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Dear Community,

Welcome to another week of news. The school has settled very well into term three and our classrooms are very alive with learning. The children have been wonderful - really trying hard in the classrooms and playing very well together. Please read on for all of the happenings around our school this week.

Hermit Park Awarded \$33,000

Our term has started well with our school being awarded \$33,000 to upgrade the year 2 playground and soft fall area under the Queensland Community Grants fund. I am very excited about this grant, because it was only last year we were awarded a grant to build our playground on the oval. Congratulations to our P and C led by Helen for writing and winning another grant for our community! I am expecting us to take a little while to tender for the playground and expect to install our new equipment over the Christmas holidays.

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. Thank you for your assistance with sending your child to school each day.

New Split Rail Fence

Over the holidays, Mr A and our garden advisor Phil Murray constructed a traditional split rail fence around our dry garden. The dry garden is situated near the tennis court at the base of our windmill. The large gap in the fence is to allow the construction of a pizza oven which will be constructed during term 4. The split rail fence was constructed from hardwood from Tully and was assembled without nails or fasteners. It is a great addition to our environmental program in our school.

Drumming Circle

A big thank you to Mrs Emma Grogan (year 3 teacher) who completed a community drumming course over the holidays. Mrs Grogan has begun working with five students from year 7 and they will perform on parade later in the term. Thank you Mrs Grogan for introducing this new initiative into Hermit Park.

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.

Changes to Instrumental Program for 2015

As you would be aware, our year 7 students will move to high school in 2015. This means that traditionally, students had to wait until year 5 to learn Percussion, Woodwind and Brass instruments. From next year, these instruments will now be offered from year 4. String instruments will continue to be offered from year 3. Therefore early in term 4 we will be recruiting year 2 students (year 3-2015) for strings and year 3 students (year 4-2015) for Percussion, Woodwind and Brass. More details will follow

in early term 4. I am proud to say that due to the support of our parents and the P and C for purchasing instruments, one out of every three students in grades 3-7 studies a musical instrument of some description.

A Note from Mr Newell

On Tuesday the 29th July 2014 there will be **NO** string lessons in the morning, however lessons and orchestra as per normal after 1pm. The week starting 4th August there will be **NO** lessons or orchestra due to Mr Newell being away in Brisbane for Fan Fare State Finals!

National Tree Day

Yesterday Mrs Pecchiar and some year 7 students attended the regional presentation of National Tree Day. We have been given sixty native trees and shrubs which will be planted around our school. Every year our school plants approximately 100 trees to promote biodiversity around our school as well as provide shade for our students.

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%

Rule of the Week

Our rule of the week has been Be Responsible in the Playground – this means:

- Listen to teachers
- Be a problem solver
- Look after equipment
- Use equipment responsibly.

Once again our school will focus upon one rule per week.

Have a great weekend,
Clayton and Sharon

Tasty Tuesday

Tasty Tuesday returned this week beginning the term with a delicious Potato and Leek soup. And it was delicious! Our next Tasty Tuesday will be in a fortnight's time, offering buckwheat pancakes with freshly 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".

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

Scholastic Bookclub coming home this week, it is due back no later than **8th August** (sorry no late orders can be accepted) please return to the office with order form and correct money or pay online.

Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 1st August is Jeans for Genes Day! All children are welcome to wear their jeans and bring along a gold coin donation in support of this wonderful fundraising event. More information will be out this week.

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.

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Upcoming Dates

July 29 – ICAS tests – English – Selected students.
July 30 and 31 – Challenge Games – Selected Students
August 1st – Jeans for Genes Day
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 24th – 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”.