

Newsletter

Term 1- Week 4

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Diary Dates

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

February

22nd: Curriculum Day—no students attend this day

28th: Getting to Know Your Child Conversations

March

7th: Foundation students attend School Photos

12th: Labour Day—Public Holiday

29th: Last Day Term 1

April

16th: Term 2 commences

Term Dates 2018

Term 1 – 29th Jan – 29th Mar

Term 2 – 16th Apr– 29th June

Term 3 – 16th July – 21st Sep

Term 4 – 8th Oct– 21st Dec

From the School Council President:

Last Wednesday afternoon Leonie Roberts from the Department of Education attended our School Council Meeting. She discussed with School Councillors a proposal for the Principal position at Heskett Primary School for the remainder of the year. As you know Mr Mathew Underwood will be Acting Principal until the end of Term 1, and Glenda Miller will be returning for the first four weeks of Term 2. After this time the proposal presented is that Glenda continues for the remainder of the year in a part time capacity (0.5) and for the balance of the time Mr Nick Williamson will assume a part time (0.5) Acting Principal role. Under this model Nick will remain the classroom teacher of the Grade 2—Grade 4 class which, of course, provides continuity for the class. Glenda will be at Heskett 3 day one week and two days the alternating week, and will provide a mentoring role for Nick. School Council unanimously agreed to this proposal.

Brett Hayler
School Council President.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Nominations for School Council closed last Friday. We received two nominations. On behalf of the school community I would like to welcome Jodie Davies and Anita Lacy as our new school councillors. Anita and Jodie will join Brett Hayler, Gillian Ryan, Cassie Creed and Lauren Clayton as your representatives.

Curriculum Day: tomorrow, 22nd February will be a Curriculum Day. No students will attend on this day. Staff members are all updating their First Aid qualifications.

Getting to Know Your Child Conversations:

From Mathew Underwood (Acting Principal)

Sincere thanks for the warm welcome I have received at the school. I previously taught at Heskett in 1990. For the past 3 years I have been teaching in the United Arab Emirates at The Australian International School. It is a pleasure to be back at Heskett. If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions please feel free to come and chat. My goal for the remainder of the term is to keep this going along as they were by providing support to the teachers, support staff and students to enable to best possible teaching and learning to take place.

Students of the Week**From Mr Williamson's Classroom:**

Another busy week in the middle class room! Our student of the week is Holly Davies for outstanding commitment to her reading.

Students this week in literacy have continued to hone their skills in reading by finding the main idea of the text and are beginning to use details from the text to support their answers. Excitingly this week we have begun our introduction to our new spelling program 'Smart Spelling'. We are learning about the digraph "ai" that has the sound "a" as in snail.

In numeracy we are exploring place value with 3, 4, 5, and 6 digit numbers. Students have enjoyed participating in the make the biggest number warm up game trying to beat the teacher.

From the Mrs Manitta's Classroom:

Coles—Sports for School: Coles are again running this program. It is an excellent opportunity for the School Community to support the school by collecting the vouchers every time you shop at Coles. The more vouchers we collect the more sports equipment we will be able to acquire. Some members of the local community who do not have students attending our school have been supporting us by dropping in their vouchers and that is very much appreciated. If you are able to encourage relatives and/or family friends to collect the vouchers for our school that also would be of great benefit to our school.



Ice Creams After School: Each Thursday vanilla, chocolate coated ice creams will be available for students to purchase after school. The cost is \$1.00. If you would like your child to have an ice-cream please send along \$1.00 on Thursdays. This is a fundraiser to subsidise school excursions.



School Photos: Please note March 7th in your diary for School Photos.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Eligibility: Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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;

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

- Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- 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 eighteen 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 (30 January 2018) or term two (16 April 2018).

If you believe you are eligible for the above, please request a form from the office, complete and return by Monday 19th February.

Claimants from this school in 2017 do not have to complete new forms for this year.

Swimming Program: Our school's Annual Swimming Program is planned for the week commencing Monday 30th April. The Program will be held daily for the week at the Gisborne Aquatic Centre, and will be provided by qualified instructors. The cost of the program, including bus, pool entry and instructors, will be \$90.00 per student. This is advance notification for parents/carers. Permissions notices will be sent home at the beginning of next term.