

# Newsletter

Term 4– Week 5

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## Diary Dates

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

### November

9th: Hasket Cup

16th: Bendigo Excursion

### December

1st: Special Lunch

5th: School Council

12th: Orientation Day

18th: End of Year Community Event

21st 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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**Hasket Cup:** Tomorrow is Hasket Cup. Remember parents and carers are most welcome to attend. We are planning a 9.00am start and expect that we will finish by 2.00pm. The session from 2.30pm—3.30pm will be a normal afternoon session. If you decide to take your child home after the Hasket Cup finishes, please ensure that you advise your class teacher.



**Bendigo Excursion:** If you are yet to return the permission for this excursion can you please return it tomorrow? Please remember there is a separate permission form for the vertical slide at the Discovery Centre. A reminder that on the day of the excursion, students need to be at the Woodend Station by 8.00am and be collected from the station at 4.25pm

**Foundation and Grade 1:** In readiness to commence a smooth transition for next year's Foundation students the F-1 class is moving to the main building. We are excited to have five Foundation students starting their primary education with us in 2018. The new students will have their first transition day on Tuesday 14th November.

**Bushfire At Risk Register:** On the following page I have included some up to date information about Bushfire Readiness for Hasket Primary School. Hasket Primary School has been identified as being a school at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR (Bushfire at Risk Register). Please take the time to read this attached information.

**End of Year Community Celebration and Grade 6 Graduation:** We are planning a community get together on Monday 18th December. The evening will start with families bringing a picnic tea at 6.00pm. At 6.30 we will start some performances and some Christmas songs. During the evening we will also celebrate the graduation of our Grade 6 students.

**School Fundraiser:** Thank you to those families who have been very busy supporting the fundraiser. As soon as your chocolates are sold can you please send the money in to the school? We have one box left to sell. If you are able to help out please see Deb in the office.

**End of year Class Lunch:** The last day for students this year will be Thursday 21st December. In order to save a lot of food wastage, this year we will organise lunch for the class parties. Lunch will comprise of a potato cake and chips, followed by some fruit salad and lemonade. On this day dismissal will be at the normal time of 3.30pm.

**2018 Diary:** Some diary dates for 2018 are now on the newsletter. Teachers commence on Monday 29th January and students will commence on Tuesday 30th January.

Regards

Glenda Miller  
(Acting Principal)

Hesket Primary School

Bushfire At-Risk Register

## School procedures for the bushfire season



Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear dire

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

**Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message/phone tree. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

### **What can parents do?**

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website <http://www.hesketps.vic.edu.au> and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see:

- <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://www.facebook.com/cfavic))
- Twitter ([twitter.com/CFA\\_Updates](https://twitter.com/CFA_Updates))
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

## Students of the Week

**Junior: Isabella** – For your bright and cheerful attitude you always bring to school. You are a delight, Isabella!

**Middle:** The student of the week for the middles this week goes to **Kobi!** Kobi has received the student of the week award for his positive support and encouragement to his peers both in and out of the classroom. Well done Kobi!

**Senior:** The student of the week for the seniors goes to Zach! Zach has received the student of the week award for his improvement on his comprehension skills when reading. Great job Zach!

## This week in the 2-6 room.....

What a week! With the Cup on Tuesday and Heskett Cup on Thursday, it has been a very muddled week. In literacy this week the middles and seniors have continued to work on persuasive writing. Students have continued to revise the conventions of persuasive writing and using topics such as pets should or shouldn't be allowed at school and should children be allowed to walk to school by themselves? These topics have prompted some creative argumentative writing and rich discussion.

In numeracy this week both the middles and seniors have continued with statistics and probability and looking closely at graphs. Students have been gathering a wide range of data and showing different ways of illustrating this data.

## Junior Unit News

Only 1 more sleep until our Heskett Cup! After all our training we are looking forward to having a fun day and we hope that as many parents as possible can come and cheer us on.

We are busily preparing for our move to the BER. Our old classroom is starting to look a little bare but we are looking forward to being nearer the other students. We will be able to share our learning more easily with others and look forward to them sharing theirs. Our thanks go to all the people who are helping us with the move, especially Ms Miller and Kim.

This week in reading we are naming the author's purpose for writing. We are learning that they write to entertain, to inform or to tell us how to make or do something. This also relates to our writing and the audience who we write for. We have also been looking at past, present and future tenses. This has been a focus for our Integrated Studies unit on 'Through Generations' this week. Often different curriculum areas share the same learning, it helps consolidate students' understanding.

The next few weeks your child will be completing assessment tasks in preparation for report writing. It is an exciting time of the year where every individual can reflect on all they have learnt in less than 40 weeks! It is a great time to celebrate all the hard work they have put in to their learning.