



Hermit Park State School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 8 – Friday 17th March 2017



From the Principal's Desk

During 2017 Hermit Park SS has a sharp teaching and learning focus on continued improvement and progress. Our 2017 annual implementation plan for 2017 has been finalised with the key improvement areas being Reading, Writing, U2B Numeracy, Age Appropriate Pedagogies and Collegial Coaching. Our school targets are:

Reading and Writing Improvement

- LOA Data (English) – 85% of students A-C
- Reading – 85% of students at or above age-appropriate levels in Reading
- 85% of students at A-C English term LOA data
- Writing – 80% of students at A-C English written summative task

Improvement in U2B

- NAPLAN Numeracy – Year 3 – 45% Year 5 – 35%

Quality Teaching & Learning

- Age-Appropriate Pedagogies – 100% teacher involvement across P-1
- Collegial Coaching – 100% of teaching staff engaged in Collegial Coaching

At Hermit Park SS our focus is on what works BEST for the school and what works BEST for each teacher and each child. Whilst we have some common expectations and approaches, each teacher in their classroom is continually striving to grow and add value to each child's learning (academic, social, emotional). Recently all of our staff attended external moderation, where sample student work was shared across our partner schools with the intention of developing a common language about achievement standards, a deeper understanding of quality assessment and how to maximise the learning for all of our students in the State sector. Overall staff had a highly positive experience and have gained much from the collegiality of the process.

CALENDER EVENTS

Monday 20th March

HPSS OSHC
AGM & General Meeting
5:30pm at OSHC room

Tuesday 21st March

1DR, 1M, 1E Sustainability
Excursion

Wednesday 22nd March

1S, 1W Sustainability
Excursion

Thursday 23rd March

Aunty Peach Performance
Grades Prep – 6 HPSS
P&C AGM & General meeting
6pm HPSS

Tuesday 28th March

P-2 Easter Bonnet Parade

Wednesday 29th March

Interhouse Cross Country
HPSS 12:30pm – 2:45pm

Friday 31st March

Netball/Rugby League Gala
Day

Friday 31st March

Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 18th April

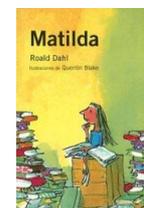
First day of Term 2



Last weekend a group of teachers, family and friends volunteers came into the school to assemble bench table seating donated by our wonderful P&C. The tables are spread across the Junior and Senior campuses. Between 15 and 20 human hours of work was knocked over in 1 1/2 hours. To quote Mr Weynberg, "It's the teamwork that makes the dream work!"



Finally, I had the absolute pleasure to show some past 'pupils' of Hermit Park SS around the school this week. Margaret McBain and George Milton (Jnr) attended Hermit Park in the 1940's and 1950's and their father George (Snr) was one of the first pupils of Hermit Park SS. Margaret donated a book to our school library (*Matilda* by Roald Dahl), shared a photo from their father's schooling days and some report cards Margaret had received. We also had the opportunity to visit one of their old classrooms – thankyou 4F and Miss Foster for the lovely chat about inkwells, slates and coming to school bare foot – schooling is certainly different today!



Natalie Taylor



EVERY DAY COUNTS
Current attendance rate
95.3%

From the Deputy Principal's Desk

Student Council

On Wednesday we had our badge presentation for our student council. Our student council has already been involved in revamping the fairy garden, lunchtime activities and some fundraising for school project and selected charities.

Congratulations to the following students who make up our 2017 Student Council:

Sofia Ahmed, Sarah Kirkwood, Lorelai Watson, Jalen Anderson, Tomeka Land, Tamika Wells, Isaac Birt, Madeline Malone, Anna Whelan, Lani Campbell, Angus McPhail, Ellaine Villanueva, Eva Cheshier, Sophia Reeson, Alyssa Phelan, Fiona Cumming, Elizabeth Richards, Phoebe Derrick, Sahara Simms, Jack Harvey, Rosie Skerratt, Sophie Hinds, Gabby Smith, Darcey Franklin, Madeline Smith, Leah Granshaw, Levi Stevens, Caleb Jones and Doris Wang

Rule of the week

At Hermit Park we follow three main rules: Be Safe; Be Responsible; Be Respectful.

Classroom teachers explicitly teach a rule a week. In our newsletters we will put in our rule of the week. Please feel free to chat to your child/children about the rule and what it means to them.

Week 8 - Be Responsible – In the Classroom

- Listen and follow teacher directions
- Be organised and ready to work
- Complete set tasks
- Take an active role in classroom activities
- Keep work space tidy
- Ask permission to leave the classroom



Week 9 – Be Responsible - Stairs and Verandah

- Move peacefully in single file
- Keep hands and feet to yourself

Easter Bonnet Parade

Our annual Easter Bonnet parade for students in grades P-2 will be held on Tuesday 28th March. Our parade begins at 9:15am in the hall. Please come along to view the parade and normally we welcome a very special visitor as well! We look forward to seeing some “eggcellent” bonnets!



Toys at School

We have recently had a lot of issues with students bringing toys to school. Please remind your child/children to leave their special toys at home. This will avoid them getting broken or lost and will save many tears. We appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

Coaching at Hermit Park State School

The wonderful staff at Hermit Park State School have been involved in Collegial Coaching at our school since the middle of 2013. During this time we have completed a staggering **544** observation and feedback sessions. This is a testament to the professionalism and commitment of the educators who teach your children.

Our Coaching model is an extremely supportive one which is based on 6 key principles:

- Educators learn best from one another
- Growth occurs by building on strengths
- The development of trust greatly influences commitment and effectiveness
- Effective change is a long term and on-going process
- On-site Collegial Coaching is crucial to the development of expertise
- Coaching is more effective if there is a **SHARED COMMON LANGUAGE**

As a result, we have seen Coaching at our school flourish. Some staff work with multiple Coaching partners, some visit teachers at other educational sites and invite teachers from other locations to observe their work at Hermit Park and our model has been shared with visiting teams from other regions in Queensland. The staff are using our Coaching process to innovate in amazing ways and share new initiatives which have been introduced from professional development in which they have been involved.

New teachers to our school have opportunities to be complete workshops which all the existing staff have previously engaged in and readily take up the opportunity to be involved in Coaching. All staff receive feedback on their feedback to one another annually, to protect the integrity of our Coaching Model.

Our Coaching VALUES

Respect Encouragement Support Positivity Co-operation Trust

Our Coaching BELIEFS

We believe Coaching at HPSS is based on . . .

Confidentiality Collegial support Constructive feedback and Co-operative sharing

Check out our **Professional Development Learning Wall** on the veranda of C Block, the next you are at school.

Adrienne Griffith



Hermit Park School Council News

The election for a 2017/2018 School Council Parent Representative was held on Monday 06.03.17. The successful candidate was Marlene Anderson and she is warmly welcomed to our Hermit Park School Council. A further parent representative election will be held in Term 4 of this year, so if you are interested in being involved in the School Council, please consider nominating.

It is also my great pleasure to announce that Mr Scott Stewart has joined our School Council as an appointed member. I am sure that Scott will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to our team and we are very grateful for his willingness to be involved in our school community.

Adrienne Griffith

From the Sports Desk

Respect and belonging were the main talking points when NRL community officer Ben Jefferies and four Cowboy's under 20s players visited Hermit Park State School on the 8th of March for a special parade. Ben and the junior players (in age not size!) addressed the parade about making positive choices and the importance of respect both in sport and the wider community. All students are to be commended on their behaviour as their listening and inquiry skills were sensational.

We look forward to continually using the strategies and skills Ben and the under 20s players talked about both on the sporting field and in the classroom.



Interschool Swimming Carnival

This Tuesday 40 of our wonderful students represented Hermit Park at the Interschool Swimming Carnival. This year we participated in the "B" Schools carnival which meant a lot of our swimmers had to swim 50metres. We are very proud of all of our swimmers who gave it everything they had! We would like to thank Toni Pritchard who trained our team each Tuesday morning in the lead-up to the carnival – we really appreciate your time and professionalism Toni!!

Thanks also to Mr Cody and the wonderful Mum's and Dad's that supported the early morning starts!!

Interhouse Cross Country

Finally we have our Interhouse Cross Country Carnival which will take place on Wednesday 29th March at school. By now you will have received a permission note outlining the times, date, course and a consent form that allows your child to partake in the event. As per the previous years we have a "fun run" where all non-competitive students can dress up in crazy theme and run/walk the course with their friends. The competitive race will begin after the 'fun run' is completed. Please note that your child can only compete in one race - the 'fun run' or the competitive race, not both.

Communication is the Key

All of our newsletters, tuckshop menus and forms are available from QSchools - a free app that you can download onto your phone and simply select Hermit Park School.

As well as our website we also have a Facebook site where we endeavour to keep you up to date with all the latest happenings at Hermit Park State School.

Before School Procedures

8:30am - Supervision is provided at school from 8:30am. If students arrive before 8:30am they are to sit under the designated building on the Senior Campus only and wait for the bell. When the bell is rung students can then go and put their bags away and either participate in some quiet activities (if the classroom teacher has opened the classroom) or they may play outside if wearing a hat.

8:50am a bell is rung to go into class ready to learn. Any **students arriving after 9:00am are to be signed in at the office by an adult.**

After School Procedure

3:00pm – School finishes. Students are to be collected by a parent/guardian or older sibling. They are to make their way to their designated waiting area. **We do not allow play after school as supervision is limited.** We urge all parents/guardians and students to use the school crossings when crossing the roads.

Viruses

We would like to inform you that there are children within our school who is immunosuppressed, meaning that these children have a lower immunity and cannot fight infections in the normal way. Viruses that cause measles, chickenpox, and shingles could make this child extremely unwell. Please contact the school immediately if your child is found to have one of these illnesses.

Medical Conditions

All medical conditions are updated annually on One School. Therefore if you have previously informed the school of an existing condition, please contact the office to ensure that our records are up to date. If your child has been diagnosed with a new medical condition or if you are new to our school please contact the office to fill out appropriate paperwork.

Contact details

If you have recently moved address, changed career or have a new mobile number please contact the office to update your details. Also please ensure your emergency contact numbers are still valid.

Parking

As the safety of our children is always our highest priority we are asking all families to please take care around our school crossings. Please take note of the following points:

- *Use designated pedestrian crossings at all times
- *Obey speed limits near our crossings
- *Obey all signage regarding parking near the crossings

We thank you for your cooperation as it will ensure the safe arrival and departure of students.

Technology and mobile phones

Just a reminder that all mobile phones and technology devices need to be handed in to the office before school and collected from the office after school each day.



P&C News

P&C Meeting

P&C AGM Thursday 23rd March 6pm to 6:30pm in the staffroom

P&C General Meeting Thursday 23rd March 6:30pm in the staffroom

It's AGM time again for your HPSS P&C. If you'd like to nominate for a position you can do so in 2 ways - attend the AGM and make your nomination or, if unable to attend you can submit your nomination in advance.

Please email Helen, outgoing P&C President, on pandc@hermparkss.eq.edu.au for forms.

Voting can also be done in the same 2 ways.

Hermit Park P&C Association – Outside School Hours Care

Meetings are the fourth Monday of each month in the OSHC room from 5:30pm.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 20th March which will be our AGM followed by our general meeting.

Please see Georgina to find out more or email hermitparkoshc@bigpond.com



The ***OSHC Coffee Stop***, in association with *Coffee by Renae* is now up and running and available to all staff and families/friends of Hermit Park State School. The machine will be set up on the OSHC veranda from 7:00am – 5:30pm every week day. Payment is via the attached payment box. The payment box accepts coins only (all except 5c); no change is given. **\$3 /cup!**



Hot Cross Bun Drive

All cash orders (with the envelope) will need to be brought back to the office for processing by **Friday 17th March**. Missed it? Don't despair! Orders can still be made through Flexischools, our online ordering system over the weekend!



All bun orders to be collected on Monday 27th March from the Library from 2:30pm.

Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is run by parent volunteers and we always welcome new members.

The uniform shop hours are currently:

Monday 8:30 – 9:15am

Tuesday 2:45 – 3:15pm

We have introduced online ordering to our school sales system as our uniform shop is cash only.

For more information head to flexischools.com.au

Year 6 unadorned senior shirts are now available to purchase with cash from the uniform shop or can be ordered online with flexischools! Limited stock available.

School Banking is every THURSDAY

\$1, \$2, \$3, \$4..... Like to count?

Help is required Thursday afternoon to count the School Banking money.

Please come along every Thursday 2:15pm, meet in the Library - younger siblings are welcomed.

Enjoy a social chat and help the Banking program to continue.

Banking will still take place the last week of school!

Any enquiries please contact Larissa on 0411 547 969

Tuckshop

Our tuckshop is open Monday to Friday. Orders are to be at the tuckshop by 9am on the Senior Campus and all Early Years Campus orders will be collected at the classrooms. Please provide a separate bag for each break and child and label with your child's full name and class. Our tuckshop now offers flexischools and EFTPOS as alternative payment options.