



Hermit Park State School Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 6 – Friday 26th May 2017

CALENDAR EVENTS



From the Principal's Desk

Next week Hermit Park State School will be participating in our School Review. Our reviewers John Bosward, Kim McNamara and Peter Jones will likely be out and about before and after school. Should you see them I encourage you to have a chat with

them about HP, our school culture, your child's journey and experiences, and what you value about our school community. The information they collect will be fed back to us in a report that will inform our Quadrennial School review in Term 3 and our direction for the next 4 years.

As a part of our AIP Quality Teaching and Learning focus, this week our teachers met as year level teams to engage in moderation of student assessment tasks. These meetings occur in Week 8 of each term, and are followed by a week of external moderation. They are integral to ensuring consistent judgments about student achievement and progress and provide an opportunity for deep focused discussion on improving student learning outcomes.

Inspired by the creative healthy lunchboxes of our Prep/1's, over the past month I have been researching healthy eating and its impact upon young minds. I look forward to sharing more on this once we move to our eNewsletter format. In the meantime, in support of the upcoming story on healthy eating, Sean and Belinda Smith from Bakers Delight Castletown have partnered with Hermit Park SS to provide some local healthy eating options. Over the next few months they will roll out a VIP program for each class which includes free loaves of bread. They will also be sponsoring a Student of the Week Attendance Award for each year level. Thanks to our local Baker's Delight for supporting our school community.



Natalie Taylor

Friday 2nd June

Block sport begins

Tuesday 6th June

Sibling photos 8am-9am

School photos

Wednesday 7th June

School photos

Saturday 10th June

P&C Trivia Night

Monday 12th June – Friday 16th

Year 6 Paluma Camp

Monday 19th June

Senior Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 20th June

Junior Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 20th June

Year 5 Ghosts of Gold Excursion
Charters Towers

Tuesday 20th June – Friday 23rd

Choral Camp (Years 5/6)

Tuesday 20th June

P&C Meeting 6:30pm

Friday 23rd June

Last day of Term 2

Monday 10th July

First day of Term 3

Wednesday 12th July

Camp Quality Puppet Show
Prep-Year 6 HPSS



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Current attendance rate

94.6%



From the Deputy Principal's Desk

Rule of the week

At Hermit Park we follow three main rules: Be Safe; Be Responsible; Be Respectful. Classroom teachers explicitly teach a rule a week. In our newsletters we will put in our rule of the week. Please feel free to chat to your child/children about the rule and what it means to them.

Week 7: Be Respectful – Before/After School

- Respect school with pride
- Wait respectfully for parents/caregivers

Week 8: Be Respectful – Eating Area

- Use your manners
- Talk quietly
- Raise your hand to ask to move from your area



Toys/Fidget Spinners

Recently there has been a spike in bringing fidget spinners to school. Whilst we are aware of the benefits for some students we have made the call to ban them from school. Students who have a personalised learning plan which includes the use of a fidget toy are to consult with their child's class teacher for their appropriate use. If you have any queries regarding this please contact your child's class teacher.

Students are to refrain from bringing toys to school as there have been several incidents where these special items have gone missing or have been accidentally broken. If your child brings in something special for show and share please place in the teacher's care until home time.

Parking

As the safety of our children is always our highest priority we are asking all families to please take care around our school crossings. Please take note of the following points:

- *Use designated pedestrian crossings at all times
- *Obey speed limits near our crossings
- *Obey all signage regarding parking near the crossings

We thank you for your cooperation as it will ensure the safe arrival and departure of all students.

Mrs Pecchiari



From the Sports Desk

NQ Cross Country

On the 23rd of May four of our finest cross country athletes returned to Bicentennial Park to compete in the NQ Cross Country trials. This saw the top runners from Townsville and surrounding areas pitted against each other to reach the next level of competition.

It is with great pleasure that I can report that all four runners performed exceptionally, with two runners progressing to the next level of competition.

A massive congratulations to Fred Drovandi and Baley Woolf who both won their respective races. Hannah Jones placed an amazing 9th and Lila Sehdev finished at a very impressive 14th.

Well done guys!

Block Sport

Block sport begins on Friday the 2nd of June. Please note that there will be no block sport in week nine (16th of June) due to the grade 6 Paluma Camp. We apologise for any inconveniences this may cause. Good luck to all our teams competing in this block!

Inter-house Athletics Carnival

Our inter-house athletics carnival is locked in for the last week of school. Our senior carnival (grades 3 to 6) will be on Monday 19th of June and will run all day. Our junior carnival (prep to 2) will be on Tuesday 20th of June and will run from 9am till approximately 1pm.

We encourage all families to come and help cheer on the day!

Mr Cody

Camp Quality puppet show

The **Camp Quality** puppet show will be visiting our school on **Wednesday 12th June**. The show answers all the difficult questions kids have about cancer, dispels common myths and teaches students how to be supportive and understanding of kids living with cancer – all of which prevents bullying and exclusion!

If you have any questions about the show please feel free to contact James from Camp Quality on (07) 3084 4103



School Photos

School Photography dates: Tuesday 6th June and Wednesday 7th June 2017

Sibling photo schedule 8am – 9am Tuesday 6th June

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by using the online order code below or by using the envelope.

www.advancedlife.com.au

ONLINE ORDER CODE

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Important Information:

- School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school*
- Don't forget to order your sibling photos now
- Sibling photos will be taken on Tuesday 6th June from 8am – 9am. Please bring your children to the school library between these times.
- **Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day**

Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken.

*Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope (available at the office) prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at the school.

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P&C Association News

Meet our Fundraising Coordinator – Gina Evennett



This year is Gina's eighth year as a Hermit Park parent. She has a son in Year 4 and a daughter who has just finished and moved onto high school this year. Gina believes that it is *'the sense of community that makes Hermit Park an amazing school'*. Gina acknowledges she *'always feels as though teachers and staff welcome parents onto the campus with open arms. Knowing the staff and children at the school makes me feel as though I am really a part of that group and fully involved with every component in my children's learning process'*.

Gina has been a dedicated supporter of the P&C and has been an active member for the past seven years. She brings a lot of experience to the role of Fundraising Coordinator as she has held the position since her initial involvement seven years ago.

Gina believes that being involved with the P&C is a great way to get to know the workings of the school, *'simply listening to the Principal's report can give a parent an incredible insight to the direction that the school is headed'*. The P&C is also a way in which to get to know like-minded people, *'it is also a happy bunch that have always worked well together and such a broad range of parents and teachers attend'*.

Meet our Uniform Shop Coordinator - Skye Muscat-Furnell



This year is Skye's third year as a parent at Hermit Park. She has a son in Year 2 and a daughter who will starting Prep next year. Skye believes that the sustainability program is part of what makes Hermit Park a great school. Skye says it is a *'unique thing to offer our children...we need to teach these young people how to love the earth'*. Skye also believes the amazing *'commitment from the school community...wonderful parents and carers and teachers who love helping out around the school'*, makes Hermit Park great.

Skye has been involved with the P&C since her eldest child started school. She has actively volunteered and regularly helps with school banking. Skye took on the role as Uniform Shop Coordinator at the beginning of 2016.

Skye believes that being involved in the P&C is a great way of knowing what is going on around the school. She believes in the saying *'many hands make light work'* and the *'smallest bit of help goes such a long way'*.

Meet our Communications Coordinator – Sofie Buchholz



Sofie has been a Hermit Park parent for just over 18 months. She has two boys at the school across Year 1 and Year 3 and another son due to start Prep in 2020. As Sofie explains *'it is early days, many years ahead'*. Sofie believes that Hermit Park is a great school because of *'the teachers' commitment to improved professional practice through collegial coaching'*. Sofie believes that world's best teaching practices are evident in the classroom in the form of research based learning initiatives such as *'flexible learning spaces'* in Year 1. Staff display a *'professional but personal manner with parents and are always happy to chat about your worries or concerns'*.

Sofie has only become involved with the P&C this year and has taken on the newly created role of Communications Coordinator.

Sofie believes that being involved with the P&C is a great way to give back to and support the school community. It is also a *'way to demonstrate to my children that I think their school is important and I value that part of their life'*. Sofie feels that coming into the school part way through the year, joining the P&C would *'be an opportunity to find out more about the school and meet like-minded parents who have already had a long experience and involvement with the Hermit Park community'*

Trivia Night

Thinking of coming along? There are only a few tables left so now is the time to book your tickets. Tables seat 10 people, tickets are \$20. Organise yourself a group or come on your own and join another group of trivia fanatics, we will find you a team!

Let's do some more practice! (You might need the kids to help you with these...)

Q. Debra-Jo and Rory are characters from which TV show?

Q. Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?

Q. What does TARDIS stand for?

Q. Peppa and George like to jump in what?

Would like to support the event but cannot come? Fancy spending the ticket price to buy a prize to donate instead? Boxes of chocolates, tickets, vouchers, books, games, recreational equipment, kitchen equipment, gardening supplies? Everything and anything is greatly appreciated. Re-gifted items in 'new' condition are also welcome. **The P&C appreciates all support no matter how big or small offered by our community.**

Prizes purchased for donation can be dropped into the school office. If you have something large to donate, or know of a business who is willing to donate a prize, please contact our Fundraising Coordinator, Gina Evennett on, 0407 169 310 or evennetts@inet.net.au.

P&C Meeting Day Change

Due to the next P&C meeting falling on the school holidays, the June meeting has been brought forward to **Tuesday 20th June, 6:30pm**. The main focus of this meeting will be the 'Family Fun Day', so if you are interested in helping to organise this event or would like to suggest changes or new ideas for this event please come along: we would love to hear them! We are looking to establish a Family Fun Day organising group.

Uniform Shop

Families, please be aware that, due to circumstances beyond our control, we currently have a limited supply of school hats. We are unlikely to get a restock of hats until the beginning of August. Further school bag stock has arrived. The small size is available for \$45 and the medium size for \$50. We also have brand new library bags in stock: new, improved quality for \$15.

School Banking

Did you know that all siblings – older or younger, not yet at school or who are now moved onto high school – can bank through the HPSS school banking program? Banking wallets belonging to siblings can be sent along on Thursdays with current HPSS students.

Grant Writers Needed

Often the success related to securing funds needed for large or additional infrastructure projects for HPSS is due to the constant application for grants. This process varies, but can involve writing letters, filling out specific online forms as well as researching project costings. This work is made easier with many. Can you help? Write one or ten! Support and guidance will be given. Please contact our P&C President, Samantha Talbot, for further information or to volunteer: pandc@hermparkss.eq.edu.au.

Wish List

The P&C has started a new initiative called a 'Wish List'. It is another way in which you can support your P&C and the HPSS community. The complete 'Wish List' will soon be available for viewing on the school website.

The 'Wish List' consists of equipment and services that are beyond the P&C budget but are required, which means that donations are always greatly appreciated.

A few of the current 'Wish List' items include a **wheelbarrow** for the sustainability project, **chicken wire** and **buckets**. We also need the donated services of a **concreter** to finish the bike path on the Junior Campus so the balance bikes purchased by the P&C last year can be put to full use. If you can help with any of these 'Wish List' items or services please contact our P&C President, Samantha Talbot: pandc@hermparkss.eq.edu.au.

