SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE

It’s been a long time between Buzz’s so this will be an extra big edition! We now have 16 children enrolled at our small school and we welcome to the Hermidale community our new students Travis, Claudia, Jasmine and Kaleesha. It’s so lovely to see new families in town! This year we also enrolled new Kindergarten students Elly and James.

Angus, Ben, Tom and Jordan made it to State in the swimming PP6 relay in April and came 13th overall. Well done to these four for all their hard work training. Corey and Jordan also qualified for the Regional Cross Country. The small schools athletics carnival will be held in Hermidale in August. We won first place at the Dubbo Eisteddfod in the Small Schools Verse Speaking Choir with our two contrasting poems ‘Multicultural’ and ‘The Visitor’.

Our P & C held a very successful market day back in May and funds raised will be a big help towards the school. In June our school captains – Nikki, Ben and Angus were lucky enough to represent the school and meet the NSW Governor Marie Bashir in Davidson Park Nyngan at the opening of the new hospital centre last month.

The children are presently studying Mexico and we hope to have a Mexican day on the 1st of September that everyone is welcome to attend. The whole school enjoyed a fantastic 2 day Technology Camp at Girilambone PS in April where we all learnt a lot about indigenous culture and podcasting.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Term 3 begins – Tuesday 22nd July 2008
Hermidale Beach Volleyball Day – Saturday 11th Oct 2008

GET WELL WISHES
We send out best wishes out to Jon, Danny and Hazel and hope that they are all receiving the best of care and treatment during their illnesses.

NEW TENNIS & FITNESS CENTRE
It was pretty exciting to see the new King Club tennis club/fitness centre completed and opened early this year. Recognition must go to Tania and Greg Moody for their dedication towards seeing this venture to completion and also to the many volunteers who helped out with construction and the generous donors and fundraisers.

The Hermidale community was shaken by the sudden loss of local lass Niamh Chawke of the Hermidale Hotel. A service for Niamh will be held at the hotel beer garden on Saturday 12th July 2008 at 12 noon. We pass on our sincere condolences to Jamie and the family and friends of Niamh during this sad time. Please contact Annie on 68330737 if you can bring a cold dish and regarding any enquiries about the service.

HERMIDALE CELEBRITY PAGES AND LEARN ABOUT OUR LOCAL CHARACTERS! It would be great if you could fill in the blank page and either fax, email or post back to us with a photo (old or new)
Thanks! More blank pages will be available to download from our website.
HERMIDALE SCHOOL STUDENTS’ PAGE

This Semester local publican Jamie and his brother Adam landed a helicopter out the front of the school. The teachers went up into the air and the children got to sit in it. It was a great experience for the teachers and the children.  By Nikki Garnham

Toby Keighran’s Mexican Taco Recipe

Cooking oil
1 cup shredded tasty cheese
2 chopped tomatoes
½ small lettuce shredded
Taco seasoning mix (optional)
Taco shells (6-8)
Taco sauce
500gm Mince beef

Pre-eat oven to 170°F for fan forced. Heat frypan then add oil, mince, seasoning mix and ½ cup water. Stir until boiling and then simmer until cooked through. Heat shells in oven on baking paper for 4-5 min. Fill with cooked meat and top with lettuce, cheese and sauce. Mashed avocado or sour cream are also nice additions.

Jokes from our classroom
1. Why did the police officer arrest the chicken? Because it was using fowl language

2. What’s a crocodile’s favourite card game? Snap

3. What is a wealthy fish? A gold fish

4. What is an astronaut’s favourite chocolate bar? A mars bar

SOLAR POWER by Jordan Keighran
1. Solar power works off the sun’s energy
2. People like using solar power because it is good for the environment.
3. We did an experiment. We hooked up a little fan and made it go by using the sun.

GREEN SHAPED DOME – Description by Ben Harris

“Puddles of water drying in the wind, leaves floating trying to be set free from the water.

A wooden table under the dome shaped shelter. A great place to sit when the wind is still. Spider webs under the tables. Shadows form all over it as well on the ground.

Shadows come down from the trees in the very silent, still wind.

A long green hose sits on the cement coiled like a snake.

Long green lawn surrounding the shelter is ready to be mowed “

Students at the Dubbo Eisteddfod

HERMIDALE BOOK SWAP LIBRARY! – do you have a fantastic book you think everyone should read? Bring it in and we will include a note inside that this book is on loan or donated by you. Community members can come in and swap 1-2 books for ones on the shelf. Sue is here Tuesday to Thursday for this library service (in the office) or see other staff on other days.
NAME: Angus C

Occupation: Year 5 student

Do you have a nickname? Yes, Gus

Where were you born? Dubbo NSW

What’s your favourite sport? Soccer and Rugby Union

What was your favourite subject at school? Maths

What game do you like to play at school? Football and soccer

What game do you like to do on the computer or PS2? PS2 I like Smackdown Vs War2007 and on computer I like playing The Game of Life

Did you like doing the Basic Skills Test? No I don’t think so

What’s your favourite dinner? T-Bone steak with vegies and chips and gravy at the Hermidale Hotel

Favourite drink: Soft drink

What’s your favourite TV show? WWE wrestling

What’s your favourite music? Old school songs like “Cats in the Cradle”

Favourite sports team: Dragons

If I could go anywhere for a holiday I’d love to go to the theme parks on the gold coast

My best place I ever went to was Manly beach NSW

When I grow up I want to go somewhere where I can make a heap of money

Best thing about Hermidale? Everything! Riding motorbikes!

In Hermidale I would like to see a big rugby field with some big rugby matches

The country I would like to visit overseas is America

I would love to drive a red Ferrari but I won’t be specific, any will do

A favourite book I’ve read: Treasure Fever by Andy Griffith

Favourite colour is Orange

My favourite toy was my remote control car

Favourite board game: Pictionary
NAME: Jenny T

Occupation: Teacher at Hermidale Public School

Other occupations I’ve done: Director of the Bush mobile (relieving), Pre-School Director, supply casual for HPS in 1980, clerical work at the Shire and farmer

Do you have a nickname? Big Jen married to Big Pete

Where were you born? Tamworth NSW

What’s your favourite sport to watch? Gymnastics

What was your favourite subject at school? Ancient History

What games did you like to play at school? Hopscotch, handball and elastics

What game do you like to do on the computer? Spider solitaire (only when I have time)

What’s your favourite dinner? Anything that I don’t have to cook

Favourite drink: Yellow Glen Jewel low alcohol low calorie sparkling wine

What’s your favourite TV shows? Gray’s Anatomy, All Saints

What’s your favourite music/band? Rock’n’roll

Favourite sports team: The Bulldogs

If I could go anywhere for a holiday I’d love to go to Hawaii

A great place I have visited was Western Australia with the SNAG group in 2007

When I was a kid I wanted to be an air hostess

Best thing about Hermidale? The kids and the people

In Hermidale I would like to see a small supermarket with a coffee shop and a hairdresser

The country I would like to visit overseas is England

I would love to drive Pete mad. I’m doing my best 😊

Books I like to read: historical novels and school homework by candlelight

A favourite book I would recommend:

Favourite colour is mauve

My favourite toy was my stamp collection

Favourite board game: Up Words

Favourite dessert: Caramel meringue pie that mum makes

A movie I loved: The Sound of Music

On the verandah marking school work at recess time