

Newsletter

Term 4– Week 4

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Diary Dates

Every Day: Don't forget our Heskett PS is a NUT AWARE School

November

7th: Melbourne Cup

9th: Heskett Cup

16th: Bendigo Excursion

December

1st: Special Lunch

5th: School Council

12th: Orientation Day

21st Final School day for students
3.30 dismissal

22nd: Final Day for teachers

January 2018

29th: Teachers Commence

30th: Students commence

31st: Foundation students do not attend

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Working Bee: Thank you to those families who were able to help out at the Working Bee last Sunday. While we only had a small group attend, a large number of tasks were completed and the school grounds are looking much better for your efforts.

Melbourne Cup—Public Holiday: Next Tuesday, 7th November is Melbourne Cup. There will be no school.

Heskett Cup: the students have been doing lots of practice for Heskett Cup. They have also been discussing their pavilions and lunches. We are planning a 9.00am start and expect that we will finish by 2.00pm. The session from 2.30pm—3.30pm will be a normal afternoon session.

Bendigo Excursion: The due date for permission forms and payment is Friday 3rd November. This will allow us time to finalise numbers booked for the train and for the venues in Bendigo. Please remember there is a separate permission form for the vertical slide at the Discovery Centre. A reminder that on the day of the excursion, students need to be at the Woodend Station by 8.00am and be collected from the station at 4.25pm

School Fundraiser

Thank you to those families who have been very busy supporting the fundraiser. As soon as your chocolates are sold can you please send the money in to the school?

2018 Diary

Some diary dates for 2018 are now on the newsletter. Teachers commence on Monday 29th January and students will commence on Tuesday 30th January.

Regards

Glenda Miller (Acting Principal)

Heskett students are respectful. Heskett students are responsible. Heskett students achieve their best

Working Bee

By Max Sutton-Norrie

On Sunday there was a Working Bee.

The people that came to help us were:

Jodie
Holly
Will
Bailey
Gillian
Robert
Brett
Ella
Jack
Lauren
Mackenzie
Ms Withell
Mick
Ms Miller



Thank you for making our garden clear. The door that Kobi's Dad Andrew fixed looks amazing painted. We thank you all for coming to our Working Bee.

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



The Victorian Government is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. As part of the Victorian Government's commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, which found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in our community, there is a new regulatory landscape surrounding child safety, underpinned by the new PROTECT Child Safe Standards.

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Students of the Week

Junior: Addison. For your willingness to use strategies that support your writing and spelling. Congratulations, Addi!

Middle: The student of the week for the middles this week goes to **Jayden!** Jayden has received the student of the week award for his positive sportsmanship during Heskett Cup practice. Well done Jayden!

Senior: The student of the week for the seniors goes to **Ella!** Ella has received the student of the week award for her wonderful show of captaincy to her team members in preparation for Heskett Cup. Great job Ella!

Senior and Middle News

Literacy

In literacy this week the middles and seniors have been finishing up on narratives and have begun to work on persuasive writing. Students have been revising the conventions of persuasive writing and have been given a variety of topics to decide whether they are for or against certain subject matters which has created some rich discussion.

Numeracy

In numeracy this week both the middles and seniors have begun a new topic of Chance and data. Students have been working through a variety of activities highlighting the chance of certain events occurring as well as looking at different graphs in which data can be displayed.

Science

In science this week, students have been looking at old maps that showcase different landscapes and are attempting to create their own map that highlights the landscape of Heskett and surrounding areas. As well, in an attempt to give their maps an aged appearance, students have used coffee and tea to add an aged effect.

Junior Unit News

Just when we thought we were heading into some milder weather along came Monday! Oh well, none of us in F/1 really seem to mind the cold snap. We are fairly sure that it won't last.

We are getting excited about the upcoming Heskett Cup. We continue to hone our ball handling skills most days. We are also working well as part of a team, encouraging others and trying our best. Could all students please wear runners to school leading up to 'Cup Day'? They help us with the running practice as well as being more comfortable during training.

In English, we are developing more stamina during Writing. There are the conventions of writing to remember as well as the structure of different text types. That can be quite overwhelming for some students. As well as those factors, writing gives us an opportunity to express our creativity. Over the next few weeks students will be creating their own narratives. It is amazing just what ideas they come up with when writing a story. We always share our writing at the end of a session and enjoy listening to others' as they read their work.

During our 'Bounce Back' lesson, we have been discussing what a bully is and what we can do to help ourselves if a bully is bothering us. Students have had some tremendous ideas about why bullies act the way they do. We have been role playing how to respond to a bully. Even though there was quite a bit of laughter during the role plays, having the chance to express themselves during a 'practice' will help them in a real situation.