



Hermit Park Herald



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Welcome Back! I trust that you had a pleasant Easter break and enjoyed some lovely family time. As you will see below, term 2 is well and truly moving along. There is a lot happening around our school which is lovely to see.

ANZAC Parade

Last week our year 6 students and school choir led our annual ANZAC Commemoration. Our students worked very hard to learn all of their parts and did a wonderful job. Our choir is also growing in numbers and sounded superb.

Our school is surrounded by super parents. As we are all aware, last week we commemorated the 100th year of ANZAC. One of our Dads, Mr Aaron McPhail penned a beautiful poem which was selected in the Australian Awards and we have been given permission to reprint. Please find a copy attached.

NAPLAN

Annual NAPLAN testing is coming up once again for our students in years 3 and 5. NAPLAN tests cover five areas which are Writing, Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Number. Our teachers are currently preparing our students for the tests and reports will be available later in the year. Please remember that these tests are just one test on one day.

Attendance

Last term our school attendance result was 96% which was excellent. We are aiming for this again this term which will be a huge effort due to us entering the cold and flu season. Please remember that if you are away, please call the office to let us know. This really helps us with tracking our student's attendance. Remember that Everyday Counts!

Rule of the Week

Week 3 we will be focussing on: Being Responsible in the Playground

This involves:

- Listen to teachers
- Be a problem solver
- Look after equipment
- Use equipment responsibly

Week 4 we will be focussing on: Being Responsible on the Stairs and Verandah

- Move peacefully in single file
- Keep hands and feet to yourself

These school rules also look at our values of Responsibility & Citizenship.

Family Fun Day

The Hermit Park State School annual Family Fun Day will be returning this year on **Friday, June 19th** from 3pm – 6:30pm. This fun-filled family event just seems to get better every year with lots of great rides for all ages, music, performances, tonnes of food and an amazing array of market stalls.

The Hermit Park P&C would like to extend an invitation to all families in our community to come along and enjoy the evening. Entry is free and tickets for rides will be available for pre-purchase at the school office as well as at the ticket office on the oval during the event. Pre-paid tickets cost \$30 for an unlimited ride band; bands cost \$35 on the day for unlimited rides and individual rides cost \$5 each.

The Hermit Park P&C will now be taking bookings for all market stalls, so those of you who would like to set up a stall at the event, please pick up an information sheet and a site request form from the front office at Hermit Park State School. For further information on stalls, please **contact Gina Evennett on 0407 169 310**. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Uniforms

Our latest uniform addition is our school shorts and skorts. These are available from the uniform shop for \$25 each and are made by the same suppliers of our shirt. The shorts and skorts look very smart with HPSS monogrammed in the left corner. We currently have selected sizes of the old skorts and shorts on sale for \$10 each. The Uniform shop is opened every Tuesday afternoon from 2.45pm until 3.30pm. If you cannot make it then please feel free to place an order with the office. (Cash only)

Year 5 Student Council News

The executives of the student council recently had a morning tea with the P&C, Mr Carnes, Mrs Pecchiar & Ms Goodman to discuss what to do around the school. The P & C discussed their roles and how we can all work together for the best for Hermit Park State School. We also talked about the Family Fun Day. The Family Fun day will take place on Friday, the 19th of June, 2015. Rides may include:

- Big Dipper
- Animal Farm
- The Inflatable Playland
- Willy the Worm
- Laughing Clowns
- Rock Climbing

There will be lots of exciting stalls, that sell various items like delicious treats and & show bags. This will be a fun-filled day for the whole family.

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Year 6 Student Council News

This week the student council started their lunchtime activities. The activities will take place on both the Early Years Campus and the Senior Campus. Activities include drama, soccer, discos, art, athletics, chess, touch, Oz tag netball, handball and tennis. So far all students are enjoying the activities and we are looking to expand the program as the term progresses.

Also this week we thoroughly enjoyed meeting with the executive of the Hermit Park P & C. We learnt how similar their jobs are to ours and how we can work together to make Hermit Park an even better school!

Tasty Tuesday

This coming Tuesday the 12th of May is Tasty Tuesday! Our Tasty Tuesday ladies will be serving “chips and dip!” This will consist of dehydrated seeded biscuits and 2 dips! Just a reminder for the Early Years Campus if you haven’t pre-paid already please pop your \$4 in a brown paper bag with your child’s name, class and any food allergies/intolerances. Please place this in the Tasty Tuesday box outside your child’s classroom. Thank you for your support.

School Banking

Thursday is Banking Day!

Have you made 10 school banking deposits? If so please redeem your reward by including your reward coupon in your next banking wallet. If you do not have a reward coupon please see the office.

With the numbers steadily increasing help is required to count banking money. Counting takes place each Thursday from 3pm in the Library. Please feel free to come along if you are available to help!

Please call Larissa on 0411 547 969 if you have any banking enquiries.

Scholastic Book Club

Students have received Scholastic Book club brochures for Term 2. Correct money and orders are due at the OFFICE by **Friday 8th May**. Please place orders and money in a clearly named envelope. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

Friday 8th May – Scholastic Book club orders due

Tuesday 12th May – Tasty Tuesday

Tuesday 12th May - NAPLAN

Wednesday 13th May - NAPLAN

Thursday 14th May – NAPLAN

Monday 18th May – Eimeo Road State School Visit

Tuesday 19th May – Interschool Cross Country

Friday 22nd May – Bullimba State School Visit

Tuesday 26th May – Tasty Tuesday

Thursday 28th May – Readers Cup

Thursday 28th May – P+C Meeting



“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”.

Birth of the ANZAC - By Aaron McPhail

On the 25th of April, in the year 1915,
A fleet of Navy ships deployed for a battle unforeseen.
All clambered into longboats, then cast away to war,
Were soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corp.
In the silent dark of morning, unawares what lay their plight
Their welcome to the beach was met with a gruesome firefight.
Upon the boats a hail of bullets from the hillside spewed,
Then as dawn emerged upon them, all hell came into view
Sniping Turks in camouflage of cliffs caused disarray-
While guns from Gaba Tepe enraged a storm upon the bay.
Unto the shore a digger stepped to meet the snipers mark,
A fatal blow the Turk bestowed; a bullet to his heart.
Alas more ANZAC soldiers, their fate lay much the same,
As shrapnel from the bombs let loose, more diggers they did maim.
But amongst the boats and bodies struck
They charged the beach with bayonets up.
Toward the hills they boldly ran,
Defeat the Turks'...their only plan.
Their courage under fire displayed a fighting man possessed,
Piercing through the Turks entrenched they never stopped to rest.
To rid the retched snipers thrall they scaled the cliffs above-
To give the Turk a snipers end, with bayonets they shoved.
As the battle day ensued through ridges steep and jagged rough,
Good mates of past and present formed a Digger bold and tough.
From Hell Spit north to Ari Burnu they claimed the bloody shore,
Then spent the next eight months amongst an unrelenting war.
Many hardships they did suffer,
Many mates they loved and lost,
But the ANZAC soldiers never quit, at any given cost-
Our diggers fought with loyalty
They'd joke amongst the ranks
They never flinched in battle
Bold they fought the entrenched banks
The greatest of all athletes, their endurance unsurpassed
They were ANZAC soldiers who can never be outclassed
They touched the hearts of every man and woman in their stride
They served unto their country, with honor and with pride.
The battle of Gallipoli will never be forgotten
Our Anzacs will forever not be gone
For their superiority and courage under fire
Is a legacy that keeps our nation strong
May their legend live forever
May they be with God we pray
Let us hear and rejoice in freedom,
Because of ANZAC day
Farewell to you brave soldiers
Forever be at peace
May angels be upon you as the bugle gently weeps.

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