

Hesket Primary School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Tuesday EVERYDAY	School Bank Day Don't forget our NO NUT POLICY
Thursday 15 th December	Grade 6 graduation activity – bowling
Monday 19 th December	Class parties
Monday 19 th December	School council meeting
Tuesday 20 th December	Last day of term 4 – 1.30pm dismissal
Monday 30 th January	Staff return.
Tuesday 31 st January	Day one, Term one, 2017 for students

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,

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I want to thank all members of the school community for the unwavering support that you have given me and to the staff throughout the past twelve months.

For me, this year, the past month anyway, has been quite challenging with the passing of my mother. I really appreciate the best wishes that Leanne and I have received. The other issue was in taking long service leave next year - well not that it was a challenging decision! Nine months, I am sure will fly.

I want to wish all of our students, their families and the friends of our school all the very best at this festive season. Have a great break and come back ready for 2017. For the grade six students, we wish you all the very best as you start secondary college next year. Good luck, Alaska, Harry, Maddison, Mariam, Saxon, Tamsin and Will.

Lastly, but certainly not the least, I want to thank our staff. They have done a fantastic job again this year. They are a dedicated, professional and supportive group who I want to thank from the deepest parts of my soul. Thank you Bridey, Catherine, Danielle, Deb, Jeanette Ravi and Rosie.

Cliff

Class parties

We have decided to make life easier for families (and for us with the clean up and heating up of food) and would like to request \$2 for each student. This money will go towards hot chips, ice cream and drink. This will negate the time taken to clean, find missing plates, etc. Money can be sent to school from now. Class parties will be held on Friday 16th December.

Last day

We will have our Grade six graduation activity on the last day at about 12.45pm. All families are invited to help us say goodbye to our grade six students. We dismiss at 1.30pm The bus will be leaving soon after that.

MARC Library reminder

Just a reminder that I will be coming to Hesket to collect any overdue books early next week so please return them asap.

Thanks
Ms Russell

Our condolences

I am sure that you will join with me in expressing our sadness with the passing of Natasha Donaldson's father on the weekend just passed.

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 all our students for a great 2016.
- To our staff for the fantastic work they do with the students every day.

Lunches for Term Four

Friday 16th December

Canteen

House teams

The last week of term the winning team was **The Ninja Turtles**

Scores for the end of the week were: **The Jets**

Jets	Road Runners	Crushing Crocs	Ninja Turtles
5615	6542	5908	7047

Ms Langenberg starts 30 January

Ms Langenberg will commence as the acting principal on Monday 30th January. She will have responsibility for the Grade 4-6 students. Staff return to work on Monday 30th January.

Thanks Kerrie

On behalf of the school community I want to thank Kerrie Lamb for her work in our school over many years, but particularly over the seven years of my principalship whilst Harry has been as school. Kerrie has been the school council president for the past 3 ½ years. She has also been a stalwart of most of the fundraising activities we have organised.

Thanks Kerrie!

Thanks Lee

We also need to thank Lee Gardner for the work that she has done in manning canteen for the past two years and her role on school council for the past five years. Lee has also been a very active member of our fundraising efforts for the past seven years of my time at Heskett.

Thanks Lee

Just a thought....

“The two most joyous times of the year are Christmas morning and the end of school.”

Alice Cooper

From the Office

A reminder that some families have outstanding monies owing. Please have this finalised by next Tuesday.

Emergency Management Plan

Over the past 12 months we have had a number of fire drills with the children to practise in the event of a fire at school. We have moved to the oval and hardcourt as a part of our drills. In the event of a serious fire, we will evacuate to the CFA shed. I have spoken to the local CFA captain and this is his advice, and our fire plan

In the event of a Code Red day, the school and any school in the area declared Code Red will be closed. The Department has indicated that we should know 3 days in advance of a Code Red Day. This declaration will stay in force even if the weather changes and we have rain. No buses will operate on Code Red days. No staff will be in attendance.

The school will contact every family by phone as well as by note via the children and signs will be posted outside of the school. We will continue to operate as normal on Total Fire Ban days, but with a modified timetable and break arrangements.

I had a meeting last week regarding Extreme Fire Danger days with the regional emergency management officer from DET Bendigo. Our request via the school council is that we close on extreme fire danger days. We will be advised by the Regional Director when and if this is to occur.

Lastly....

Have a great holiday everyone. Relax and enjoy the time together over the break.



