



Hermit Park State School Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 10 – Friday 23rd June 2017

CALENDAR EVENTS



From the Principal's Desk

As Semester 1 2017 comes to a close we wish our students, parents, families and staff a safe and relaxing school holiday break. We will need all of our energy for Term 3; a term packed full of important events including our Quadrennial School Review, Bastille Day, Family Fun Day, Eisteddfod, and a new tuckshop contractor.

A new tuckshop menu will go online over the school holidays on Flexischools. We encourage our families to use Flexischools as the preferred option for ordering tuckshop. <https://www.flexischools.com.au/> Hard copies will be sent home with students in the first week back after holidays. The new look menu will incorporate a wider range of healthy choice options and include new ideas such as a "birthday box" lunch. For those students who order with lunch bags, a drop off slot will be installed over the school holidays. It will be located at the front of the tuckshop in the door next to the roller doors.

This Semester we say goodbye to Ms Karen O'Donnell (5G) and we thank her for all of her hard work this term. Ms Courtney Chisnall will replace Ms O'Donnell in Semester 2 and she is very excited to be coming back to teach 5G! Ms Jane Jocumsen will be absent on leave in Term 3 and we welcome Ms Majella Jocumsen to the team in Term 3 to teach our Music classes and coach our Townsville Eisteddfod groups. We are also very excited to welcome back Mr Craig Aisthorpe, returning to us in Semester 2 from leave.

Finally, we are very sad to be farewelling a very special teacher....Mr Allen Weynberg. Mr Weynberg has led our Students with Disabilities team and will be sorely missed by the students who he has mentored and cared for every day. We wish him and his family all the best in their move.

Friday 23rd June

Last day of Term 2

Monday 10th July

First day of Term 3

Wednesday 12th July

Camp Quality Puppet Show
Prep -Year 6 HPSS
Odd socks theme

Friday 14th July

French Bastille Day
French free dress day

Tuesday 25th July

Athletics 4-way meet
P&C Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday 26th July – Thursday 27th July

Challenge Games

Wednesday 9th August

The Ned Show

Thursday 10th August

Interschool Athletics Carnival
(Red track)

Friday 18th August

Family Fun Day 3pm-6:30pm

Natalie Taylor



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Current attendance rate

94.1%



From the Deputy Principal's Desk

What a tremendous term we have had! Students have well and truly worked very hard both in and out of the classroom. We have been very pleased with the way students have engaged with our "rule of the week" and the explicit teaching of our school values. We have had over **750** positive behaviour incidents including Pat's on the Back and Student of the Week!!

Next Semester we aim to hit the **1000** mark with the introduction of the student council handing out Pat's on the Back for following our values in the playground.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Year 6 camp at Paluma with students from Mrs Balanzategui's and Mr Grunske's class. It was great to see students in such a social fun filled atmosphere. Reports from the staff at Paluma were extremely positive and we are very proud to hear such lovely news. This is a testament to the wonderful culture we have at Hermit Park!! Thank you to our wonderful staff and parent volunteers for all of your hard work to make this camp such a wonderful experience for everyone!!

I hope you all have a lovely mid-year vacation with your children and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Student Council News

We would like to thank everyone for their much appreciated support for the sausage sizzle held at both Junior and Senior athletics carnival this week. We raised around **\$800** to purchase much needed safety sports equipment for the students of the school.

Lunchtime activities will be revived next semester with the introduction of some new activities!! Timetables will be going up around the school early next term.

The fairy garden is coming along nicely and you will see a lovely photo of it on our school photo covers. We look forward to making it even better next term!

Mrs Pecchiar



From the Sports Desk

What an amazing end to the term we have had! All students from Prep to Grade 6 have performed sensationally in our annual inter-house athletics carnival held on Monday the 19th and Tuesday the 20th of June. The big kids on campus kicked the track and field day off with some amazing individual performances with team spirit and sportsmanship abundant throughout the day. We were also very lucky to have

students from Townsville State High School who were vital in the running of our carnival, they ever put on an amazing performance in the circular relay, demonstrating how to execute the perfect baton change. Also a big thank you to my line judge from Pimlico State High who very generously donated her time to our carnival. The second day saw our junior athletes run their 60 and 80m race and then move into our activity rotations. A great day was had by all.

Congratulations to the winning house **MELTON!**

Our age champions were as follows:

<u>8 year old</u> Lillyarna A'Hang Noah Payten	<u>9 year old</u> Emily Edison Brodie Pritchard	<u>10 year old</u> Baley Woolf Taj Rule
<u>11 year old</u> Kate Dietrich Jett Fairbrother	<u>12 year old</u> Sophia Reeson Connor Jones	



Mr Cody



**Club Français
Bastille Day Breakfast**

On the 14th of July France celebrates the anniversary of the beginning of republican democracy. It took place on July 14 1789 amid a deep economic and political crisis and the royals lead by Louis XVI were under extreme pressure. If

you would like to learn more about Bastille Day here is an informative article from last year.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/bastille-day-2016-what-is-it-when-france-national-holiday-parade-say-in-french-a7136431.html>



I hope every student has remembered to hand in their breakfast package order forms. Remember that our Bastille Day breakfast will begin at 7:30am on Friday 14th of July. The coffee van, crêpes and waffles with Nutella will be available for parents to purchase.

Remember to wear blue, white, red or French theme free dress for that day. Students who are attending sport in the afternoon will also need to bring their school/sporting uniform.

French Club

Next term a new intake of Year 5 and 6 students will be invited to French Club. In Term 2 the students had great fun and lots of language and cultural learning was had by all. A note will be sent out to Term 3 French Club attendees in week 1 and the first Wednesday of French Club will occur in Week 2, Wednesday July 19.

From the French Desk with *Monsieur V*

Music Notes

The end of the term has come quickly and both music teachers are pleased to report that our choral groups enjoyed presenting at the ANZAC day commemoration early in the term. Currently both choral groups are working on and enjoying some early preparation for the Eisteddfod which will be at the end of term 3.

The Senior Choir is busily preparing a 2-part French folk song for an early term 3 competition as well as planning choreography for a skeleton novelty song.

The Junior Choir is working on some mixed songs, two of which will be presented at the Eisteddfod.

Choral Camp

Some of our 5 and 6 students are very excited to be at the Townsville State Schools Choral Camp this week. They are singing together in a mass choir working with a guest conductor from Brisbane.

Congratulations to Amelia, Alli, Matilda, Sarah, Saffron, Olivia, Lila, Abbey, and Medaya.

They will be pleased to wear their white performance shirts at the concluding Concert on Friday at 4pm at Willows State School. All parents are invited to the concert to enjoy what the children have prepared.

Notably yours *Jane Jocumsen*



Camp Quality puppet show

The **Camp Quality** puppet show will be visiting our school on **Wednesday 12th July**. The show answers all the difficult questions kids have about cancer, dispels common myths and teaches students how to be supportive and understanding of kids living with cancer – all of which prevents bullying and exclusion!

If you have any questions about the show please feel free to contact James from Camp Quality on (07) 3084 4103



On Wednesday 12th July we will have a theme which will be **ODD SOCKS**. All that we ask is for a gold coin donation from those who participate.

P&C Association News

Trivia Night

Thank you to all those who came along! It was a great night and the costumes were fantastic: we had the 'Flintstones', 'Scooby Doo', some very sophisticated ladies and gents from 'Mad Men', 'RBT', 'Charlie's Angels' and 'I Love Lucy' as well as many farmers looking for a wife. Best dressed went to Dylan Furnell as an 80s inspired member of 'Young Talent Time' and best table went to OSHC as 'RBT'. The winning trivia team this year was 'M*A*S*H', but it was a very close game.



Our wonderful 'Trivia Master' Mr Bonaventura was fantastic. The dedication, work and time which he puts into developing all the questions creates the vibe of the evening and it would not be the same without him. Thank you, Mr Bona!

Thank you also to the volunteers who helped before, during and after the event to set up and clean up. A special thank you to Gina Evennett, our P&C Fundraising Coordinator, who puts in a huge amount of work behind the scenes each year making the event a huge success.

Finally, thank you also to all the businesses and individuals who supported this year's P&C Trivia Night by making a donation. Together with their donations and our wonderful HPSS community we raised **\$4203.96**, which is our best year yet!

Wish List

The P&C has received another wonderful donation to the 'Wish List' initiative. Thank you to HPSS family members Christine Ingram, Patrick Bunday and their sons Harry and Jack for their generous monetary donation towards the purchase of the **Phonemic Curriculum - Books 1, 2 and 3 which cost \$152 each**. Your contribution means we are closer to purchasing this much needed teaching resource for our school community.

Further 'Wish List' items needed are **post pads** for the basketball court, **synthetic grass, 5m x 7m** for the Fairy Garden and a **Djembe Drum** which will help Mrs Grogan to start a drum circle. If you can help with any of the listed 'Wish List' items or services please contact our P&C President, Samantha Talbot: pandc@hermparkss.eq.edu.au.

The complete 'Wish List' is now available for viewing on the school website, within the 'Our School' section under 'P&C Association'.

School Banking

Rewards for Term 3 are now available, which include a Smiley Emoji Keyring and Volt Handball.

Lost and Found

Lost property will be cleared out over the holidays and any unclaimed items will be donated. Please check the boxes located outside the uniform shop for any missing items. There are a lot of jumpers and lunchboxes.

Save the Date

Family Fun Day – our much enjoyed P&C community event is coming up in Term 3 on Friday **18th August**, 3pm – 6:30pm.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th July 6:30pm, all welcome.

OSHC News

There are some places which have become available for vacation care these holidays. To secure a spot please contact Georgina at OSHC on 4728 2537 or hermitparkoshc@bigpond.com

Please be aware that if you need to **cancel** a vacation care booking, **notice of one week is required**, otherwise fees will be charged.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE BELOW SPONSORS FOR DONATING TO OUR TRIVIA NIGHT

Muscle and Fitness
Lori Nielsen Photography
with Beccy Jean Cosmetic Artist and Mobile Hair by Ken
Hawk- Eye Tennis
Rides n Slides
24 Hour Hose
Allan Electrical
Cranbrook Car Wash

Anna Forrest Designs, Bennett's Barber Shop, Bod Pod, Bodyworks Emmet Therapy, CardMill, Cactus Jack's, Feel Good Events and Party Hire, JB Kids, Eye on Amber, Malpara Florist, Float House, Sapphire Hair, Kell's Kitchen and Brew Bar, Supagas Townsville, Nutrimetics, Terry White Chemist, Studio 7 Pilates, Warrina Cinema, Tupperware and Vesuvius Hair

If you're cleaning out the cupboards these holidays, please hang on to all those old books & pre-loved toys that you just don't know what to do with, and donate them to the P&C's Second-hand Toy & Book Stall at next term's Family Fun Day. More details will be sent out at the beginning of Term 3.

