



Hermit Park Herald



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Dear Community,

What an exciting term! From Optiminds to Choir to Athletics – we are certainly on fire at Hermit Park. We have a lot happening across our school over the coming weeks. This newsletter also includes some very important dates to add to your calendar. Please read on-

Mobile Numbers Up To Date – Texting Absences

In a few weeks time, our school will introduce some new technological software that will allow us to text you if your child is away. It also will allow us to text parents to update you regarding the status of field trips and instrumental practice. In order for this system to work, we need to have your current mobile number on our school system. We will be sending a form home on Monday and we would really appreciate it if you could update us with your latest contact details.

QSchools

Please download the free QLD government app called QSchools on your smart phone. Save Hermit Park State School as your favourite school and keep up to date with our latest news feed and calendar events.

Pizza Oven Working Group

Our school Pizza Oven is almost ready. Mr Aisthorpe has been working to construct the oven for many months. Thank you to our parents who over the weekend painted the sides of the oven and installed seating into the arid garden. Thank you also to Glencore who have provided monetary support for this initiative to occur.

Athletics

Good luck to our 'Red Track' athletics team who will represent our community at the Interschool sports this Thursday. Thank you to Mr Cody for leading our team. Go Hermit Park!

Challenge Games

Congratulations to our Challenge Games team who represented our school last week at the 'Red Track'. The students had a super time.

Eisteddfod

Our Eisteddfod practice is beginning to increase this term in readiness for the Eisteddfod at the end of this term. This year our school is entering numerous categories including Junior and Senior Choir, Orchestra, Quartet, and Band. We will also have a practice concert coming up in the week prior to the Eisteddfod. This will be held in the hall on Monday 31st August at 2pm. (This will be in lieu of normal Wednesday parade.)

Prep 2016

Our enrolments for Prep in 2016 are now open. If you haven't already enrolled for next year, could you please assist us by filling out an enrolment form? This allows us to confirm how many students are 'In zone' for Prep 2016. Places for 2016 are very limited.

Tours on a Wednesday

Our tours on Wednesday are back for this year. If you know of any families who are interested in joining our community in 2016, then this tour is for them. Each Wednesday either Mr Carnes or Mrs Pecchiar tour new parents around our school from 9am. No bookings are required and we meet at the office.

Bookweek

Our annual Bookweek parade will occur on Wednesday September 16th. The Children's Book Council of Australia celebrates its 70th Anniversary in 2015. The Book Week theme will be *Books Light up Our World*. This is always a very fun day and the children and teachers discuss their favourite books. We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes!

Under 8's Day

Our annual under 8's day for students in Prep to year 2 will be held in week 9, Thursday 10th of September. Our junior campus is filled with 36 activities ranging from painting to jumping to creating. More details will follow.

Coffee in the Carpark

'Coffee in the Carpark' is a brand new initiative that we are going to trial this term. Once per month, we will host the 'Good Morning Coffee' van in the administration car park from 8.15pm to 9am. We are thinking it will be a lovely start to the morning to purchase a fresh coffee and meet parents. Our first Coffee in the Carpark is set for Friday 28th August.

CupCake Day

Our student council are participating in Cupcake Day to raise money for the RSPCA. Cupcakes will be on sale on Monday 17th August at morning tea and lunch time from the hall kitchenette. Cupcakes will range from \$1-\$3. If you could assist our student council with making/donating cupcakes, that would be fantastic. Please drop the cupcakes to school on the day.

Tasty Tuesday

Our next Tasty Tuesday is on the 18th of August. Our Tasty Tuesday ladies will be serving up Sushi! There will be one tuna and vegetarian – Tasty Tuesday style.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Our school is participating in this program which earns valuable resources to help our school. Please collect your earn & learn stickers from Woolworths and stick them onto the sticker sheet. Once it is complete pop it into our collection box located in the office. Thank you for supporting this program and helping to make a difference.

Have a great weekend,
Clayton and Sharon.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 18th August – Tasty Tuesday "Sushi"
 Thursday 20th August – P&C Meeting
 Friday 21st August – Yr 6 Rowes Bay Excursion
 Tuesday 25th August – Prep & Yr 1 Cranky Bear
 Monday 31st August – School Eisteddfod Performance
 Friday 28th August – Coffee in the Carpark
 Friday 28th August – Season 3 Interschool Sport Starts AFL
 Tuesday 1st September – Yr 5 Excursion to Charters Towers
 Saturday 5th September – P&C Trivia Night
 Monday 7th September (week) – Eisteddfod
 Monday 14th September (week) – Eisteddfod
 Thursday 10th September – Under 8's Day
 Wednesday 16th September – Book Week Parade
 Thursday 17th September – P&C Meeting
 Friday 18th September – Last Day of Term



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