



Hermidale Public School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 1

30th April 2024

Dear Parents,



Positive Responsible
Respectful Learners

As we begin term two, the staff continue to implement consistent learning, routines and expectations. This term we will continue with the K-6 science unit "Living things" and begin the second History units "Stories and Technology" (ES1/S1) and "Colonial Development" (S2/3). During English, each stage will be exploring various text types, writing formats, preparing speeches for the school's festival of speech and continuing to focus on reading fluency, comprehension, spelling and handwriting. The HPS Maths term 2 sequence of learning is below.

K-2	3-6
Term Two	Term Two
Time	Time (Non spatial measure)
Addition and Subtraction	Addition and Subtraction
Volume	Volume
2D	2D Partitioned Fractions
Mass	Mass (Non spatial measure)
Area	Area
3D	3D
Forming Groups	Multiplicative relations
Position	Position (geometric measure)
Chance	Chance



It's Cross Country Time Each day leading up to the carnival, we will have cross country practice sessions at school so ALL STUDENTS can wear their joggers to run in.



Tuesday 30th April - To remember the contributions of those within the Hermidale Community, the year 6 students will lay flowers and read a poem at the Hermidale Cenotaph on Tuesday 30th April, 2024 at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to join us.

School Mural painting - This week we will host Rob from Head Space and Kate from the Department of Education Arts Unit. Kate is an artist that has been commissioned by Headspace to create a mural for the school reflecting the school's community and identity. The design was co constructed with the students and will be a wonderful addition to our outdoor play area. During parts of Wednesday and Thursday groups of students will participate in the art project including designing a tote bag. Therefore, **on Wednesday and Thursday students can come to school in 'home/old/work' clothes - they may get paint on them so please don't send your children in good clothes.**

School Communication - Following consultation with the school community, the Communications and Engagement Procedure document will be implemented at our school. Please read and familiarise yourselves with the document. As stated, we respectfully ask that staff are not contacted outside school hours about school matters through their private phones. If you need to contact a staff member regarding a school matter, please email or phone the school on 68 33 0707.

Email addresses - skye.dedman@det.nsw.edu.au, kerrie.pitkin@det.nsw.edu.au, hermidale.p-school@det.nsw.edu.au

When away from the school, the Teacher in charge will have the school's mobile phone with them. Please add this number in your contacts for future reference. This phone will not be monitored during other times.



Hermidale Public School
Mobile Number - 0457 531 602

Handwriting - At school we have been reiterating the correct way to form letters. Practicing correct letter formation assists with letter sizing, spacing and the progression from print to cursive writing. I have attached some handwriting information that may assist you in guiding writing at home.

Attendance - Last term, there was an increase in the number of days that some students were absent from school. I understand that sickness is unavoidable however the school does need to be notified each day if your child is not attending. You can notify the school in three ways

1. In School Bytes, complete an absent note
2. Email the school hermidale.p-school@det.nsw.edu.au and cc' kerrie.pitkin@det.nsw.edu.au, and skye.dedman@det.nsw.edu.au
3. Phone the school between 8.30 and 9am and a staff member will pass the message onto me.

Notifying me that your child is/ will be away provides me with the information I need to make adjustments to your child's learning plan.

Individual Education Plans parent meetings - If possible, I would like to meet with parents during week 3 or 4 of this term to review the IEP from term 1. The timing of these meetings will be dependent on the appointment of the new Principal. I will communicate with you further regarding meeting times.

Festival of speech - On Thursday of week 2, your child will present their prepared speech to the staff and students. Following this, 2 students will be selected from each of stage 2 and stage 3 to represent the school at the CWA Public Speaking event in Narromine. This year, parents would need to transport their child to Narromine. I will send notes home following the festival of speech to those eligible to attend. The Year 3-6 topics set by the CWA for this year are as follows. Please chat to your child about the topic they would like to choose and I will assist them to write their speech this Friday.

Years K-2 One minute	Years 3 and 4: Two minutes	Years 5 and 6: Two minutes
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What it means to be a good friend2. Who makes me laugh	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Why is it important to brush my teeth2. The power of music3. Ghost Stories	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Who makes me laugh2. What it means to be a good friend3. Life through my pets eyes

Small Schools Cross Country Carnival

Hermidale PS will host the small schools cross country carnival on Friday 10th May beginning at 9.30am. Girilambone and Marra schools will travel to join us. If any parents are available to assist by standing at points along the course, I would be most appreciative.

- Please pack recess and lunch and sturdy running shoes.
- The Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students will run 1km, 8- 10 year olds will run 2km and the 11 years and seniors will run 3km. Please encourage your child/ren to practice at home as it makes it much more enjoyable for them on the day.
- Students 8 years and above who come first or second may be eligible to compete in the Nyngbar Cross Country on Thursday 30th May at Hermidale.

Regards ~ Skye Dedman Principal



Thank you for representing Hermidale PS



Term 2 Staff development day

On Monday, I facilitated three sessions focusing on Curriculum Implementation. These sessions were part of a suite of professional learning mandated by the Department of Education.

At Hermidale PS, I delivered the following professional learning sessions. These sessions build on the focuses that I have identified through analysis within the school's Strategic Improvement Plan.



K-6 syllabus: Learning intentions and success criteria

Use new syllabus content to develop effective learning intentions and success criteria to strengthen teaching practice and improve student learning.



The teaching and learning cycle and K-6 mathematics

Use the teaching and learning cycle as a tool to teach the NSW Mathematics K-10 syllabus through the focus area of place value K-6.



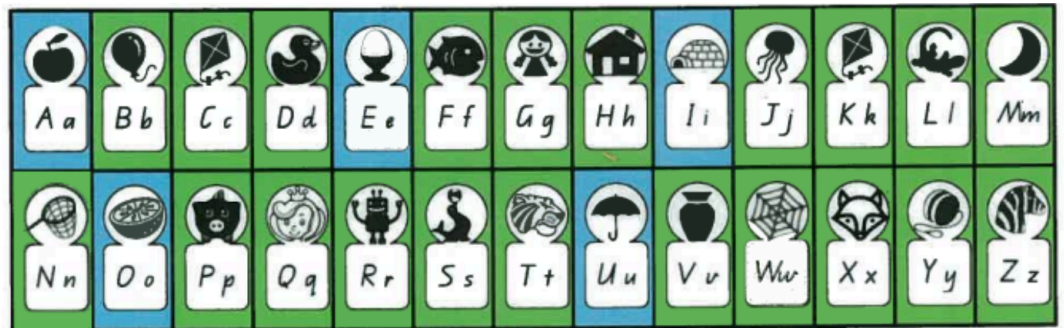
Assessing and monitoring writing through the curriculum

Primary – explore effective assessment practices to plan for explicit writing instruction through the curriculum.

2023 Annual School Report

The Annual school report is available to view through the school's website - About our school - School planning and reporting. <https://hermidale-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

HPS Soundwaves sound card and sight words



we	are	is	the	I	am	look	up
like	my	and	for	went	to	make	was
in	see	a	on	this	can	with	it

Term two Planner

School
Bytes
permission
required

Term two

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 1	29th April Staff Development Day	30th April Students return to school <u>2.30pm Yr 6 walk to Hermidale cenotaph</u>	Students wear Work/older clothes for Art sessions	Students wear Work/older clothes for Art sessions canteen			Nyngan Show Day 1
Week 2	Nyngan Show Day Locally gazetted Public Holiday No school	Mrs Edge on leave Mrs Dedman Professional learning off site Mrs Fennamore relieving		Mrs Edge on leave Festival of Speech at school canteen	Small schools cross country At Hermidale 9.30am		
Week 3		Mrs Edge on leave		canteen			
Week 4		CWA Public Speaking at Narromine <u>for those eligible.</u>		canteen			
Week 5				Canteen Nyngbar Cross Country <u>for those eligible</u>	MID TERM BREAK		
Week 6	MID TERM BREAK			canteen			
Week 7	King's Birthday Public Holiday			canteen			
Week 8				canteen			
Week 9				canteen			
Week 10				canteen			

What you can do

Building positive attendance habits

You can help build positive attendance habits by:

- helping your child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- making sure your child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to take part
- reducing disruption to learning where you can, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- contacting your school to explain any absences (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- making sure any holidays or medical appointments are taken outside school hours
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.



NSW Department of Education

Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as

1 day per fortnight, they will miss 4 weeks of school per year, which adds up to over 1 year missed over their school life.

Scan the QR code to learn more



Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening friendships



Build skills through fun