
Hermit Park Herald

28/11/2016

Hello everyone! Can you believe there are only two more weeks until the holidays begin? We have a bumper couple of weeks ahead and as with many people I am really looking forward to our upcoming Christmas Carols and Year 6 Graduation and dance!

I am happy to announce that the selection process for the Principal position for Hermit Park is now complete. Congratulations to Natalie Taylor from Northern Beaches! Natalie has created history in becoming the first ever female Principal of Hermit Park. Natalie is very excited to take up the position at the commencement of the 2017 school year. I know she is looking forward to meeting this wonderful community and leading us to many successes in 2017! Welcome aboard Natalie!

Christmas Carols

Our annual Christmas carols is on again this Wednesday November 30th!! Our food vendors will be starting to sell food at 5:30pm with the carols due to commence at 6pm. It should be a lovely evening under the stars. For further information please see the attached flyer.

Cake Stall

Our Year 6 students will be holding a cake stall at the carols evening to raise money for the new school bell. Be sure to bring along a few extra dollars to support this great cause. Donations for the stall can be dropped to the office first thing Wednesday morning.

Joyful Day

Each year we celebrate Joyful Day in memory of our much loved Guidance Officer Joy Donnellan who passed away. Joy's birthday is on November 30th and we will celebrate the day by holding a free dress day with a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards the Joyful Foundation who support disadvantaged students in schools.

Parade

There will be no parade for the last two weeks. This Wednesday we will be setting up

for our Carols evening and we will not be holding parade in the last week of school.

High School Transitions

Recently some of our Year 6 students have attended open days for the high school they are attending in 2017. This Wednesday sees the transition day for all State High Schools. For details please contact your child's intended high school for 2017.

Christmas Bookfair

Thanks so very much to our amazing school community. Your generous support during our recent Scholastic Book Fair saw sales of around \$4000, which meant we were able to take \$1600 commission in books. This meant books which were highly sought after will now be part of our school library resources and available for all students in 2017.

Uniform Shop Extra Opening Hours

Our uniform shop will be opening every morning on the last week of school from Monday December 5th through to Friday December 9th from 8:30am to 9:30am. Also the shop will opening the week before schools starts from Wednesday 18th January, Thursday 19th January and Friday 20th January from 8:30am – 11:00am. Also the first day of school Monday 23rd January from 9:15am – 10am. The ladies are seeking donations of plastic bags for the orders. If you have any spare please drop to the uniform shop or to the office.

Instrumental Music 2017

It has been great to see such keen interest in our award winning Instrumental Music program. Applications have now closed and suitability testing is taking place this week.

Suitability testing in class time:

Monday 28th Nov – Brass & Woodwind

Tuesday 29th Nov – Strings

Wednesday 30th Nov – Brass & Woodwind

Friday 2nd Dec – Percussion

If your child has applied for a position and will be away on their testing day please contact the office so we can arrange another time.

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All music lessons for 2016 are now finished and all hire instruments should have now been returned. If you still have a school instrument please return to the office.

Are you leaving us?

We are very aware that at this time of year families look at new opportunities - sometimes away from Townsville! As much as we hate to lose members of the HPSS family, to assist us with our preparations for 2017 we ask that you contact the office to notify us if you are leaving town.

Classes for 2017

Teachers are looking at forming classes for 2017. Our wonderful teachers spend a great deal of time with the makeup of these classes. Due to our size it is impossible to fulfil requests for teachers. However we do understand that you know your child best and would encourage you to discuss with your child's current teacher any further considerations.

Drop off times

Just a friendly reminder that students are not to be dropped off at school before 8:15am. I have been very alarmed at the number of students arriving before this time. We do not provide supervision for the students until 8:30am.

Pick-up/drop-off

Just a reminder to be patient around pick-up and drop off times. Also please obey the parking signage especially around our school crossings. The safety of our children near our roads is our number one priority!

Tasty Tuesday

Tuesday 6th December will be our last Tasty Tuesday for 2016! Our Tasty Tuesday Ladies will be serving a pineapple coconut flavoured Icy pole which will be served at big lunch due to the year 6 Graduation morning tea. Please bring along your \$1 if you haven't already pre-paid.

No dogs on the school grounds

Lately we have had a number of dogs on the school grounds. Due to workplace health and safety reasons we are unable to have dogs

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on the school grounds. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
28/11/16	Futsal Gala Day Music testing for 2017 this week
30/11/16	No parade Christmas Carols 5:30pm Year 6 Cake stall at Carols Joyful Day – Free Dress day
05/12/16	Yr 3 Kingpin Bowling
06/12/16	Year 6 Graduation 9am-11am Year 6 Grad Dance 7pm- 10pm
07/12/16	No parade Year 6 Big Day Out
09/12/16	Last day of Term 4 2016
23/01/17	First day of Term 1 2017