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# Hermit Park Herald



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## Dear Community,

Welcome back to another exciting term three! I hope you had a wonderful holiday with your family and had a chance to spend time with your children. The weather was superb with so many events across our City. As you would be aware, we teach German as our second language, so it was great to see Germany win the Football World Cup in Brazil – their fourth time as World Champions – Go Deutschland!!!

## NAIDOC

Our school has celebrated NAIDOC at school this week. It has been very exciting with –

- Tuesday afternoon lecture from Auntie Jenny to Parents and Staff – we discussed NAIDOC and the traditional land owners of this area – Wulgurukaba and Bindal People.
- Wednesday afternoon – we hosted The Kirwan State High School Traditional Dance Troupe – the boys performed three dances and answered many questions from our students.

If you are interested in further information about NAIDOC, please visit [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au).

## Goals for This Term

We have set many goals and targets for term 3 following our super term 2. Our targets for this term include-

- Pat on the back –400 across term three. Last term we handed out 322.
- Time Out – reduce time out occurrences by 5%.
- Semester 2 - Students receiving A-C for English on report card – 80%

## Rule of the Week

Our rule of the week has been Be Responsible in the Classroom – this means to follow teacher directions, be organized, keep workspace tidy, and ask permission to leave the classroom. Once again our school will focus upon one rule per week.

## Facebook Page

Our facebook page is now being followed by over 300 followers. If you are not a member, just search for 'Hermit Park State School'. We tend to average two or three posts per week and it provides a way to also post photos from around our school.

## Tasty Tuesday

Tasty Tuesday is back this coming Tuesday. Our menu item will be a delicious Potato and Leek soup which suits our colder weather at the moment. The soup is vegetarian and also a dairy free version is available if requested. Tasty Tuesday is only \$1 and is facilitated by our lovely Mums led by Anna. Tasty Tuesday also has its own facebook page and can be found by searching for "Tasty Tuesday".

## Australian Ballet Visit

I am very pleased to announce that we have secured a visit from the Australian Ballet – this is quite rare to receive a visit from Australian Ballet, so we are very excited. Last year we hosted the

Queensland ballet, so it will be a lot of fun. More details will follow, but at this stage the visit will be early August.

Have a super holiday,  
Clayton and Sharon.

### **Uniform Shop**

We open Tuesday during term time, 2:45 - 3:30 pm.

Orders can be made at other times through the school office.

We now have winter jackets in stock at \$30 each and a range of groovy hair accessories hand made from Aranda at afterschool care. Please feel free to check out all designs at Koukla Boo on Facebook.

Do you have any old uniforms you no longer need? The P & C would love to receive your unwanted items. These will then be sent overseas to a school community in need. Please drop your old uniforms to the office (any day) or to the uniform shop which is open every Tuesday 2:45 to 3:30. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Get involved in the School Banking program!**

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account.

When your child make's their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will receive \$5 commission.

Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

How to open an account:

1. Application Forms are available to complete and lodge at the school office. Parents will need to bring along a current photo ID (eg licence)
2. If you already have a Commonwealth account, log onto Net Bank and open a Youthsaver account for your child through the 'Offers and Apply' tab.
3. Visit any CBA branch, remembering to take in identification for you and your child (driver's license and birth certificate).

You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

School banking will commence next week.

If your child is not currently in Year 1 or Prep, don't fear, School Banking will be rolled out to higher grades later this year (but get ready and open an account now!)

### **TDSSMC**

Thank you to our wonderful choristers that attended the four day workshop at the end of term 2. They sang beautifully and represented Hermit Park School exceptionally well. They sang six songs one of which was 'Yonder come day' being their favorite. Thank you to Mr Cook who led our team.

### Congratulations

Please find attached photos of Tyron Bethune from year 2 who entered the IronKids event in Cairns on the Queen's birthday long weekend in June this year. He did really well leading the swim in his group. There were over 400 kids competing ranging from 7 – 13 years old. They don't place the kids but Ty had a fantastic time. We are very proud of Tyron for his super effort!

### Upcoming Dates

July 29 – ICAS tests – English – Selected students.

July 30 and 31 – Challenge Games – Selected Students

August 5 and 6 – School Photos

August 7 and 8 – Australian Ballet

August 12 – ICAS Tests - Maths

August 14 – Red Track Interschool Athletics

August 19 – P and C Meeting

August 19 - 22 – Band Workshop

August 24<sup>th</sup> – Optiminds (Sunday)

September 5 – Moderation of student work with Edge Hill (Cairns) and Bulimba (Brisbane).

September 8 -16 – District Eisteddfod

September 16 – P and C Meeting

September 19 – U11 Rugby League – Annandale Challenge

September 19 – Last day of term 3.



**“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”.**