
Hermit Park Herald

18th February 2016

Welcome to another fortnight of news. A big congratulations to **CASTLE** who won the Inter-house Swimming Carnival on Wednesday at Long Tan Pool. Our day consisted of freestyle events in the morning and novelty events in the afternoon for students in grades 3-6. A big congratulations to our Age Champions who were Renae Todd, Jacob Fowler, Chloe Pankhurst, Sam Boscka, Kate Dietrich, Tyrone Bethune, Aimee Harris, Baley Wolf, Ralf Hume, Emily Edison, and Lachlan Evennett. Yeeha!!

Congratulations House Captains

A super big congratulations to our house leaders for 2016. I commend our students for willingly taking up leadership positions around our school.

Castle Captains: Jude Gibson and Milla Bartulovich

Castle Vice Captains: Oscar Ward and Margareth Tajonera.

Melton Captains: Xavier Cameron and Maggie Stephens.

Melton Vice Captains: Angus Mead and Hannah Fellows.

Stanton Captains: Harry Drovandi and Amy Fowler.

Stanton Vice Captains: Caleb Smith and Abigail Evennett.

Parent Meet and Greet – Grade 1-4

Our annual Meet and Greet for our teachers and parents will be held this

Tuesday 23rd February from 3.15 – 4pm.

This is a chance to meet your teacher and hear about happenings in the classroom. Students in grades 5 and 6 will be invited to an individual interview and Prep interviews were held at the start of the year.

If you cannot make the afternoon, please remember that our teachers are always willing to chat about your children and you can make a time to discuss your child's learning at any stage during the year.

Paper Levies

Just a little reminder that our paper levies for 2016 are now due. For 2016, the fees are-

- Grade 1-5 \$50.00

- Grade 6 \$55.00

We now have EFTPOS facilities that will make payment more convenient. Please note that for 2016, these fees are required to be paid before students can participate in extracurricular activities such as excursions and Interschool sport. Thank you for your support.

Interschool Sport

This term our school will compete in the district Rugby League, Netball and Hockey. Our teams have already started training and sport will begin shortly.

Instrumental Music

Our super instrumental program will swing into action next week with lessons starting. Next week all Instrumental students will receive a recruitment package folder. We are so proud of our program which is the largest Primary school program outside of Brisbane. Lessons will be conducted on –

Monday - Brass (Mrs Darrigan)

Monday – Strings (Mrs De Jersey)

Tuesday – Strings (Mr Newell)

Wednesday – Woodwind (Miss Belford)

Friday - Percussion – (Mr Brunskill)

All lessons will be conducted in our new air-conditioned sound proof music space which was constructed over the holidays at a cost of \$225,000.

Trial School

For our students in grades P-2, our school will be working with Griffith University and Education Queensland to study Age Appropriate Pedagogies. We will be working with 12 schools across our district to document how early learning occurs.

Proportional Numeracy Project School

Next week we will begin a four year project in collaboration with the University of Sydney regarding Proportional Numeracy. Dr Geoff

Hilton and Dr Annette Hilton will be working with our teachers and students regarding Numeracy. It will be a very exciting journey. Afternoon sessions will be also offered for parents who are interested in hearing more. Stay tuned for further information.

Parking at Local Businesses

We realise that car parking is at a premium around our community. May we please look after our local businesses by not parking in their designated parking bays. Thank you for your assistance.

Medical Changes to Asthma

Over the holidays there has been a change to the way we are allowed to administer Asthma medication to our children. If your child experiences Asthma, could you please contact the office for the latest procedures.

Banking

School Banking is every Thursday. If you would like to join the program, please visit the office for more information.

Tuckshop

Our tuckshop is open Monday to Friday for morning tea and lunch. A new menu is available from our website or QSchools.

Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is currently open on every Monday from 8.30 - 9.15am and Tuesday from 2.45 until 3.30pm. We now also offer flexischools for online ordering and cashless payment. Just register at flexischools.com.au

A big thank you to our dedicated volunteer parents who operate the shop.

Tasty Tuesday

Tasty Tuesday will be served on Tuesday 1st March – we are looking forward to “Corn Fritters”. I absolutely loved the Italian Bruschetta!

Hermit Park Weekly

P&C Meetings

Our P and C meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month in our staffroom. Our next one will be held on Thursday 25th February at 6.15pm everyone is welcome.

QSchools

All of our newsletters, tuckshop menus and forms are available from QSchools. QSchools is a free app that you can download onto your phone and simply select Hermit Park.

Absentees and exemptions

Last year our attendance rate was 94%. We are aiming to increase this to 94.5%. We all know that children cannot learn the curriculum if they are not at school. Attendance everyday day really matters. If your child is sick, or will be away for more than 10 school days consecutively please phone the office on 4421 2222 to notify us. Education Queensland collects data on students who are away without reason. Thank you for your help.

Mobile Phones at School

Just a friendly reminder that Mobile phones must be handed into the office on arrival at school and collected at 3pm. Students may not keep phones in their bag due to safety and security risks.

Coffee in the Carpark

Coffee in the carpark is back for another year! Every last Friday of the month we will have the Good Moring Coffee Trader available for your coffee in the morning in the carpark. Our next one is coming up this Friday 26th February!

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 23/2/16 – Parent Meet & Greet

Thursday 25/2/16 - P&C Meeting

Friday 26/2/16 – Coffee in the car park

Tuesday 1/3/16 – TT corn fritters

Tuesday 22/3/16 - Easter Bonnet Parade (Grades Prep – 2)

Wednesday 23/3/16 - Interhouse Cross Country.

Thursday 24/3/16 – P&C Meeting

Thursday 24/3/16 - Last Day of Term 1

Monday 11/4/16 - First Day of Term 2

