



# Hermit Park State School Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 8 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## CALENDAR EVENTS



### From the Principal's Desk

What a busy and exciting time Term 3 has been. Athletics Carnivals, learning and assessment, school camps, excursions, learning and assessment, reporting, Trivia night, learning and assessment..... Despite the hectic term we were able to come up for air after our School Review last week. The reviewers' verbal overview to staff was highly positive and clearly articulated why Hermit Park Sate School is such a special place. The overarching theme was one of a strong school culture within and outside of the school. Recently I have been re-reading Hattie's *Visible Learning for Teachers* (2012). Hattie comments on the importance of a balance of education. "Schooling should have major impacts not only on the enhancement of knowing and understanding, but also on the enhancement of the character: intellectual, moral, civic, and performance character". Our feedback exemplifies this; the school is committed to improving outcomes and has high expectation for ALL students, there is a strong collegial/collaborative culture which is one of inquiry and innovation, there are a range of quality programs and partnerships that extend and grow our students. Well Done Hermit Park – A Great School!

Finally, we have recently renewed our school tuckshop contract. The successful contractor is *Kell's Kitchen*. To enable a transition to the new contractor the tuckshop will be closed in the final week of term 2. The Student Council will run a sausage sizzle on the Monday and Tuesday during the Athletics Carnivals – order forms will be distributed next week. We thank Nick and *Café on the Run* for their service and commitment to the school and our students over the past two years.



Natalie Taylor

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June

P&C Trivia Night

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Paluma Camp

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Senior Athletics Carnival

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Junior Athletics Carnival

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 Ghosts of Gold Excursion  
Charters Towers

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Choral Camp (Years 5/6)

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

P&C Meeting 6:30pm

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Last day of Term 2

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

First day of Term 3

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Camp Quality Puppet Show  
Prep-Year 6 HPSS  
Odd socks theme

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

French Bastille Day

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

Current attendance rate

94.5%





## **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 9: Be Safe – All Areas**

- Listen and follow all staff directions
- Use equipment appropriately
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Wear shoes and socks unless otherwise notified



### **Week 10: Be Responsible – All Areas**

- Be on time
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Follow instructions straight away
- Be organised
- Be responsible for your own behaviour



### **Student Council Update**

The Fairy Garden is progressing very nicely and we would like to again thank the Goldberg family for their very kind donations. Students visiting the garden have been busy writing letters to the fairies and making the garden inviting for our special visitors. Next term the student council is looking at story telling in the fairy garden.

*Mrs Pecchiar*



### **From the Sports Desk**

What an amazing start to the next round of block sport we have had. All teams performed amazingly with a few of our teams walking away victorious in their first game. Unfortunately not enough schools nominated to participate in Rugby Union and the competition for this year was cancelled. Luckily we were able to form another boy's touch team and a few of the other boys have helped bolster our soccer teams.

Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June will be our last round for Term 2 but all teams are busy training and are ready to get straight back into it on the first Friday in Term 3.

### **Friday Sport Jerseys**

Students that were given a playing jersey last Friday for their sport are responsible for the washing and care of that jersey for the entire block 2. Students are to bring their jersey on Fridays and are allowed to change into their jersey at morning tea to allow teams to move to their respective grounds more efficiently. If we could please have the jerseys returned in the condition they were given in. Thank you.

### **Interhouse Athletics Carnival**

A reminder that our next big carnival, the inter-house athletics carnival is on the last week of school with the senior (grade 3 to 6) carnival on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June and the juniors (prep to 2) on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Our Student Council will run a sausage sizzle on both days! I look forward to seeing as many supporters there as possible.

*Mr Cody*



### Club Français

This term 25 students from years 5 and 6 have participated in French Club after school on Wednesdays. Students wanted to learn how to play sport and explain the rules in French. They have learnt how to play two traditional French games called Pétanque and Croquet. They also played UNO and soccer using French words. Next term a new group of 25 students from years 5 and 6 will be invited to do French Club.

### Young Language Ambassador Conference at JCU last week

Five students were selected to represent Hermit Park at a conference targeting the retention of students learning a second language at university. JCU's target is to have 40% of year 12 students learning a second language by 2020. The students listened to several presenters who covered topics such as:



- Social Science and the studies of human change brought about by technology. University students are now less empathetic and more narcissistic than ever before. People are losing the skill of talking because of texting.
- Vanuatu, the most linguistically diverse place in the world with 250 000 people which speak over 130 different languages.
- What is a linguist and the adventures it can take you on?
- Cultural dance presentation.
- The importance of learning a second language, presented by schools in our region.

The students presented their knowledge to parade on Wednesday and represented Hermit Park wonderfully. We are very proud of them.

From the French Desk with *Monsieur V*



### Camp Quality puppet show

The **Camp Quality** puppet show will be visiting our school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. 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



On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July we will have a theme which will be **ODD SOCKS** all that we ask is for a gold coin donation from those who participate.

## **P&C Association News**

### **Meet the P&C's Outside School Hours Care Sub-committee**

#### **Maree McCahon – Chair Person OSHC sub-committee**



This is Maree's third year as a parent of Hermit Park. She has one son in Year 2. As Maree says, *'first year on the big campus'*. Maree notes that it is a common held belief by many others, but she also believes that it is *'the teachers and all of the staff that make this school a great school. It has a friendly vibe'*. She acknowledges that the teachers which have taught her son are, *'first class and as a first time schooling parent, my expectations have been exceeded'*. Maree is excited to see how our *'new Principal, Natalie, directs our amazing school'*.

Maree has been involved with the P&C since her son started Prep, initially in the role of Treasurer for the OSHC sub-committee before moving across to the role of Chair Person this year, stating she had some *'big shoes to fill'* after the departure of Samantha Talbot to the P&C President's role.

Maree explains that *'as a full time working parent, I don't get the opportunity to be involved during the day'*. The P&C allows her to be involved and, *'I like social engagement I get interacting with other parents engaged in the same goals'*. Maree feels that she *'has been so fortunate to work with some exceptional people on the OSHC sub-committee'*. It is also *'really nice to be able to say hi to someone I know at the school if I happen to pick my son up early'*.

#### **Renae Caspani – Secretary OSHC sub-committee**



This is Renae's third year as a Hermit Park parent. She has a daughter in Year 2 and a son in Prep. Renae believes that a *'great community spirit'* and the *'wonderful teachers'* at the school is what makes Hermit Park great.

Renae has been involved with the P&C since her eldest started at the school in 2015, taking on the role of Secretary for the OSHC sub-committee.

Renae believes that being involved with the P&C *'gives you the opportunity to have a say in what happens at the school'*. It also provides knowledge of what is going on and allows you *'to be involved in events'*.

#### **Karla Matters – Treasurer OSHC sub-committee**



This year is Karla's fifth year as a Hermit Park parent. She has two children at the school, one in Year 4 and the other in Year 1. Karla believes that what makes Hermit Park a great school is its sense of community, *'even though the school has grown in size, it still has a small school feel'*. Karla also feels that *'children are known by all the teachers and are not lost in the system. The teachers want the best of the students: academically, socially and emotionally. The kids always seem happy'*.

This is the first year in which Karla has been involved with the P&C and is taking on the role of Treasurer of the OSHC sub-committee.

Karla believes that being involved with the P&C is a great way *'to get to know what is going on, and to meet other parents from the school'*.

## Trivia Night

Are you coming? It is set to be a great social evening for a good cause. Our aim is to raise \$5000 for new classroom technology in the form of projectors.

Don't forget to bring a plate of food to share, cash for the raffle, auction, coffee machine and drink service. EFTPOS will be available, but cash is appreciated. Get yourself an impressive costume organised, keeping in mind the TV theme, remember prizes will be awarded. Don't forget to study, all begins at 6:30pm in the HPSS school hall. 'That's all folks'!

## P&C Meeting Date Change

Due to the next P&C meeting falling on the school holidays, the June meeting has been brought forward to **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

We also have brand new library and music bags in stock: new, improved quality for \$15. The music bags are identical to the library bags but feature an image of stylised piano keys on the front. Very useful for instrumental music students to store and carry folders and sheet music for lessons.

## Wish List

The P&C would like to give a huge thank you to Tate Hastie in Year 5 and his family for donating all the 'Wish List' items mentioned in the last school newsletter: a wheelbarrow, chicken wire and buckets arrived in the school office! It was wonderful! Thank you so much Hastie Family for supporting this new P&C initiative and for enriching the learning environment for all HPSS students by providing these items for the sustainability project.

Overall we had a wonderful response from our HPSS community regarding the new 'Wish List' initiative. A number of families made contact offering to donate the items needed. The P&C felt very proud of our HPSS families. A huge thank you also to all those families who made an offer of donation.

The complete 'Wish List' is now available for viewing on the school website, within the 'Our School' section under 'P&C Association'



Further 'Wish List' items needed are **post pads** for the basketball court and specialty school-wide teaching resources called, **Phonemic Curriculum - Book 1, 2 and 3** each book costs \$152. 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 the listed 'Wish List' items or services please contact our P&C President, Samantha Talbot: [pandc@hermparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@hermparkss.eq.edu.au).

### **School Review**

The P&C would like to congratulate the school on the exemplary verbal feedback from the School Review team after their visit last week. The P&C looks forward to supporting Natalie, Sharon, all teachers and staff as they work to develop and implement the school's Quadrennial School Review starting next term.

### **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](mailto:pandc@hermparkss.eq.edu.au).

### **OSHC News**

The vacation care booking sheet for these school holidays is now out! It is already filling up fast and some days are booked out and have waiting lists. Some of the highlights this upcoming vacation care include: Melville's Farm with tractor rides, Wheels Day, Alice in Wonderland at Anderson Park and the Show Day.

The complete holiday program will be available, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Please be aware that if you need to cancel a booking, notice of one week is required, otherwise fees will be charged.

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