
Hermit Park Herald

02/11/2016

Welcome to our second newsletter for the term! We have had a very exciting couple of weeks. I would like to begin by thanking our wonderful P&C for everything they did last Friday – World Teachers Day!!

Our fabulous teaching staff were recognised for the wonderful work they do each and every day with our students. From thank you cards to our very own “Hermit Park stars fame walk” and morning tea. We all felt very special and appreciated!! On behalf of the teaching staff we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Sunday afternoon saw the families of our Year 6 students get together for a casual picnic. Families spent the afternoon relaxing and had the opportunity to reminisce over the past 7 years. I would like to thank Eliza Glasson for organising the afternoon and Andrea Blackman for the very unique invitation design. The afternoon was a true sign of the amazing bond of our parent community which I am very proud and honoured to be part of!

Instrumental music

Tonight we will be holding our Instrumental Recruitment evening for new students. The night is primarily for students in Years 2 and Year 3 who are wishing to join our fabulous Instrumental Music program. We welcome parents of these students to attend the evening which begins at 6pm in the school hall.

Next Wednesday November 9th we will be holding our Performers Concert. This concert is a very enjoyable evening to showcase the hard work our Instrumental and Choral groups have been working towards! We look forward to seeing you all there!

Prep Information Evening 2017

On Thursday evening we will be holding our Prep Information evening in the hall beginning at 6pm. This night will give you the opportunity to meet our fabulous Prep team and wonderful P&C team. The evening is one

not to miss with loads of tips on how to prepare your child for their first day. There will be sign-on sheets for ‘come and try’ days with your child.

For more information on any Prep events please contact our lovely ladies in the office.

Are you leaving us?

We are very aware that at this time of year families look at new opportunities - sometimes away from Townsville! As much as we hate to lose members of the HPSS family, to assist us with our preparations for 2017 we ask that you contact the office to notify us if you are leaving town.

Classes for 2017

Towards the end of this term teachers will look at forming classes for next year. Our wonderful teachers spend a great deal of time with the make-up of these classes. Due to our size it is impossible to fulfil requests for teachers. However we do understand that you know your child best and would encourage you to discuss with your child's current teacher any further considerations.

Drop off times

Just a friendly reminder that students are not to be dropped off at school before 8:15am. I have been very alarmed at the number of students arriving before this time. We do not provide supervision for the students until 8:30am.

Bike/scooter racks

If you ride your bike/scooter to school please park and lock your bike/scooter in our provided bike rack.

Pick-up/drop-off

Just a reminder to be patient around pick-up and drop off times. Also please obey the parking signage especially around our school crossings. The safety of our children near our roads is our number one priority!

School works

This term we have a number of school projects beginning. Last Friday our new fence near the hall and music centre began. Our amazing

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P&C has fully funded this project which will include the removal of the old fence, installation of a new fence and astro turfing the old tennis court. Eventually shading will be added to make this a lovely usable space for all!!

No parade next Wednesday

There will be no parade next Wednesday the 9th November. Instead we will have a parade on Friday morning the 11th November for Remembrance Day.

Trivia Night 2016

The Hermit Park State School P&C is happy to announce that this year's Trivia Night is almost sold out! There are only 3 tables left so get in quick!!!

Bookfair

We are extremely fortunate to be hosting a Christmas Book Fair in our Hermit Park School Library commencing on Monday 21st November till Thursday 24th November. This will be a great opportunity to buy some early Christmas presents for the kids. More information to come so watch for future newsletters.

Attention parents and teachers:

The Hermit Park State School Governance Board is a council that supports our Independent School by helping to guide it strategically. We currently have 8 members that comprise the board: two Official Members, two Parent members, two Teacher members and two appointed members. Member terms are approximately two years for Parent, Teacher and Appointed members. The Governance Board will be holding elections for the following positions:

- **One Parent member**
- **One Teacher member**

Elections will be held at the **Library** on **Tuesday November 22nd 2016**. Nomination forms for both Parent and Teacher members are available at the front office. Nomination forms must be returned by **November 8th 2016** to the front office to be considered. Successful nominees will be contacted by

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either the Board Chairperson or the School Principal before the end of November. For more information about School Councils, please visit the following website: www.schoolcouncilsqld.com.au.

Tasty Tuesday

Tasty Tuesday is on this coming Tuesday the 8th November. Our Tasty Tuesday ladies will be serving 'Paella'. A vegetarian option will be available. Please bring along \$1 if you haven't already pre-paid.

Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
02/11/16	Instrumental Recruitment Night for 2017
03/11/16	Prep Orientation Evening 6pm
05/11/16	P&C Trivia Night
08/11/16	Tasty Tuesday - Paella
09/11/16	No Parade
09/11/16	Instrumental & Music Performer's Concert
11/11/16	Remembrance Day
14/11/16	Yr 6G, 6H Da Vinci Excursion
16/11/16	Yr 6A, 6B Da Vinci Excursion
21/11/16	Christmas Book Fair week
22/11/16	Christmas Book Fair morning tea
24/11/16	P&C Meeting
25/11/16	Prep Picnic
30/11/16	Christmas Carols
05/12/16	Yr 3 Kingpin Bowling
06/12/16	Year 6 Graduation
07/12/16	Year 6 Big Day Out

