



Hermit Park Herald



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Dear Community,

Our first three weeks back have been very enjoyable and our school is beginning to settle down into a lovely learning routine. I must admit I am still getting used to not having year 7's in our school and I am still being corrected daily by our year 6 students that they are not year 7's! I will get used to it I am sure over time. I am also pleased to report that our Preps have settled in beautifully and already look very comfortable on the junior campus. Coming from Kindy to Prep is always a big transition.

Parent Meet the Teacher Evening

Our annual Meet the Teacher evening will be held next Thursday – 19th February. Times and year levels include – Years 1,2,5 – 5.30pm – 6.15pm, Years 3 and 4 – 6.15pm – 7pm.

Parents of Prep students have already met and parents of students in year 6 will be contacted for an individual interview. If you cannot make this time, you are very welcome to organise another time with your teacher.

House Leaders

Last week our year five and six students elected their year 6 House Leaders for 2015. In a few weeks' time we will host an official Badge Parade once we have also selected our student council.

Congratulations to –

Ladies

- Melton – Emma Johnson (C), Lara Skerratt (VC)
- Castle – Kira Lynch (C), Jessica Harris (VC)
- Stanton - Hayley Korte (C), Isabelle Carnes (VC)

Gentleman

- Melton – Clive Hume (C), Caleb Hansen (VC)
- Castle – Lachlan Gode (C), Noah Rule (VC)
- Stanton – Elliott Tobin(C), Osborne Kewe (VC)

Swimming Carnival

Our annual Interhouse swimming carnival was held on Monday and was attended by 250 students which was a fantastic effort. Congratulations to Melton who took out the Champion Swimming House for 2015. Go Melton! Mr Cody will select the Hermit Park swim team in the coming week and we will begin training for the Interschool Carnival shortly. Each year we are adding in further items to the carnival and next year we will also offer ribbons for all swimmers.

P and C Meeting

Our first P and C meeting was held on the first Thursday evening of the term. This year we are trialling a new date which is the fourth Thursday of each month. During our meeting we discussed many topics including the school goals, P and C fundraising and report cards. Our next meeting will be Thursday 26th February in the Library from 6.30pm. All are welcome and it is always great seeing new faces!

Hermit Park Wins State Award

Yesterday on parade, our school was presented with the GBRMPA Sea Stars Award. This is an annual award that is awarded to one school each year across Queensland to acknowledge advocacy, engagement and sharing amongst the educational community. We are very proud indeed and received a lovely certificate and \$1000 for our school. Go Hermit Park.

Welcome Back Glen Hall

Yesterday on parade we welcomed back our Adopt a Cowboy – Glen Hall. Glen has been a part of our

school for many years and we wish him well for the upcoming season. Glen will be in our school each fortnight reading with our students and promoting healthy eating and an active lifestyle.

Book Club

Students recently received bookclub brochures for term 1. Money orders are due at the office by Friday 20th of February. Thank you to Karen Kirkwood for organising the bookclub for our students.

Newsletter Fortnightly

As we discussed last year, our Newsletter will be released fortnightly this year. We found last year that releasing a newsletter weekly meant some newsletters were very 'empty'.

Health and Physical Education – Mr Cody

Welcome to our new PE teacher - Mr Cody. Mr Cody is currently implementing the new National PE curriculum and having lots of fun. His office is located upstairs in 'D Block'.

School Linkages

I am very pleased to report that we will be continuing our academic linkages with Bulimba State School in Brisbane and Edge Hill State School in Cairns this year. Our three schools all have very similar approaches to education and we bring our schools together three times per year to share learning experiences and moderate work.

Prep Morning Tea Week 1

Thank you to our P and C for our Prep Morning Tea on the first Friday of the term. This was a new initiative and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting our new families.

Tasty Tuesday

Our Tasty Tuesday will be held this coming Tuesday 17th February and will be a Super Hero Super Salad! Congratulations to our Tasty Tuesday ladies who began the year by serving a tasty Achacha Granita & Sorbet – It was awesome. Tasty Tuesday is \$1 per serve and is held every fortnight on a Tuesday at morning tea.

School Calendar

This year we have printed a beautiful school calendar featuring pictures of our school. The calendar costs \$15 and limited quantities are available from the office. All profits raised will go towards the Joyful foundation.

Banking

Our school banking day is every Thursday! Thank You to Larissa who is leading our school banking program. In order to open an account, please visit the office.

Artwork Junior Campus

You may have noticed some beautiful new artwork on our Junior Campus which has been installed above the drink taps. These lovely pieces were drawn by one of our Mums – Chantel Watt. I am sure you will agree that the art brightens our little people campus.

Have a super weekend everyone,

Clayton.



"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".

Meet The Teacher Night

Come along and meet your child's teacher for 2015 on Thursday evening, 19th of February. Everyone is welcome. Details are:

Years 1, 2, and 5 – 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Years 3 and 4 – 6.15pm – 7pm

Year P – Interviews occurred before school started.

Year 6 – You will be invited to an individual interview with your class teacher.

Levies and Fees

Just a little reminder that school resources levies are due by the 28th of February. Thank you for your support of the school.

Music Levy

The annual music levy is now due. The fees include-

- If you supply your own instrument - \$25

-If you are hiring an instrument from the school - \$75

These music levies are currently due. Thank you for your co-operation.

Tasty Tuesday

This coming Tuesday, we will be serving Super Hero Salad - Rocket, chickpeas, carrot, fennel and avocado dressing with crispy Kale chips. Sounds delicious!

Junior Campus – We need to collect all money by Monday afternoon please. Simply hand \$1 in a brown paper bag with your child's name and class written on it.

Senior Campus – just bring \$1 on Tuesday as per normal.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop is open Monday to Friday

Exciting new menu available Term 2!