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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.

Welcome back brekky
We have set the date for this whole school activity. Please put it in your diary for Tuesday 9th February. We plan on offering breakfast from 8.00am to 9.00 – eggs and bacon. Yum! It is a great opportunity for families to meet the families at school.

Thanks
To Joy, Tom, Jerem and Rosealee for their work in the garden over the holidays. The Fairy Garden looks a treat.

Lunches
There will be no Subway or canteen available tomorrow. Subway will start next Friday.

A full newsletter next Wednesday
Hesket students are respectful. Hesket students are responsible. Hesket students achieve their best.
Rosie
Rosie will commence her music program next week. At this stage her day will be Friday but this may change with her study commitments.
Rosie and her Mum Chris spent hours on Thursday cleaning the music room in preparation for the start of her music program.
Piano and singing lessons
30 minutes duration
Private session $20.00 Group session $16 per student – max of 2 students per group.
Rosie also provides a high quality ensemble session for the grade 2-6 students once a week that we fund from the school resources.

Canteen
Before the canteen can commence we will need to have the canteen cleaned. Once again it is an opportunity for someone who cannot attend working bees to do a job that will waive the $50 grounds fee. Please see a member of staff if you can help.

Money Matters
Jeanette Kalinski (Finance Manager) will be in the office on Tuesdays. Can parents/carers please contact her directly with any queries relating to payments or receipts on a Tuesday. Contact can also be made by email to kalinski.jeanette.j@edumail.vic.gov.au. Thank you.

Camp, Sports & Excursion Funds
Parents/Carers are requested to read the CSEF eligibility requirements and if eligible, request an application form from the school which needs to be completed and returned as soon as possible. The criteria will be strictly adhered to.

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;
  a) 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
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) 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 18 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 (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).