

Newsletter

Term 4– Week 9

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Diary Dates

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

December

12th: School Council

12th: Orientation Day

18th Glasses for Kids

21st: End of Year Celebration

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

February :

Foundation students do not attend on Wednesdays

March

29th: Last Day Term 1

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

End of Year Community Celebration and Grade 6 Graduation: Change of Plan—We were planning a community get together on Monday 18th December. It has come to our attention that some families are unable to attend on this night and that this event clashes with other end of year events planned within the local community. It has been decided that we will instead hold a final assembly on Thursday 21st December, to which all members of the community are invited. At this final assembly we will have the items planned for the Community Celebration, including some students performances and some Christmas songs. During the assembly we will also celebrate the graduation our of Grade 6 students. We apologise if this causes inconvenience to some members of the community but it is important that as many of our families as possible can attend.

School Structure and Staffing 2018: At this point in time staffing for 2018 has not been finalised. The selection panel is currently working through selection processes for the principal position and we should be aware of the outcome of this process by the end of next week. Miss Danielle Lamprell has been appointed to a 12 month contract position in Bendigo for 2018. Ms Pat Withell will not be returning to Hasket in 2018. Miss Bridey Welton has not yet been able to confirm whether she will be returning. The following table shows the classes and the known staffing at this point in time:

Principal	TBA	
TBA	F—Grade 1	10 students
TBA	Grade 2—Grade 4	10 students
Mrs Jocelyn Russell	MARC/ Library	Monday pm
Mrs Debra Kent	Office/Integration Support	Monday—Friday
Mrs Jeanette Kalinski	Office	Tuesday
Mrs Catherine Borg	Integration	Monday—Thursday
TBA	Integration	Monday—Friday

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

Storm Damage: When we arrived at school on Monday morning there was a number of fallen tree limbs following the wild weather on the weekend. A large limb had fallen from a tree on Bowens Road across the school fence and other substantial limbs had also come down. Macedon Shire Council responded promptly and came and removed fallen limbs on Tuesday morning.

Mulch to be moved: We still require assistance spreading mulch on garden beds. It would be great to get this task completed prior to the school holidays. If anyone is able to provide a couple hours assistance it would be greatly appreciated.

Orientation Day: Next Tuesday is the State-wide Orientation Day. Current Grade 6 students will spend the day at their selected secondary school, and our 2018 Foundation students will have a longer session here at Heskett Primary School. For at least part of this day the current Grade 1 students will move to Grade 2—Grade 6 classroom. Miss Danielle Lamprell will be spending the day at her new school. Mrs Jan Crebbin will replace Danielle at Heskett for the day.

Family Accounts: To help with your fees for 2018 parents are welcome to come to the office anytime from now on, between **8:30am – 9.30am** to put money on their family accounts to help with 2018 payments. Money you put on your account this year will be carried forward to next year.

Kind Regards

Glenda Miller

Acting Principal

Some Community Notices:

Summer Reading Club at Goldfields Libraries!

Hey Kids! The Summer Reading Club is on again at the Library from Monday 18 December 2017 to Wednesday 31 January 2018! Last year, kids from Goldfields Libraries read a combined total of just over 5000 books – let's see if we can smash that record this year! There are great prizes to be won for those who complete the challenge of reading 10 books, including books, book vouchers and the major regional prize of a brand new iPad! You can enter as many times as you want, too. So pop in to your local Goldfields Library, sign up and get reading these holidays. There's loads of other activities happening too, including workshops, performances and movie screenings, so grab a school holiday program while you're there!

Please contact us at Woodend Library if you require further information.

Register now for women's netball and basketball in 2018

Would you like to play netball or basketball in 2018?

Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend offers women's day and night netball competitions and The Stadium in Gisborne has a Thursday morning basketball competition.

The Monday morning netball competition games are played from 9am. Tuesday night netball games begin at 7.10pm.

Thursday morning basketball games are played from 9.30am.

New and experienced players welcome. Register as an individual or as a team—a number of teams are seeking extra players and new teams are always welcome. The next season begins in February.

Family friendly competition, with no games in the school holidays, and children are welcome to attend.

To register your interest in netball, contact Buffalo Sports Centre on 542 7 3411 or email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Students of the Week

Junior: Mia – For your independence at using successful spelling strategies when writing. Well done, Mia!

Middle: The student of the week for the middles this week goes to **Chase!** Chase has received the student of the week for his wonderful work with interpreting graphs in numeracy this week. Great job Chase

Senior: The student of the week for the seniors this week goes to **Zach!** Zach has received the student of the week this week for his wonderful effort with his work in number and algebra and measurement and geometry. Great job Zach!

This week in the grade 2-6 room

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Wow! Week 9! This year has gone so quickly! The grade 2-6's have been very busy this week. They had a special visit from Megan, a first aid representative from St John First Aid who taught the 3-6 students what CPR is and how to perform CPR. Also, they have been putting the finishing touches on the Mulberries magazine, the grades 6's have been working their speeches for the up-coming community event and the whole school have been practising the entertainment for the up-coming community event. The skippers have also been busy with a special Christmas routine that they plan to perform at the community event. Too, a reminder to all the skippers please make sure you are wearing appropriate footwear so that you are able to practise.

In literacy this week, students have been continuing to practise and revise their phonetic awareness with games like Upwords, Pop, Silly sentences and Boggle. Too, they have been busily writing and publishing their Mulberries pieces, writing persuasive pieces and writing speeches for the up-coming community event.

In numeracy this week, students have been looking at and interpreting graphs and how data can be displayed on graphs. As well, they have been looking at different sorts of graphs including bar, pie, column and dot plots.

Great job for week 9 guys! Keep it up!

Also, I would like to announce some personal news, I have been offered and accepted a position at Maiden Gully Primary School in Bendigo for 2018. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Heskett Primary School and the Heskett community for supporting and welcoming me so warmly for the past 3 years.

As I prepare for my leaving, I am filled with mixed emotions. I have truly enjoyed working with and getting to know each and every one of your children, and I am going to miss them dearly. Working at Heskett Primary School has been a wonderful start to my professional life and will hold me in good stead as I move to a new school to further my teaching practice. This employment opportunity also means I can be closer to home and family.

Thank you for all of your involvement and support during my time at Heskett, I am truly thankful.

Miss Lamprell

Junior Unit News

Now that December has arrived we are getting a little excited about that jolly old man in the red suit! The next few weeks in the classroom give us an opportunity to consolidate our learning by playing Literacy and Maths games with each other as well as have a few 'Xmas themed' activities.



This is our last week of having Miss Tanne in our classroom. We have loved having her teach our class especially with the coding activities she has taught us. We wish her every success with her studies and her career. She will make a great teacher!

Next Tuesday is our final transition day for the 2018 Foundation students. It is a longer visit for them, running from 9am until 1pm. During this time the Grade 1's will move to the Grade 2-6 room in readiness for next year.