



# Hermit Park Herald



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## Science Week

Last week, the Hermit Park State School community celebrated *Science Week*. On parade, we had the pleasure of welcoming our adopt a scientists onto parade – Jess, Eryn and Meg. We conducted a dry ice experiment and it was a lot of fun and we created a lot of bubbles. Our Students of the Week this week were selected on their love Science in class. We have also launched the ‘Ask a Scientist’ letterbox located at the office. If you would like a science question answered for example, ‘Why is the sky blue?’ or ‘What is a low pressure system?’, please leave your question, your name, and your class in the letterbox and one of our scientists will answer your question – Very cool indeed!

## NAPLAN

Last week we sent home individual NAPLAN reports. I am very pleased to report that our school scored above the National average in all areas and in all grades. As always, we will now review our data to see if there are any trends we can identify to further improve our curriculum. Our results included –

	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar	Numeracy
Year 3	432	430	397	447	390
Year 5	517	500	513	526	500

## Red Track – Interschool Athletics

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of August Hermit Park partook in the annual interschool athletics carnival held at the Townsville Sports Reserve. Our 64 strong squad were very successful across all age groups and events. A special congratulations to Jett Fairbrother, Harry Drovandi, Kate Dietrich and Lara Skerratt on their selection to trial for the NQ athletics team. These four athletes have the chance of representing NQ in State Championships held in October.

## Principal Congress

Last week I travelled to Brisbane to participate in the Queensland Principals Congress. The congress consists of 12 Principals who meet once per term to work with the Director General of Education. It is lovely recognition of our entire school community.

## Painting of E Block

We love our Queensland buildings at Hermit Park. This week we completed painting Mr A’s and Mrs Glancy’s building in the middle of the school in our traditional colour scheme. We are currently applying to have Blocks F and G painted in the near future.

## Sand Replacement on Junior Campus

Our sand replacement of our three playgrounds on the junior campus is now complete. The sand is certified impact sand that we will add to each year. I know in our house, a little bit of sand comes home each night when my own children take their shoes off!

## Prep 2016

We are now beginning to finalise our numbers for Prep in 2016. If you are in the zone, could you please assist us by sending in your enrolment form. We will be contacting all Prep 2016 families at the end of this term to begin our transition program in term 4.

## Cup Cakes for RSPCA- We Raised \$1000 – Yeeha!

Our community has excelled once again raising \$1000 for the RSPCA through the sale of cupcakes. Thank you to our student council for organising this initiative in our school and demonstrating our school values, particularly Caring and Citizenship beautifully. Thank you all so much for your support and donations of cupcakes. Hermit Park is indeed a super community.

### **Opti-minds Sleepover**

Our school will be entering four teams into the Opti-minds Tournament this year. Our teams camped at the school and practiced their Opti-minds responses and prepared for the upcoming competition. Thank you to our Opti-minds teachers for organising the Opti-sleepover.

### **OPTI-MINDS FREE DRESS**

**Free dress day tomorrow Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August! Students are encouraged to wear bright and colourful clothing! (Please remember to be sun safe). Gold coin donation with all proceeds going towards our Opti-minds teams.**

### **Quiz Night**

Our annual trivia night is coming up on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to secure a seat, make sure to stop in at the front office to put your name down. Your \$25 ticket will buy you a wonderfully entertaining, adults-only evening filled with six rounds of trivia, live music, a platter of food (catered by the Tasty Tuesday crew) and a chance to help raise some much needed funds for Hermit Park through our auction and raffle. Don't forget the theme is H. P (for Hermit Park) and we'd love to see everyone in fancy dress – maybe Harry Potter, or a Hippopotamus or a Princess – let your imagination run wild!

### **Coffee in the Carpark**

Our first ever Coffee in the Carpark will be held this Friday in the admin carpark. We will have a coffee van, giving parents a chance to grab a coffee before work when you drop your children off. At this stage we will hold it once per month.

### **Under 8's**

Our Under 8's day is one of my favourite days of the year. This year it will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September and will include 36 stations that children can visit including play dough, cooking and music. The day caters for students in years Prep -2 and more information will come home next week.

### **Bookweek**

Our annual Bookweek parade will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The day is a fun day that encourages students to share with each other their favourite books and characters.

### **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our school by collecting the Woolworths earn and learn stickers. All completed sheets and any stickers need to be handed in to the office by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We hope to earn some fantastic new educational equipment for our school!

### **Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Recall - Please Read**

Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

### **QSchools App**

Please download the free QLD Government QSchools app on your smart phone to view our upcoming calendar events or alternatively view it on our website.

Have a super weekend everyone,

Clayton and Sharon.



**“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”**