SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE

Our swimming relay team: Angus Currans, Ben Harris, Lily Jenkins and Suzannah Dewhurst came 3rd in the State in the P6 4 x 50m relay at Homebush winning a bronze medal to much excitement on the sidelines! We welcome to our school two new students Vanessa and Stuart from Miandetta, and their grandma Lesley and also welcome Seth and Kaddison Negus-Rodman from Queensland who have been staying with their parents at Killarney Vale (home of our local postie Graham).

We sadly farewelled Teachers Aide Madeline Dutton who has left for a six months stay in America visiting and working with her Uncle Phillip. We also will soon be farewelling Teachers Aide Andrew Ward who will be leaving for Sydney soon to start a new job with Graincorp. We wish them both all the best!

Hermidale P & C Association recently ran a 200 Club that was drawn at the hotel on Friday 13th July. First prize of $1,500 was won by Dawn Elder and Second prize $500 was won by Tim Ryan. Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets. We hear that our local miners were great supporters of this event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Happy Birthday to Bill D who turned 70 and Geoff M who racked up 60 years recently. Belated birthday wishes to students Kaddison, Angus, Nikki, Seth and Vanessa. Upcoming birthdays are Jarrod and Toby in September, Ajay and Reece in October and Lily in November – best wishes!

Con condolences – the town of Hermidale was very sad to hear of the recent passing of our local fellow John Birchmore. A very large gathering came to bid farewell to John at the local cemetery. We pass on our sincere sympathies to Jackie and John’s family.

New national assessment program for literacy and numeracy

The NSW Minister for Education and Training, John Della Bosca, announced recently that from 2008 the state wide tests undertaken by NSW students in primary and high school (BST, ELLA and SNAP) will be replaced with a national testing program. This means students from NSW will take the national tests at the same time as students from all other states and territories.

The new national testing system will be held on the 13th to the 15th May 2008.

To find out more about the new tests please go to


NEW TENNIS & FITNESS CENTRE

The Hermidale Tennis and Fitness Centre is on target with their building project, this week seeing the new clubhouse to lock up stage. Many long days have been put in by several dedicated local "farmer/builders" under the expert guidance of retired builder, Ian Harper and Greg and Corey Martin from Nyngan.

The Hermidale Tennis and Fitness Centre was successful in obtaining a $10,000 grant from the ANZ Seeds of Renewal program as well as $3,000 from the CWA to go towards the project. Many thanks to all who have helped in any way with this mammoth community venture, especially the loyal band of dedicated volunteer builders. Thanks fellas!

Tania Moody

A man and his ever nagging wife went on vacation to Jerusalem. While they were there, the wife passed away. The undertaker told the husband, "You can have her shipped home for $5,000, or you can bury her here, in the Holy Land, for $150." The man thought about it and told him he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend $5,000 to ship your wife home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only $150?"

The man replied, "Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance."
Bush mobile enjoying the new shade area recently installed at Hermidale School. This shade area was kindly donated to the school by the Bogan Bush Mobile in Nyngan.

COMPUTER TALK

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Now where’d that ball go?

"How was your golf game, dear?” asked Jack’s wife Tracy.

"Well, I was hitting pretty well, but my eyesight's gotten so bad, I couldn't see where the ball went."

"You're seventy-five years old, Jack!” admonished his wife. "Why don't you take my brother Scott along?”

"But he's eighty-five and doesn't even play golf anymore,” protested Jack.

"Yes, but he's got perfect eyesight and can watch your ball for you,” Tracy pointed out.

The next day Jack teed off with Scott looking on. Jack swung and the ball disappeared down the middle of the fairway. "Did you see where it went?” asked Jack.

"Yup,” Scott answered.

"Well, where is it?” yelled Jack, peering off into the distance.

"I forgot.”