

Newsletter

Term 1– Week 5

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Diary Dates

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

March

7th: Foundation students attend School Photos

12th: Labour Day—Public Holiday

29th: Last Day Term 1

April

16th: Term 2 commences

Term Dates 2018

Term 1 – 29th Jan – 29th Mar

Term 2 – 16th Apr– 29th June

Term 3 – 16th July – 21st Sep

Term 4 – 8th Oct– 21st Dec

From Mathew Underwood (Acting Principal)

There has been some continuing discussions in the district following the theft of the car from outside the school last week. I believe the police investigation of the matter is ongoing.

In light of this incident and as a general practice, we all need to be vigilant in terms of addressing any reported or potential safety concerns that may arise during school hours and at pick up and drop off times. This is best served through a strong partnership between children, parents and our broader school community.

Again, I remind parents and carers of the need to lock cars and to ensure you do not leave children unattended in cars. Please notify both the school and the police if you witness any suspicious person or behaviour in the area.

If any school community members are interested in investigating the viability of installing solar panels at the school please read the following notice from the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group.

The Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group has initiated a Solar Schools Project to assist local schools with analysis, advice and finance to increase the roll out of solar energy in our Shire. The software we use to assess the suitability of the school layout for solar energy and the program to examine the financial viability will be displayed at our Sustainability Festival in Woodend on Saturday March 3 at the Community Centre (library). We invite a school community member to attend this 45 minute session.

<https://www.mrslf.org.au/festival-program/>

Mailbox— From tomorrow, March 2, the school's mail will be delivered to the mailbox (an old rusty milk can) situated close to the Romsey Rd corner. Please do not leave cars parked in front of the mailbox so the mail can be delivered.

Thank you: to Lauren for preparing last week's lunch orders and to Brett

Students of the Week

From Mr Williamson's Classroom:

It has been another busy and exciting week in room two. This week our star student of the week is Tarryn Service –Creed for her attention to detail when completing her work.

In literacy this week our focus for reading remains the same with finding the main idea and using details to support our responses. During our writing block we have begun to focus on information reports and this will tie in with our integrated study this term on the Winter Olympics. Spelling this week the focus is the digraph "ur" with the sound "er" as in fur, turn, burn and return.

Numeracy has been very exciting this week because we have been investigating the different world currencies and counting collections of Australian coins. Students have been challenged this week to make the same amount e.g. \$2.30 using a different amount of coins.



From the Mrs Manitta's Classroom:

The Foundation students are focusing on the letter i. They enjoyed making insects and exploring other words that begin with the letter i. In writing the students have finished publishing their recount on the computer and are beginning to illustrate their book.

The Grade one students are focusing on the digraph 'er'. Grade 1 students have also finished publishing their recounts on the computer and now illustrating their book.

Students had a messy time learning to papier-mâché in Visual Arts. Next step.... Painting our papier-mâché!

Online Interviews

The Foundation/Grade 1 students have been working very hard completing the online Numeracy and Literacy Assessments so as to determine the students' existing mathematical and language knowledge. This will help with future planning and meeting your child's needs.

Congratulations to Aidan for spelling his sight words correctly!

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Eligibility: Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

- Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- Submit an application to the school by the due date.

A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date: For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2018) or term two (16 April 2018).

If you believe you are eligible for the above, please request a form from the office, complete and return by Monday 19th February.

Claimants from this school in 2017 do not have to complete new forms for this year.

Swimming Program: Our school's Annual Swimming Program is planned for the week commencing Monday 30th April. The Program will be held daily for the week at the Gisborne Aquatic Centre, and will be provided by qualified instructors. The cost of the program, including bus, pool entry and instructors, will be \$90.00 per student. This is advance notification for parents/carers. Permissions notices will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

Coles—Sports for School: Coles are again running this program. It is an excellent opportunity for the School Community to support the school by collecting the vouchers every time you shop at Coles. The more vouchers we collect the more sports equipment we will be able to acquire. Some members of the local community who do not have students attending our school have been supporting us by dropping in their vouchers and that is very much appreciated. If you are able to encourage relatives and/or family friends to collect the vouchers for our school that also would be of great benefit to our school.



Ice Creams After School: Each Thursday vanilla, chocolate coated ice creams will be available for students to purchase after school. The cost is \$1.00. If you would like your child to have an ice-cream please send along \$1.00 on Thursdays. This is a fundraiser to subsidise school excursions.



School Photos: Please note March 7th in your diary for School Photos.

LUNCH ORDERS

Tomorrow Subway lunch orders will be available, the order form is attached to the newsletter.

Next week, March 9th, will be school canteen lunches. Remember to send your orders in a plain brown bag.