

# Hesket Primary School Newsletter

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Tuesday School Bank Day  
EVERYDAY Don't forget our NO NUT POLICY

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July School council – 4.15pm  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July Curriculum day – NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August Bug Blitz – Grades 3-6  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September Whole school concert 7.00pm  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September Swimming program

### School contributions

School council confirmed that our contributions for 2016 will be \$140.00 and an additional \$50.00 for the grounds fee. The grounds amount will be discounted if families attend working bees.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term three. We have had two really good days with the children who have all settled into our routine well.

Term three is always very busy at Hesket. Along with the normal daily teaching and learning program, we have a visit to Quantum Victoria, Fun Run, the whole school swimming program and the whole school concert planned for the term.

Soon we will start our four yearly review of operations. This is a major feature of every Victorian government school and is a requirement as a part of our major planning and evaluation cycle. Mr. Ben Johnstone-McCloud will be the DE&T representative. The reviewer is unknown at this stage.

I will keep you updated as we develop our self evaluation and seek feedback on what we have done over the past four years. I value your opinions and perceptions and hopefully ideas for the coming four years.

*Cliff*

### On another matter....

On behalf of the community I would like to welcome two new families to our school. Welcome to the Hayler family, Ella and Jack as new grade five and Prep students. Welcome also to the Creed family with Zach and Tarryn as new grade five and prep students.

## Breakfast program

The Department of Education and Training have funded a breakfast program for a number of schools – Hesket being one of these. We have been provided with a limited variety of breakfast goods; wheat bix, canned fruit, baked beans and oats. There is no toast or drink provided.

We will be offering this to students on Wednesday mornings only at this stage.

If you would like your child to participate they will need to bring along a bowl, plate and spoon – named. Plastic is probably best. Please complete and sign the response slip attached to this newsletter.

**We will operate between 8.00am and 8.30am.**

## Nut policy

At the school council meeting at the end of last term, a Nut awareness policy was debated and passed. **This policy bans nut based and nut containing products from our school effective immediately.**

We have been expecting the children to not share food for the past term and have asked parents to be aware of foods containing nuts. We have a new student who is nut allergic and may have extremely serious health issues if they are exposed to nuts.

**Please adhere to this policy.**

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

## *Good On You Cob!*

*Where we recognise any member of the community, student, parent or staff, who has done something that is positive and supportive.*

- To Brett for disposing of a few more branches from the yard over the holidays.
- To the children for their efforts in settling into the new term so quickly.

## Lunches for Term Three

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Subway

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Canteen

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Subway

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Special Lunch

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Subway

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Canteen

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August – Subway

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Canteen

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Subway

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Fish and Chips (concert)

## House teams

The last week of term the winning teams was The Crushing Crocs. They enjoyed some hot chips yesterday (after they had eaten their lunches).

Scores for the end of the term were:

Jets	Road Runners	Crushing Crocs	Ninja Turtles
1144	1211	1089	1280

## Swimming 2016

Attached to this newsletter is all of the information you need and a permission form for our swimming program for this year.

We expect all children to attend and learn these vital life saving and important recreational skills.

## Indonesian

As of today, Miss Lamprell is teaching our Indonesian program whilst Mrs Carroll is on leave.

## Parent Opinion Survey

Next week all families will be sent home a survey from the Department of Education and Training asking for your perceptions of our school. The survey is confidential. There will be instructions about dates for the return of the survey forms that will be attached to the form.

In the past few years we have only had about a 60% return rate – we would like to have 100% this year.

School council uses the data the comes back from the Department to assist in planning for the future.

## Curriculum Day

**The school council has approved a curriculum day for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July** to enable the staff to look at a new reading approach at one of the Sunbury schools. **There will be no school for the Heskett students.**

## Enrolments for 2017 and beyond...

Planning is underway for 2017 and it is important that we know what enrolments we will have so that staffing and budgets can be prepared. If you know of anyone considering enrolling a student, Prep or otherwise, please ask them to come in and talk to us.

It is highly important that we predict as close as possible to our enrolment, as this is how we are funded – a prediction that is too high means we pay it back later in the year. A prediction too low means that we may not be sufficiently staffed to meet the needs of the students.

Similarly, if you are planning on moving house during the year or at the end of the year, please let us know so that we can take those movements into consideration as well.

## Floor Tiles for Miss Lamprell

We are looking for a volunteer who can lay some self adhesive vinyl floor tiles in Miss Lamprell's classroom. We want to increase the washable area so that we can cook without worrying too much about spilling ingredients onto the floor which is currently carpet tiles.

If you can assist, please see Miss Lamprell or Mr. P.

## Grade 5/6 projects

These students have an Olympics project that they must have completed by 31<sup>st</sup> August. This is a two part project – a study of a country participating in the Games and a sport being played at the Rio Games.

If you have a child in Grade 5/6, please be aware of their work requirements.

## Extra clothes

Some parents may find that their child is coming home wearing some of the oval after the lunchtime footy game. It might be wise to send along a change of clothing because we do not have any spare items at present if they are wet and really muddy.



