



# Hermit Park Herald



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Last week I was so proud to present our 2015 Student Leaders with their Sports Captains and Student Council badges. We certainly have a special school when we have our Sports Captains, Vice Captains, year 6 students and year 5 students volunteering to help fellow students at lunchtimes, read on the junior campus and organise events for our school. In an age when some people argue that young people are self centred, this is a marvelous example of our students really taking a lead about helping their fellow students. I was also pleased to welcome our new Member for Townsville, The Hon Scott Stewart MP to present our students with the badges. Thank You also to Mr Cody who will look after the Sports Captains, Mrs Pecchiar who will mentor the year 6 student council and Mrs Goodman who will mentor the year 5 student council.

## **Minister Pyne – National Curriculum**

In the news of late, there has been a lot of discussion regarding the National Curriculum and what schools should be covering. I am very pleased to report that we are utilising the National Curriculum for all subjects already. I have always been a very big believer in a National Curriculum because it means that for families who move around our country, children do not have to keep restarting their learning based upon a State based curriculum.

## **A Big Congratulations to Mia Newley and Townsville Fire**

On Sunday, our super WNBL team won the National title – the first time a Queensland Ladies team has ever won the trophy. I would like to congratulate Mia Newley who was also MVP who worked with our year 3's last year and is training to become a super teacher.

## **Clayton Representing Our School In Sydney**

Yesterday I was in Sydney for the day to represent our community at the Future Schools digital learning forum. I had to provide a lecture about our community and I learnt many new ICT things from other schools. If you have ipads at home, one great idea is OSMO which allows students to manipulate shapes with the help of an ipad.

## **Sport –**

- Futsal  
Yehea – Congratulations to all of our Futsal teams who competed last week at the Townsville Futsal Competition. A special congratulations to our girls team who made the Grand Final and will represent our school at the upcoming North Queensland Futsal titles.
- Interschool Swimming  
This Tuesday morning we will compete in the annual Interschool Swimming Competition. Our team has been training for three weeks and will be led by Mr Cody. All permission notes have been hand out to our team members.
- Cross Country  
Our annual Interhouse Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of March. More details will be following.

## **Teacher Planning Coming Up**

In the last week of this term, all of our teachers will be spending a half of a day planning with their year level colleagues. We utilise this time for teachers to review the curriculum expectations of each subject

area and ensure that we are covering all required content. We also use this time to check that all assessment pieces have been developed and link to the National Curriculum.

### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

Our annual Easter Bonnet parade for students in grades P-2 will be held on Wednesday April 1 in the morning. There will be no parade in the afternoon.

### **Apple Drier – Grade 6**

Over the last week our year 6 students have been drying apple in a solar drier. You may have seen it sitting in the broad sun on the year 2 play oval on the main campus. ###

### **When A Cyclone Visits Us**

For our new families, when a cyclone decides to come and visit us:

- The final call as to whether a child comes to school is always the Parents.
- If there are high winds around and a cyclone is nearby, please listen to radio 4TO as to whether our school is open for the day. An announcement is normally made around 7am.
- If our school is closed for the day, this also includes Outside School Care.
- After the cyclone, we normally have an impromptu working bee to clear broken trees providing the grounds are safe. Please do not come onto school grounds post cyclone until I have been given the all clear from Education Queensland. For example last cyclone we had power cut to the junior campus for many days.
- Fingers crossed that we don't need to refer to these instructions anytime soon.

### **Rule of the Week**

Next weeks rule of the week is: Be Safe on the Stairs and Verandah. This includes:

- Hold onto rails if necessary
- Walk one step at a time
- Carry items correctly
- Keep passage ways clear at all times

### **Senior Shirts – Year 6**

The adorned Senior Shirts were distributed last week with appreciation and satisfaction! It was lovely to see most of the seniors wearing the new shirts at parade - they looked especially snappy up on stage during the student council presentation!

It seems they are so much of a hit that more adorned shirts are being ordered. Therefore, the P&C would like to offer adorned Senior Shirts, yet again! Simply put in an order at the front office for your adorned Senior Shirt (\$37) and we will get another batch printed as soon as possible. There is a limited supply of Senior Shirts left (we will not be ordering more at this stage) so orders will be on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis!! Alternately, those of you interested in a plain Senior Shirt (\$30), they too are available at the Uniform Shop on Tuesday afternoons - also on a first come, first served basis.

Thank you all for getting in your orders so quickly. Please have your orders placed at the front office by the end of term to be distributed early in term 2!

### **Resource Levy**

If you have not done so already please pop into the office to pay your resource levy of \$50 as its due date was the end of February. (Cash only) Thank you for your support of the school.

### **Tasty Tuesday**

**Uniform Shop**

Our Uniform shop is open every Tuesday afternoon from 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

We are happy to accept orders through the school office if you cannot make it on a Tuesday.

We have a final decision on the new skirt and short uniform which will be available as of term 2! As a result we will not be ordering anymore of the current bottoms so stock is very limited.

We also have currently sold out of the small size in the reversible bucket hats in all house colours, however new stock will be arriving soon. We will let you know when they arrive via the newsletter. We still have plenty in all other sizes.

We are still collecting any old uniforms so please feel free to bring them in!

**School Banking**

Thursday is Banking Day!

With the numbers steadily increasing help is required to count banking money. Counting takes place each Thursday from 3pm in the Library. Please feel free to come along if you are available to help!

Please call Larissa on 0411 547 969 if you have any banking enquiries.

**Dates to Remember**

Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> - HPSS Swim team training 7.30am-8.15am Aitkenvale SS pool.

Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> - Leadership Badge Presentation parade 2.30pm

Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> - P & C Meeting

Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> - Interschool Futsal Competition

Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> - HPSS Swim team training 7.30am-8.15am Aitkenvale SS pool.

Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> - Interschool Swimming Carnival Long Tan Pool.



**“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”.**