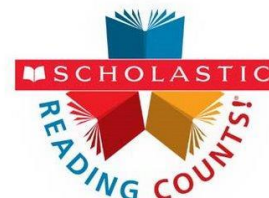
## **Scholastic book club**

Term 2 scholastic book club is here! All catalogues have been distributed so you can check out the great selection of books on offer. You can also download the current catalogue (issue 3, 2017) at [www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub](http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub).

Please place orders and payments in the box provided in the library no later than **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017** or go to [scholastic.com.au/loop](http://scholastic.com.au/loop). Details for payment options are on the back of the catalogue.

A portion of all sales come back to our school, which enables us to purchase great reading resources for our children. Thank you for your support.

Any queries, please contact Sarah Johns on [jaysonsarah@bigpond.com](mailto:jaysonsarah@bigpond.com).



## **P&C Association News**

### **Meet the P&C Secretary – Melissa Neil**



Melissa has been a parent of Hermit Park State School since 2012. She has two children, a girl in Year 5 and a boy in Year 1. Melissa loves the community vibe of the school and believes you are made to feel *'like part of the Hermit Park family'*. Melissa also believes that the school's great reputation is due to programs such as the sustainability initiative and the *'great teachers and wonderful leadership team'*.

Melissa has been a general member of the P&C since 2013. This is the first year she has taken on an Executive position. Melissa believes that becoming involved in the P&C is a terrific way *'to meet other parents'*. As a full time working mother, Melissa believes the P&C provides an opportunity to also *'know what is happening within the school'*.

### **Meet the P&C Treasurer – Larissa Moule**



Larissa has been a Hermit Park parent for seven years. She has two children currently at the school across Prep and Year 4 and a son who has just finished and moved onto high school. As Larissa says *'2017 was a big year, one in, one out'*. Larissa believes Hermit Park is a great school because of the terrific *'parent and teacher involvement'*. Hermit Park *'does things differently'*.

Larissa has largely been involved with the P&C as a general member and school banking coordinator. However, in 2015 she became part of the Executive and took on the role of Treasurer.

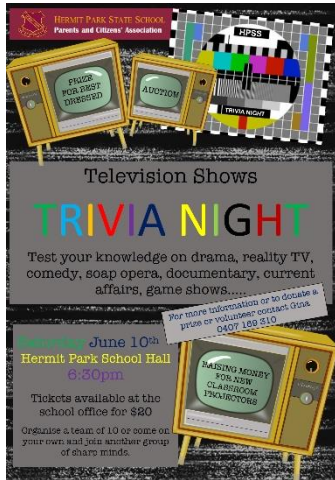
Larissa believes that becoming involved with P&C allows you to *'always know what is happening around the school'*.

### **P&C Day**

It is National Volunteer Week and today, 12 May, marks P&C Day. With this in mind, the P&C Executive would like to say thank you to all the volunteers within the HPSS community who have donated their time, money, expertise and advice in support of the HPSS P&C. The wonderful contributions of so many across our community enable us to continue supporting this great school by providing services, resources and infrastructure. We thank you!

## Trivia Night

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday 10 June, 6:30pm**, HPSS Hall. Tickets are **\$20** and are now available for purchase through the school office. We are raising money for new classroom technology in the form of projectors. Our target is \$5000.



This year's theme is 'Television Shows', so get thinking about your costume – prizes for best dressed will be awarded. The wonderful Mr Bona is again our trivia master extraordinaire!

So get those brains working, study up! Here, let's do some practice...

Q. *What was the name of Australia's first reality television program?*

Q. *Play School first went to air in what year?*

Q. *Name the four main male characters from 'The Big Bang Theory'.*

Much of the success of past years has been the wonderful prize donations made by our community for the raffle and auction part of the evening. Can you help us this year? Do you know any local businesses that could donate a prize? Would you be able to approach a local business for a donation?

If you think you could help secure a prize donation or would like to volunteer your time to help at this year's Trivia Night, please contact Gina, our P&C Fundraising Coordinator on 0407 169 310.

## P&C Meeting Day Change

As of May, the P&C will be moving their regular meeting time to the fourth **Tuesday** of the month. The next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 6:30pm**.

## Uniform Shop

The P&C uniform shop sells and accepts donations of second hand school uniforms.

The uniform shop is a CASH ONLY service. Transactions using 'card' can be made online through 'Flexischools'. For more information, go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

## School Banking

Thank you to all those families who participate in the school banking program. This quarter, the CBA contribution to P&C funds is \$533.21. Thursday is banking day!

## Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

If your child is booked in for before school, after school or vacation care but will be **absent** due to illness or any other reason, **please ring our OSHC office on 4728 2537** to let a staff member know. Alternatively, you can e-mail or leave a message on our answering machine. If we are not notified, children cannot be accounted for and this can be a time-consuming and distressing experience while educators are trying to locate your child.

The next P&C OSHC sub-committee meeting will be held on **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, at 5:30pm** in the OSHC room.

In OSHC last week we celebrated 'May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you' with all things Star Wars! The children showed great creativity, enthusiasm and imagination to make their own Chewbacca. Super cute!



