
Hermit Park Herald

12/09/2016

Hello everyone – it's hard to believe we are yet again at the end of another term. We have been very busy with our extremely successful bookfair, optiminds, eisteddfod and school disco being some of the major highlights.

Farewell to Mr Carnes

As we begin our preparations for next term, it is with great sadness we say our farewells to Mr Carnes. Mr Carnes is leaving us at this end of this week to take up the Principal position at Manly State School in Brisbane.

On behalf of everyone –students, staff and our community I would like to thank Mr Carnes for everything he has done for not only the school but everyone involved in the school. There are not enough words that can express how grateful and privileged we are to have been led by such a wonderful caring man for the past 10 years. Mr Carnes we will all miss you greatly and we wish you and your family all the best!!

Farewell Parade

Tomorrow Wednesday 14th September we will be holding a special parade on the basketball court at 2:15pm to thank Mr Carnes for his time at HPSS and to wish him well. We would love you all to be there!

Acting Principal for Term 4

I have been fortunate enough to be given the privilege to lead the school in term 4. Whilst I am aware of the very big shoes I am to fill I assure you the staff and I will continue to make our school the best it can possibly be. We have been led by the greatest and will endeavor to carry on with the same values and love that make our school a very special place to be. I am looking forward to a very busy term filled with celebrations. Please see our upcoming dates at the end of this newsletter.

Kind Regards
Sharon Pecchiar

Free Dress Day

This Wednesday we will be holding a free dress day to raise money for Relay for Life. Students are asked to come dressed in **PURPLE** sun safe, school appropriate clothing. It is a gold coin donation. Thank you.

Eisteddfod

Congratulations to everyone involved with our recent performances at the Townsville Eisteddfod. As a school we are very proud of all of our groups that performed so very well. Well done to our Junior Concert Band, Senior Concert Band, String Orchestra, Woodwind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and Senior Choir. Our String Orchestra and Senior Concert Band won first place! An outstanding achievement!!

A very big thanks to all of our wonderful instrumental teachers – Miss Belford, Mr Brunskill, Mrs Darrigan, Mr Newell and Mrs De Jersey Also a very big thanks to Mrs Jocusen, Mrs Sullivan and to all teachers who assisted at the Eisteddfod. We would also like to thank the lovely Mrs Maureen Johnson and Mrs Roseann Phelan for their assistance with the distribution and washing of the school performance shirts. We greatly appreciate your help!!

Jump Rope for Heart

Monday morning Mr Cody held a very fun jump-off for students on the Senior Campus. Students had so much fun jumping to music with a variety of rope sizes available. A session for the Early Years campus will be held later this week. All forms and money were due Monday. Congratulations to all students who participated.

Disco

Thanks to all who came to the disco last week. The evening was a great success and full of fun! Thanks to all involved especially our super cool resident DJ Cody. A fantastic night was had by all with around \$3000 raised for our two Optiminds teams heading to Brisbane in week one of next term.

Book fair

It was with great excitement our Hermit Park school community celebrated Book Week 2016. Events during the week included a Scholastic book fair, HPSS Celebrates Reading afternoon, Book Week Parade, and a Big Book Swap. Thank you so much to our fantastic students, community, and staff for your wonderfully generous support at all of these events! Over 400 family members helped us to celebrate reading on the Tuesday afternoon which included activities like teachers' favourite book readings, face painting, book fair, and an author visit. Your generosity during this afternoon saw the OPTIMINDS sausage sizzle raise \$1300, and our book fair sales were over \$4000! Our Book Week Parade saw many amazing costumes by both students and staff. The big book swap had over 800 books swap hands between our students. Our total sales for Book Fair were just under \$8000 meaning we were able to select \$1600 in books and \$700 in cash. Thank you all so much! Feedback from parent's students and staff means these events are sure to be held again in 2017.

Our next Book Fair will be held in November this year with some great Christmas bargains available. See you there.

Optiminds in the State Finals

A huge thank you to the Hermit Park Community for their support of the Optiminds Disco last week where we raised approx. \$3000 for our students heading to Brisbane mid-October for the state finals. The students are working hard on their entry to Youth Expo and had the opportunity last week to visit St. Margaret Mary's to see the fabulous work they do with helping women around the world. On a Friday both teams have been engaging in their 3 hour challenge, working as a team to solve tasks in the areas of Social Science and Language Literature.

Hermit Park Weekly**Prep Enrolments 2017**

As you would be aware, our school is rapidly growing and our Prep positions are tightly managed. If you haven't already done so, please contact the school office on 4421 2222 or call in to grab an application form for prep enrolment for your child in 2017.

A letter outlining our Prep transition process will be mailed home this week.

Market Stall

At our year 6 Market stall on parade this Wednesday we will have our usual coffee, produce, plants and worm wee for sale. To raise funds for our optiminds teams we will have some extra items for sale such as established pot plants, HPSS head bands plus more. Please bring along your loose change.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 14th September – Free Dress Day

Wednesday 14th September – Parade 2:15pm

Thursday 15th September – Writers Workshop

Thursday 15th September – PSHS Free Concert

Friday 16th September – Last day of term 3

Term 4

Monday October 3rd – Public Holiday

Monday October 17th – Pupil Free Day

Thursday October 27th – P&C Meeting

Thursday November 3rd – Prep Information Evening

Wednesday November 9th – Performers Concert

Monday November 21st – Friday November 25th – Christmas Book fair

Thursday November 24th – P & C Meeting

Wednesday November 30th – Xmas Carols

Tuesday December 6th – Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday December 6th – Year 6 Dance

Wednesday December 7th – Year 6 Big Day Out