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# Hermit Park Herald

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24 May, 2016

Hello Community,  
Welcome to our long awaited newsletter.  
This term has been jam-packed with a  
number of exciting events and activities!

## **NAPLAN**

Firstly a big congratulations to all of our  
year 3 and 5 students who completed  
National NAPLAN testing two weeks ago. I  
was very proud of all of our students for  
concentrating and trying their best.

## **Professional Learning Community**

Hermit Park Staff are a part of a  
professional learning community with other  
schools across the district. We work with  
Bluewater, Currajong, Belgian Gardens,  
TCLC, Ingham, Magnetic Island and  
Railway Estate State schools. We discuss  
many items such as differentiation for  
student learning, Individual Curriculum  
Plans and quality professional  
development. Our next cluster meeting is  
this Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> - due to this  
meeting there will be **no parade this  
week.**

## **School Board**

Our school board has had several  
meetings this year. We are currently  
discussing Proportional Thinking and how  
it can be integrated into the curriculum.  
This is being led by our chair Gina  
Evennett. We thank Gina for her time!

## **IDAttend**

As you are aware we have started our  
system of sending out text messages to  
inform parents of student absences. We  
kindly thank you all for your patience while  
we iron out the hiccups with the new  
system. Just a reminder you are required  
to inform the school of your child's  
absence either by calling the school on  
4421 2222 or by texting the SMS absence  
number 0417 913 222.

With our new system students late to  
school (any time after 9am) are required to  
sign in at the office and take a late slip to  
their class teacher.

## **Fanfare**

Congratulations to all students who  
participated in Fanfare on Saturday. We came  
away with a very admirable silver! A big thank  
you goes to Miss Belford and Ms Jocumsen  
who prepared the students beautifully for the  
event. It was lovely to see our students  
looking so stunning in our music uniform and  
we appreciate all the support from our  
wonderful parent community.

## **Produce Stall**

Thanks to everyone who is supporting our  
school produce stall which is selling our  
school grown produce each Wednesday  
afternoon after the school parade. Items such  
as free range eggs, eggplants, herbs and a  
variety of plants such as lemon basil and  
pawpaw plants are available for purchase.  
Proceeds from the stall are going towards our  
Year 6 end of year activities.

## **Interschool Cross Country**

Congratulations to all of our students who  
represented the school at the Interschool  
Cross Country last Tuesday. We were very  
proud of each and every student. A huge  
thank you to Mr Cody and Mr Salmon for  
organising training and a walk around the  
course the day before the event.  
Students who came in the top 10 of their age  
group will represent the school this morning at  
the North Queensland Cross Country. Best of  
luck to the following students:  
Harry Drovandi, Xavier Cameron and Jaxon  
Carnes. We look forward to hearing how the  
boys went!!

## **School Photos**

School photos will take place on Tuesday 7th  
June and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Attached is  
the photo schedule and please note that the  
times are approximate times only. Students  
are required to wear full school uniform which  
includes the HPSS polo shirt or senior shirt for  
Year 6 students, maroon bottoms and white  
socks and closed in shoes.

### **School Fees and Paper Levies**

Just a reminder that all school fees and paper levies must be paid before students are able to participate in school excursions and school sport. Please contact the office if you are unsure if your fees are paid. EFTPOS facilities are available at the office or over the phone.

### **Autism Day**

A big thank you to our Outside School Hours Care for organising "Blue for Autism Day" on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Our community raised approximately \$500 for the local Autism association and they presented a certificate to us on parade this week. This is a wonderful example of our Caring and Citizenship values in action.

### **School Times Reminder**

Just a friendly reminder that school begins at 8:50am. Any students arriving at school before 8:30am are required to sit under the buildings on the Senior Campus under the Year 6H classroom.

The school day concludes at 3:00pm and students are required to sit and wait for their parents.

### **Athletics Carnival**

Our annual Interhouse Athletics carnival is only weeks away. Students have been practicing for the big day during PE lessons. More details can be found on the Interhouse Carnival note attached to this newsletter. We look forward to seeing our wonderful parent community on this fun day.

Senior Athletics is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June and our Junior Carnival is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Student Council**

Early this term students in Year 6 nominated to be part of the Student Council. 33 students were selected to represent the student body. This year we have 3 main activities which all students will be involved in. They include:

1. Lunchtime activities for both the Senior and Early Year Campus.
2. Anti-bullying Committee

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3. Fundraising and School Beautification Committee.

We look forward to working with these wonderful students!!

### **Prep Enrolments 2017**

We are beginning the enrolment process for Prep students for 2017. If you have any children born from July 2011 to June 2012 please contact the office for an enrolment form. Siblings of current students and children living in our school zone are eligible to enroll. Children residing outside of our school zone will be placed on a waiting list. Please contact the lovely ladies in the school office for enrolment forms.

### **Book Club**

The latest Scholastic Book Club brochures have now been distributed. Please place orders no later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 to ensure we have the books back before the end of this term.

Any orders using credit card can be lodged directly online at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Alternatively, please place orders with cash as payment in the box provided in the library. Also, remember to use any outstanding credit vouchers you may have.

Every order earns free books and learning resources for our school. Thank you for your support.

Any queries, please contact Sarah Johns on [jaysonsarah@bigpond.com](mailto:jaysonsarah@bigpond.com).

### **BANKING COMPETITION**

**Hermit Park only - TERM 2**

**WIN WIN WIN** a stationary pack OR a \$20 Big W gift voucher.

Two prizes = two winners!

To be eligible, simply bank at least **5 times or more this term.**

Winners drawn in week 10.

### **Family Fun Day 2016**

The Hermit Park State School annual Family Fun Day will be returning this year on **Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** from 3pm – 6:30pm. This fun-filled family event is the perfect way to finish off the second term with lots of great rides for all ages, music, performances, tonnes of food and an amazing array of market stalls.

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The Hermit Park P&C would like to extend an invitation to all families in our community to come along and enjoy the evening. Entry is free and tickets for rides will be available for pre-purchase at the school office as well as at the ticket office on the oval during the event. Pre-paid tickets cost \$30 for an unlimited ride band; bands cost \$35 on the day for unlimited rides and individual rides cost \$5 each.

The Hermit Park P&C will now be taking bookings for all market stalls, so those of you who would like to set up a stall at the event, please pick up an information sheet and a site request form from the front office at Hermit Park State School. For further information on stalls, please **contact Gina Evennett on 0407 169 310**. Looking forward to seeing you there!

#### Tasty Tuesday

Our next Tasty Tuesday will be on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and our tasty Tuesday ladies will be serving "stewed apple and pear with caramel sauce" Yum!

#### **Important Dates to Remember**

Please take note of our upcoming events. We have many important events coming up in the next few weeks such as school photos, athletics carnivals and our fantastic Family Fun day!!

Kind Regards,  
Clayton

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### Important Dates to Remember

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Heritage House Year 2RH and 2L

May 24<sup>th</sup> – North Queensland Cross Country Trials

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Professional Learning Community Day – Hermit Park and various schools.

May 25<sup>th</sup> – **NO PARADE THIS WEEK**

May 26<sup>th</sup> – Heritage House Year 2M and Year 2C

May 26<sup>th</sup> – AFL Gala Day

May 26<sup>th</sup> – P&C meeting 6.30pm

May 27<sup>th</sup>- Rugby Union Gala Day

May 30 to June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Paluma Camp Year 6 Students

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Year 5 Charters Towers Trip

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Tasty Tuesday

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Book club due

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Interschool Sport begins – Tennis, Touch and Soccer.

June 6<sup>th</sup> – 52 Story Treehouse – Years 2, 4 and 5.

June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – School Photos

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Senior Athletics Carnival

June 10<sup>th</sup> – Junior Athletics Carnival

June 16<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting

June 17<sup>th</sup> – Family Fun Day

June 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> – Choral Camp

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – P&C Meeting

**SCHOOL PHOTO SCHEDULE**

<b>Tuesday June 7th</b>	
Approx Time	Class
9.15am	PYM
9.35am	PYW
9.55am	1DR
10.15am	1E
10.30am	1S
10.45am	1M
11.00am	Morning Tea
11.30am	3D
11.45am	4F
12.00pm	2C
12.15pm	4M
12.30pm	2L
12.45pm	3W
1.00pm	2M
1.10pm	Lunch
2.00pm	2RH
2.15pm	3C
2.30pm	3GS

<b>Wednesday June 8th</b>	
Approx Time	Class
9.10am	Year 6
9.35am	Student Council
9.55am	PYB
10.15am	PYC
10.35am	PYH
11.00am	Morning Tea
11.30am	5A
11.45am	5B
12.00pm	6A
12.15pm	6B
12.30pm	6G
12.45pm	6H
12.55pm	4/5B
1.10pm	Lunch - Siblings
2.00pm	5G
2.15pm	4S
2.30pm	House Captains
3.20pm	Staff