



Hermit Park Herald



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Welcome to another week of news. NAPLAN has now come and gone and we are very proud of our year 3 and 5 students. All students tried their best during the tests which was great to see. NAPLAN reports will be released later in the year. As always our school community is a hive of activity with Music, Sport and Author visits coming up. Please read on!

Interschool Cross Country

Our school competed in the annual Interschool cross country on Tuesday and attained super results! Thank you to Mr Cody who trained our team and Mrs Brown who cooked breakfast each week. All of our students achieved a higher placing than last year which was a great effort. Special congratulations to-

- Harry Drovandi – 1st – 10 years
- Xavier Cameron – 2nd – 11 years
- Lara Skerratt – 3rd – 11 years

Bulimba and Edge Hill School Visit

Our school today welcomes staff from Bulimba School in Brisbane and Edge Hill School in Cairns. We will spend the day touring our school and working together as a group of three schools learning from each other. Both schools are very interested in our school collegial coaching program.

SuperNova and Stella Band

This week our Band students participated in a three day band camp which culminated in a concert last night on the basketball court. The children joined with five other schools to form a band of around 80 players. The children sounded brilliant.

Music on Parade

Each week on parade our school will feature one section of our music program. So far this term we have welcomed our String Quartet and our Junior String Quartet. We are very lucky to have so many talented musicians in our school.

Author Visit – Frances Watts

I am very pleased to let you know that we will host Frances Watts on Monday 25th of May. Frances has published many picture books including Goodnight Mice, A Rat in a Stripy Sock, and Captain Crabclaw's Crew. Further information is available from

<http://www.franceswatts.com/about.html>.

On Friday 29th June we will host Glenda Millard who has published many children's novels including When the Angels Came, All the Colours of Paradise, and The Tender Moments of Saffron Silk. Further information is available from <http://glendamillard.com/books>

QSchools App

Our newsletter can be downloaded each fortnight using the **free** Qld Government app, 'Qschools'. This app is available from your smartphone app store and gives you access to the school newsletters, calendars and other notes. We also have a school Facebook page which can be found by searching for Hermit Park State School.

Rule of the Week

Our rule of the week for our school is 'Be Responsible - Before/After School'. This means -

- Before 8.35 sit in undercover area until bell rings
- After school go to the office if you are not collected
- Keep your belongings nearby

Our rule next for next week is 'Be Responsible - In the Eating areas'. This means -

- Go straight to eating area and sit down
- Put all rubbish and food scraps in appropriate bins
- Raise your hand and ask to use the toilets/get drinks

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, call the office to let us know. This really helps us with tracking our student's attendance. Remember that everyday counts!

Interschool Sport

This term our school will participate in many sports. These include Football, Rugby Union and Tennis. This will be the first time we have offered a school tennis team, so we are very excited. The children have already signed up and begun training. Go Hermit Park!

Readers Cup

Readers Cup will be held on Thursday 28th of May. Our team has been reading the required novels for the last few weeks and have been busy practising answering questions. Readers Cup is always a wonderful night. Good luck Hermit Park!

P & C 2015 Tea Towel Fundraiser

Further to our note sent home this week regarding the fundraising tea towels – we need to clarify that there are **two different tea towels** – one for the Preps to Year 2's and one for the Year 3 to Year 6 students. The artwork on the tea towels is made up of drawings from every student at the school. These limited edition tea towels are only \$15. A discount of 10% is available for orders of 5 or more.

Please cash only and cheques made payable to Hermit Park P+C Committee.

Orders are due by next Friday 29th May. Please see the office for an order form.

Eliminate Dengue

Eliminate Dengue Townsville is part of an international research collaboration developing a natural and safe method to reduce the ability of mosquitoes to pass dengue between people.

With government approval and community support, we began the first city-wide field trial of our method in Townsville in October 2014. We are working in several suburbs across inner-Townsville, including the area around your school in 2015.

If you would like to know how the trial works, please visit our website for more information – eliminatedengue.com/townsville or contact our team on 1800 005 622

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!

Tasty Tuesday

This coming Tuesday the 26th of May is Tasty Tuesday! Our Tasty Tuesday ladies will be taking us to Italy! They will be serving us Polenta with tomato sauce made from locally grown tomatoes with basil from Hermit Park State School's own aquaponics. It will be Gluten free – however does contain butter (not dairy free).

Just a reminder for the Early Years Campus if you haven't pre-paid already please pop your \$3 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.

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)

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.

Dates to Remember

Friday 22nd May – Bullimba State School Visit

Monday 25th May – Author’s Visit Frances Watts

Tuesday 26th May – Tasty Tuesday

Tuesday 26th May – NQ Cross Country

Wednesday 27th May – Year 4 History Excursion

Thursday 28th May – AFL Gold Coast Suns Cup

Thursday 28th May – Readers Cup

Thursday 28th May – P+C Meeting

Friday 29th May – Author’s Visit Glenda Millard

Friday 5th June – Interschool Sport Starts

Monday 8th June – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June – Tasty Tuesday

Wednesday 10th June – Junior School Athletics Carnival

Thursday 11th June – Senior School Athletics Carnival

Monday 15th June – Year 2-5 “The 26 Storey Treehouse” Excursion

Friday 19th June – Family Fun Day!

Monday 22nd June – Year 6 Paluma Camp

Tuesday 23rd June – Tasty Tuesday

Thursday 25th June – 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”.