

Newsletter

Term 3 – Week 10

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Diary Dates

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

October

20th: Canteen

24th: School Council

27th: Subway

November

7th: Melbourne Cup

9th: Heskett Cup

14th: School Council

16th: Bendigo Excursion

December

1st: Special Lunch

12th: School Council

22nd: Final School Day—1.30pm dismissal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Hats On—Most students are doing a great job remembering to wear their hats. Again, thank you for your support in this matter.

Bendigo Excursion: Last term when it was decided to cancel the Annual School Camp, School Council discussed the option of a whole school excursion to Bendigo. This has now been planned. The excursion will be on Thursday 16th November. Students will travel to Bendigo by train, leaving from Woodend Station at 8.19am. In Bendigo they will visit Central Deborah Gold Mine, Rosalind Park, the Discovery Centre and take two short trips on the Bendigo Tourist Tram. They will return to Woodend Station at 4.21pm. The cost will be \$45.00 per student. Permission forms and payment requests will be sent home with today's newsletter. Please note there will be two permission forms. The first permission is for the actual excursion to Bendigo. The second permission note is regarding providing permission for your child to have a go on the vertical slide in the Discovery Centre. The following is from Discovery Centre website:

Vertical Slide

With a drop of seven metres and falling at a speed of 30-40km per hour, the Vertical Slide is definitely not for the faint hearted!



School Fundraiser: Thank you those families who have been very supportive of our Cadbury Fundraiser. A number of boxes have already been sold. If you are able to sell more chocolates please see Deb in the office to arrange collection.

Heskett Cup: Heskett Cup will be held on Thursday 7th November. Please add this date to your diary.

Speech Therapy: Our Speech therapist is currently on leave. She will return on November 2nd.

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

Working Bee: We have planned a working bee on Sunday 29th October from 10.00am—12noon. We will conclude with a sausage sizzle. Any help at the working bee is greatly appreciated and really helps to contribute to the environment for our students. If you are unable to attend on the day of the working bee but are able to assist with some tasks before or after Sunday 29th please let me know. A list of tasks to be completed follows.

**Working Bee
Sunday 29th October
10.00am – 12.00pm
(Followed by sausage sizzle)**

Task	Leader/No of workers	Tools required
Weeding of gardens	4	Spades, trowels, rakes, gloves, secateurs 1 - 2 hrs
Sandpit tidy up/rake	2	Shovels, rakes, brooms
Sweeping	2	Brooms, shovels
Stick collection	2	Gloves
Replenish soft-fall – both play grounds	2	Wheelbarrow Gloves/shovels/forks
Replenish garden Mulch	2	Wheelbarrow Gloves/shovels/forks

Please let me know if you can assist with any of these tasks.

School Council: There is still a casual vacancy (parent category) available on School Council. The vacancy extends until March 2019.

Kind regards

Glenda Miller
(Acting Principal)

Students of the Week

Junior: Aidan – For your persistence with your learning. Even when it gets difficult you will always try your best! Great job, Aidan.

Middle: The student of the week for the middles this week goes to **Chase!** Chase has received the student of the week award for his hard work with addition and doubling numbers this week. Well done Chase!

Senior: The student of the week for the seniors goes to **Ji!** Ji has received the student of the week award for his very creative narrative stories. Great job Ji!

Senior and Middle News

Learning Summary

Literacy

In literacy this week the middles and seniors have been focusing on narratives. Students have been given different topics to use as inspiration for their writing. Students have written some very creative pieces this week.

Numeracy

In numeracy this week the seniors have been focusing on operations and utilising BODMAS to solve different equations whilst the middles have continued to focus on addition and subtraction. The middles have been working through vertical addition, place value and doubling numbers whilst the seniors have been focusing on solving equations using BODMAS and learning the correct order on how to solve complex equations.

Art

This week, the 3-6 students continued their work on the American artist Andy Warhol and began to study Wassily Kandinsky, the Russian-born French expressionist painter. Students channelled one of his most recognizable pieces of artwork being his concentric circles/rings.

Science

In science this week, students learnt about the earth's crust and some of the rocks that are embedded in it. As well, students discussed features of different landscapes and descriptions of rocks.

Junior Unit News

The weather has certainly warmed up! Thank you to all parents for ensuring their child has a wide brimmed hat to wear during outside play. It is also good to see most children remembering to bring their water bottle to school every day. Now that we are getting back into the school routine please remind your child to make sure they always pack their water bottle.

On Monday we visited the Life Education van. We learnt about friendship and what makes a good friend. We also talked about feeling scared and the changes that happen to our body, for example, the feeling of 'butterflies' in our stomachs. We are following up our visit with the workbook that Harold the giraffe, and Vanessa gave us.

In the classroom, we are re-visiting narratives and how they are written. We are identifying the setting, characters and the order events happen in stories we read. This will support us when we write our own. In Maths, we are looking at different types of patterns. We are exploring number patterns as skip counting, a more efficient way to count.