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# Hermit Park Herald

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28<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Hermit Park School for another year of learning and fun! A special welcome to all of our new Prep students who began school on Wednesday and our new families who have joined us.

I am very excited to begin my 10<sup>th</sup> year as Principal of Hermit Park School. I am very proud to lead our school; a school that my Grandfather – Frank Carnes was a first day student at in 1924! I am really looking forward to a great year with our community.

## Welcome To Our New Teachers

A very big welcome to our new teachers for this year who include-

- Miss Georgia Wall – Prep
- Miss Kimberley Lysons – 2
- Mrs Julie Sullivan – 4
- Miss Elisha Hudson – 6
- Mrs Kristina Balanzategui – 6
- Mr Jake Salmon – 4, 5 and support roles.

Welcome aboard everyone. I am sure you will enjoy working with our community.

## Music Centre

Our music centre was completed over the holidays. A big thank you to our P&C who donated \$80,000 towards this project and the Queensland Government who contributed \$140,000. The centre is sound proof, air-conditioned and can store our string instruments in controlled temperatures which is very important for the life of the instrument. I am sure the children will enjoy learning music in this new block. We expect Instrumental lessons to begin in week 4 and will be sending information home in the coming weeks.

## New Building Work Over the Holidays

Over the holidays we were very lucky to secure around \$750,000 worth of building and upgrade works. These include:

**Block F** – complete upgrade – internal carpet/ paint/air-conditioning/external.

**Block G** – complete upgrade internal/external.

**Block D** – grade 6 new classroom

**Library** – new curriculum planning room

**Music** – new music/ practice rooms – still requires close leaf doors

**Sports** – Sports storage shed on the oval

**New Early Years Campus Staff Room**

**New Early Years Classroom** – Grade 1

**New Prep Classroom**

We are so lucky to have the support of the Queensland Government and our super P&C to enable these upgrades to occur.

## Medical Changes for 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.

## Senior Shirts

Senior shirts are available from the uniform shop for students in year 6 only. An order sheet will be coming out in week 3. Please stay tuned.

## Swimming Carnival

Our annual interhouse swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Students in grades 3-6 are invited to attend. A separate note will be sent home today outlining the day.

## School Banking

School Banking is every Thursday! Please hand your bank books to the classroom teacher every Thursday. If you wish to sign up for banking please see the office.

From January to September 2015, our Hermit Park community has deposited a whopping \$17,706.60!!!

As a result raising \$1505.34 commission for our school and P&C Association! Well done!

So, thank you to all students, parents and helpers for participating in the school banking program.

**Tuckshop**

Our tuckshop is open Monday to Friday for morning tea and lunch for both campuses. A new menu for 2016 is now available! We will send a hard copy home with our students and please visit QSchools for an electronic copy.

**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 School.

**Uniform Shop**

Our uniform shop is currently open on Monday morning from 8.30am - 9.15am and Tuesday afternoon from 2.45pm - 3.30pm during term. We offer **flexischools** for online ordering and cashless payment. Just register at [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au)  
A big thank you to our dedicated volunteer parents who operate the shop.

**Tasty Tuesday**

Tasty Tuesday is back for 2016. TT is held fortnightly and encourages students to try new foods. Selections in the past have included Tom Yum Soup, Rice Paper Rolls, and Gyozas. The food is always organic and locally sourced as much as possible.

**P&C Meetings**

Our P&C meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month in our staffroom at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

**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 really matters. If your child is sick, please phone the office on 4421 2222 to let us know. If you will be away for any length of time over 10 consecutive school days there is a form that needs to be completed - please see the office. Education Queensland collects

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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! On the last Friday of the month we will have the Good Moring Coffee Trader available for your morning coffee fix in the carpark.

**Upcoming Dates**

Swimming Carnival (yr 3-6) – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Tasty Tuesday – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

P&C Meeting - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Last Day of Term 1 – 24<sup>th</sup> March

First Day of Term 2 – 11<sup>th</sup> April