



Hermidale Public School

Newsletter Term 3 Week 3

27 July 2021

Dear Parents,

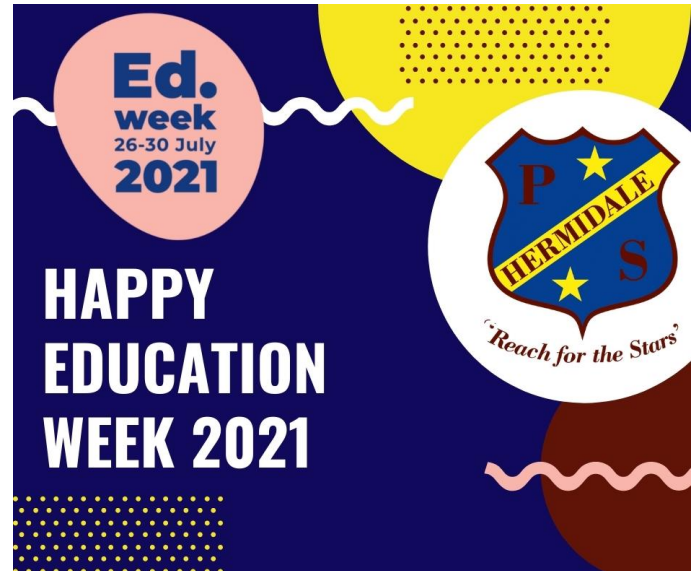
We begin this week with a focus on Education week and the 2021 Olympic games.

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Education Week - This year's theme is 'Lifelong learners' and celebrates education as a lifelong journey from before a child enters an early childhood setting, progressing to primary and secondary school, and continuing their learning journey into adulthood; learning a trade,

entering tertiary education, or the workforce.

Please enjoy the stories from teachers and admin staff at our school.



TOKYO 2020

2021 Olympic Games - Today at school, your child selected a country that is competing in the Olympics and an Australian Athlete. Now, you have the opportunity to learn with your child as you venture together on a fact finding mission!! Please join the learning journey with your child by **researching and completing the Country Report page and Athlete profile which is attached.** Once you have filled in all the sections, please return it to school to be placed on the Olympic games display.

These websites will help you <https://olympics.com/> and <https://www.olympics.com.au/games/tokyo-2020/team/>



Small Schools Athletics Carnival - Thank you to Marra Creek PS for running a great carnival on Friday. Special mention to Marlie who represented our school at the carnival. Marlie competed in all events including the 1500m race. It was heartwarming to see the positive spirit shine during the competition, as all schools cheered each other on.



Combined sports & Muffi day - We will travel to Girilambone this Friday for the day. We need to re commence Touch footy training as we are scheduled to play Delungra later in the term. This is a Principal endorsed activity. **Come dressed in something green and gold to show your support for the Aussie team competing in Tokyo.** Please complete the permission slip provided.

School ipads & PM digital Readers - We value the support parents provide their children at home. Please take the opportunity to use the school funded ipads and PM reader app to continue to improve your child's reading capacity.

How often do we do reading at school? Students read everyday in all subjects including Maths, Science, History, English and Creative Arts! Each child reads with a teacher every day and Teachers read a variety of texts with and to students throughout the day.

What is a PM reader? We use PM readers daily in the classroom in modelled, guided and independent reading sessions.

How do you know the level? Students' reading and comprehension are assessed by the teacher, this is called benchmarking. This enables the teacher to assign a PM level to the student. When undertaking instructional reading in the classroom, the student will use the text at the level above their benchmark. I have included further information about PM readers as an attachment to the newsletter. If you have any questions about the PM reader app or ipads, please contact your child's teacher.

Have a great week

Skye Dedman

Principal



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Life long learners



Mrs D

~ Education has been part of my life since day one. My Mum and Dad taught me to swim, read, explore nature and encouraged me to be creative. As a 5 year old, my first day of kindergarten was at Bathurst Public School. I loved school, adored my year 1 teacher and when I was in year 4, I had my first experience with an Apple computer . My Dad became the Principal of Peak Hill Central School so I completed year 5 and 6 at Peak Hill. The best thing about Peak Hill was the swimming pool, easy access to the school's monkey bars and great friends. On starting year 7, I moved from Peak Hill which had 140 students, to Hunters Hill High School in Sydney. No one had heard of Peak Hill so I was a little daunted! Then, an opportunity arose for my family to go to England for 12 months so I momentarily stepped out of the Public system to attend Sir William Borlase's

Grammar School in Marlow, England. At the end of our time there a teacher reported to my parents that my brother and I did surprisingly well at school since we were from the colonies (hard to believe but true!). On our return to Australia, we headed back to Bathurst and I picked up with my primary school friends at Bathurst High School. I completed the HSC in 1993 and represented the school at Swimming, Athletics and as a student representative on the school council. I loved my senior years at High School as we built a great relationship with many of our teachers - they would listen to our gossip, get involved in our sporting and school events and inspire our group. My HSC results meant that I could go on to University. In 1995, I commenced a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst and I completed a fourth year of study in 2000, which gave me a Bachelor of Education. As I have grown older, become a parent and Principal, I have continued to learn. My inspiration quote is - Develop a passion for learning. When you do, you will never cease to grow.



Monique. Would you believe that this photo is my "first day of Kinder" photo – as I started school at Marra Creek Public School in 1978. My Dad was managing the property "Killaloe" not far from the school at the time. I believe there were about 20 odd students in the school that year – with half being in Kindergarten! Half way through Kinder my parents divorced and I moved to Parkes with my mum and younger siblings. I started my schooling there at Holy Family Primary School where I stayed until the end of Year 6. Having started school in a small school and back then, only going to town once a month or more like every 2 months – a large school was terrifying! One of my favourite shows before leaving the Marra Creek area was called "The Flying Nun" So you can imagine my horror being at a

school taught by Nuns, in their full habit! My Mum tells the story of me being terrified the Nuns would fly around the classroom LOL. I loved sport at school, but the main thing was the Library. You could find me there most lunchtimes – all the way to Year 12 really. I developed a love of reading that I still have. In Year 6 I was a House Captain for 'Kurrajong' which was the yellow house team. Perhaps that is where my love of yellow has come from? From Primary School – I was enrolled into Red Bend Catholic College as a day student for high school. RBCC was in Forbes, a neighbouring town, and three bus loads of kids went from Parkes to Forbes daily. I spent all 6 years at RBCC. I played a lot of sport through high school, however, I was mostly a very shy and quiet student and could be found in the library. My favourite subject at school was Asian Studies and for my senior years, Legal Studies. I finished Year 12 in 1990 after not really enjoying my senior years. Not knowing what I wanted to do, I really struggled to find my place after school. So, I went to TAFE. I started an Administration certificate at Orange TAFE in 1991, but left it half way through the year to start a Chef's Apprenticeship in Forbes, I ended back at TAFE though in 1992, in Dubbo this time, where I completed a year there in Administration. From there it was onto Nyngan to start work at what is now the LLS Board. And the rest is history so they say. I married a local farmer, raised 3 children, changed jobs after 15 years at the LLS, completed several TAFE courses and eventually started with the Department of Education in 2013, in administration – always, always learning new things. *"If you are not willing to learn, no-one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no-one can stop you."*

Mrs Coddington well I believe school is made up of 3 important elements: fun, grasping every opportunity the school provides and a time to get serious! My ratio of those 3 elements may have been a little bit out especially with getting serious and knuckling down. I began schooling at Cobar Public School back in 1998, just a young whipper snapper with no idea what the big wide world had planned for me. I was never the brightest kid in class and I attended learning support throughout primary school but I will be forever thankful to those teachers because they kept me on the path to success. Throughout primary school I was never the smartest but I loved the social side- you name it every sporting team I was in (anything to get out of school work). There was not a time I wasn't



either Jrn or Srn athletic and swimming champ, competing at state level for swimming many times. I was also an SRC member and School Captain in year 6.

Once I finished primary I toddle off to Cobar High School for year 7 but I soon got shipped off to boarding school at Red Bend Catholic College where I had to pick my act up. This was when I had to get serious but boarding school was the best choice my parents and myself ever made. Again I was in every sporting team possible, I even joined the Cattle team, Aboriginal dance group, debating team (once), Santa Teresa NT group- you name it I have tried it. I believe this was me grabbing every opportunity the school provided. I was boarding captain in year 12 and I will forever hold many close memories from my boarding days as I have created some lifelong friendships. I had no idea what I wanted to do or be but was always interested in either event management or teaching - but seriously, who is going to hire an event manager out west? I didn't get an ATAR but finished year 12 and entered an undergraduate

Bachelor of Primary Education and Indigenous Studies at Australian Catholic University in Sydney. I completed this by distance education but had to travel to the big smoke 4 times a year to attend classes. I was only 17 at my first ever residential- I was like a young pup coming out of the kennel for the first time with no idea. Whilst attending university I worked at Cobar Pre School (I obtained my cert 3 through schooling at Red Bend), worked as a Community Project Officer at Richdom PRA, Community Engagement Officer and Child Youth Worker at Interrelate and finally completed 2 terms of teaching at Bourke Public before coming to the amazing Hermidale Public School- in between all that I most importantly was able to fit a whole lot of fun in!

Always remember to have the right amount of fun, opportunities and seriousness~

Rebekah Coddington



Mrs Robb Born, bred and educated in Nyngan. My primary years were spent at St Joseph's School Nyngan. It was a great time where I learnt that I could do anything. When I was in infants I wanted to play cricket with the boys and they wouldn't let me, I remember Sister Flo came over and we partnered up to take on the boys by then a few other girls joined in too. Sister Flo had an amazing energy and was kind hearted and I cherished how she involved me. I loved primary school and everything it had to offer. I was not very good at English or Mathematics but loved sports of any kind. It was during this time that I was heavily involved in netball and Little Athletics where I held many athletics records at school for several years, mainly

high jump and 100m. During Year 6 my love of Mathematics began to flourish and I found the love of learning to be overwhelming in this subject - just this one. My high school years were spent at Nyngan High School where I was an active member of the school through the SRC, represented the school in every sport that was offered, wrote a poem about Anzacs that was published by RSL ex-services, and continued to develop my passion for Mathematics. It wasn't until Year 11 before I had a little success with English where I produced a great essay on the Year of Living Dangerously. I still remember the feeling of accomplishment. At the end of High School I had a big decision to make: take early entry to Accounting or change to Mathematics teaching. It was a nervous wait for HSC results followed by a more anxious decision to be made. I ventured off to Charles Sturt University and completed my Bachelor of Education (Secondary Mathematics) before heading into my first teaching position at Nyngan High School. Since then I have recently completed a Master of Primary Teaching, a Graduate Certificate of Religious Education, Master of Education (Educational Leadership), Certificate IV Accounting and Bookkeeping and am currently completing my Diploma of Early Childhood. I am not sure of my next venture - yet. "It is never too late to learn anything as learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere"



Students of the Week

Marlie Jensen for running 1500 meters non stop!

Mac Lawson for positively contributing to number talks during Mathematics.



Parents & Citizens Association

The P&C meeting will be today - Tuesday 27th July at **4.45pm**. Please meet at the office to sign in using the school's QR code. All attendees will be required to wear a mask during their time on school grounds.

Items to be discussed will include

- School canteen review
- The front path paving fundraising project

Please come along and support our school.

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What's coming up?

Week 3

Education Week

Friday 30th July

Touch Football training @ Girilambone PS

Week 5

Mid-term break

Friday 13 August

Week 6

Mid-term break

Monday 16 August

**LET'S SOCK IT FOR
CANCER**




**BUY your socks
today!
\$5 a pair**

Help support Thomas Wells-Budd & his family

Go to try booking to order and pay
<https://www.trybooking.com/BRYAB>

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
2nd August 2021

PERMISSION NOTE:

Please complete and return to the school

PERMISSION NOTE

Touch Football Training at Girilambone PS

I give permission for my child/ren _____ to
travel on Friday 30th July from Hermidale PS to Girilambone PS and return during
school hours travelling in Teacher's vehicles

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NATIONAL TREE DAY!

FINISH

Find your way from the trunk of the tree up to the branches to complete the maze!

National Tree Day is a call to action for all Australians to put their hands in the earth and give back to their community.

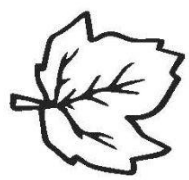
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Unjumble the letters to reveal the names of the images beside them!

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