



Hermit Park Herald



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Dear Community,

Welcome back to another super term of learning. I trust you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed spending time with your family. Over the holidays I travelled to Seattle to Chair the International Education Board for Microsoft. I learnt some new things and it is always wonderful to see where technology is taking us.

Welcome to our Family

I would like to welcome Mrs Cherie Blood who replaced Mrs Cody over the holidays. Mrs Blood previously taught at Heatley State School and is also a parent of the school. A very big welcome to Mrs Blood.

Congratulations Mr and Mrs Cody

Last week, Mr and Mrs Cody welcomed baby Archer into the world. Both Mum, Baby and Dad are all doing very well. Mr Cody will return to his PE role next week.

Report Cards

Our new style report cards were sent home last term. I am very keen to find out your thoughts and suggestions for next time. If you do have any feedback, could you let your class teacher know please? That way we can collate all of the suggestions and improve for semester 2.

Roll Marking and Parent Texts

Over the coming weeks, our school will move to a new style of roll and attendance marking which will SMS text you if your child is not at school. In order for this to work effectively, we need your most current mobile telephone. If your number has changed, could you please let the office know? Thank you to our P and C for supporting this new initiative.

NAIDOC Celebrations

Our school is celebrating NAIDOC over the next two weeks with three events. They will include-

- Torres Strait Islander Dancers – Wednesday 22 July – Hall from 11.30am
- NAIDOC Quiz – Tuesday July 28 – Library from 3.20pm.
- A special welcome in our local languages on our office door – I will let you know once the printers have completed the design and printing of the piece.

Interschool Sport

Interschool sport has restarted after the holidays. Good luck to our tennis, football and union teams. Go Hermit Park!

Visit From Warnambool

Last Tuesday our school was visited by Warnambool School from Victoria. They were very keen to see all of our environmental projects and how our school operates. It is always lovely having guests in our school.

Plumbing over the Holidays

Over the holidays, major plumbing pipes had to be repaired around the office area. The final repairs will be carried out over the coming weeks and we can then return the area to our usual standard.

P and C Meeting Re-Scheduled

Our next P and C meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th of July rather than this week. The meeting will be held in the library from 6.30pm.

Staff Members and Sport

Congratulations to Mrs Pecchiar who completed the half marathon over the holidays on the Gold Coast. Also congratulations to Mr V who completed the swim of the Corporate Triathlon as part of his training for the Magnetic Island to Townsville swim. He will now complete the 2016 swim due to the cancellation of this year's swim. Mr Carnes will also be away from school Thursday and Friday cycling to Cairns as part of the Children's Cancer ride.

Settled Back

The first two weeks have gone by very quickly. The students are very settled and engaged in their learning programs. It is certainly a joy to be part of our lovely community.

Have a super week everyone,
Clayton and Sharon

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday July 22 – Torres Strait Islander Dancers

Tuesday July 28 – NAIDOC Quiz

Tuesday July 28 – P and C Meeting

Thursday-Friday July 23-24 – Mr Carnes rides to Cairns

Wednesday–Thursday July 29-30 – Challenge Games

Tuesday-Wednesday August 4-5 – School Photos

Thursday August 13 – Interschool Athletics – Red Track

Tuesday 25 August – Prep & Yr 1 “Cranky Bear” Excursion



“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”.