

# Newsletter

Term 3 – Week 9

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## Diary Dates

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

### September

15th: Subway

21st: Australiana School

Concert

22nd :

- Last Day of Term
- No Canteen
- Early dismissal at 2.30

### October

9th: Term 4 Commences

24th: School Council

### November

14th: School Council

### December

12th School Council

22nd: Final School Day

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our Literacy and Numeracy Week Celebration in conjunction with our Footy Colours Day last Friday was terrific fun. We had many students wearing their footy colours and we also had a number of students dress up as a book character. Following the parade on Friday morning all students participated in some literacy activities. It was terrific to see the students working in multi age groups and to see the older students really supporting the younger ones.

I would like to acknowledge the work behind the scenes of Deb Kent, whose work ensured that our students were able to enjoy their special Footy Day Lunch.

At Monday morning Assembly the students have been singing both verses of the National Anthem. Whilst singing they have also been watching a video of students from another school signing the National Anthem in AUSLAN. This will add to the student's knowledge of AUSLAN.

Last Friday we had a visit from a lady representing Mary Anne Thomas MP and she presented some books to Heskett Primary School. This was to celebrate the end of the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Last Friday we completed a few tasks in the garden beds around the school, and already the garden beds are looking much tidier and the environment is much more attractive for our students. If you are able to help out this Friday, again your help would be greatly appreciated. Yesterday afternoon School Council met for its September meeting. A number of important issues were discussed and some important decisions were made. Details are provided in an attachment to today's newsletter.

Next Thursday is our Australian School Concert Day. Parents/ Carers are asked to drop children at the Mechanics Hall in Romsey between 8.30 and 9.00am next Thursday morning, and to collect them again at 3.30pm. Students will require a packed lunch. Students are then required to be back at the hall at 6.15pm for a scheduled 7.00pm start. We expect the concert will be finish between 8.15pm and 8.30pm.

Kind regards  
Glenda Miller

## Senior and Middle News

### Learning Summary

#### Literacy

In literacy this week the middles and seniors have begun the new topic of explanation writing. Students have been familiarising themselves with the features of explanation texts and how it differs from procedural writing. Students have been covering a variety of topics and explaining how certain things work.

#### Numeracy

In numeracy this week the middles and the seniors have continued their work with division. The middles have begun to look at reformatting division equations so that they are able to solve more complicated sums and the seniors have continued to revise how to solve more complicated division equations utilising the correct mathematical format and using decimals in their answers.

#### Science

In science this week the 'Change Detectives' have been looking at gases produced from chemical reactions. Students explored gases created from bicarb soda and vinegar by conducting boat races and testing different ratios of these two ingredients to determine which boat would be fastest.

### Student of the week

#### Middle

The student of week for the middles this week goes to **Kobi**. Kobi has received the student of the week award for his excellent division skills and his hard work with skip counting. Well done Kobi!

#### Seniors

The student of the week for the seniors goes to **Jordan**. Jordan has received the student of the week award for being helpful to others within the classroom and for his excellent reading completed both at school and at home. Great job Jordan!

## Junior Unit News

We are well on our way to our first (for Foundation students) concert and are getting very excited. On Tuesday we had our dress rehearsal which went very well. It is hard to believe that this time next week the concert will nearly be here! A note went home on Tuesday regarding the Foundation/ Grade 1 costume. Please see me if you have any issues with your child's costume.

Despite the preparation for the concert we are still doing some great learning in our classroom. In English, this week we are continuing our exploration of poetry. We are studying how punctuation supports our phrasing or the way we read a poem. We read every day in the classroom to practise strategies that increase our independence. Reading every day at home allows us to develop more confidence in our ability so thank you to all parents who listen to their child read.

In Maths, we are investigating money. Foundation students are identifying denominations and therefore value. Grade 1's are looking at how different combinations of coins can equal the same amount. Money is also an excellent tool for learning to skip count, a more efficient way to count the total of a collection. We shall be practising this next week.

Did you wonder why students are no longer called Preps but Foundation Students? This year has been the first year that the national curriculum has been put in place throughout Australia. In keeping with this, all students in their first year of school throughout the country are now called Foundation students. It has overcome the confusion that existed with different states using different terms.

### Student of the Week

**Tarryn** – For your wonderful contribution to our concert practices. You always give 100% to our items. Thank you, Tarryn!