



HESKET Primary School

Newsletter

Term 2 – 5th June 2020

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Diary Dates

June

- Mon 8th – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Tues 9th - Grade 3-6 students return
- Mon 15th – School Council via WebEx @pm
- Fri 26th – Last day of Term Two – 2.30 finish

As much as the Juniors have loved having the yard to themselves, we are all very much looking forward to everyone being back at school next Tuesday.

Changes at Heskett

There will be a few changes about the place for our Seniors as they return, and after a false alarm last week, we were very happy to finally see the shipping contained driven away. With the container gone, the view from the middle of the school is something pretty special and completely opens up the yard.

Another improvement to our playground is two new basketball rings. The basketball rings are hard to miss and double as netball rings as well. I know that everyone’s keen to shoot some hoops and Zoe is looking forward to lots of netball and basketball in PE, and a whole lot of other fun games too!

Portraits of Special People

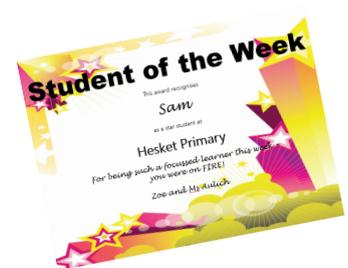
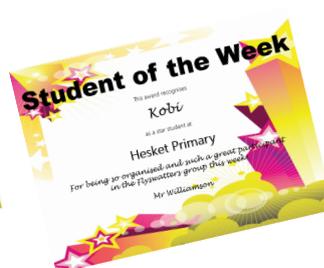
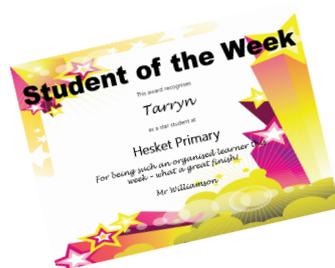
Just prior to the end of Term One, the students were drawing portraits of people in their lives who inspired them. Our local Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society (ADFAS) society took our entries and judged them against the Senior students of four other local schools. The judges were very impressed with the skills of our budding artists, particularly Hillary’s portrait of her Nana. Here is an excerpt from a letter we recently received:

“The tiny Heskett Primary School, having only 30 pupils surprised us with some budding artists from the junior years. We would like to acknowledge this effort by awarding the school \$100 towards art supplies.”

Well done everyone, as soon as we get our portraits back, I’ll make sure I share them with you in the newsletter.

Students of the Week

We normally only have two Students of the Week awards each week but lately can’t help ourselves! Zennon has had a wonderful week, listening, reading and writing like a champion! Sam has been incredibly focussed this week too and has had a great week of learning. From their homes, Tarryn and Kobi have both been superstar learners, being organised and ready for learning and both trying their best – what more could we ask for? Well done to the four of you!



2020 Enrolments

While we are not currently able to tour prospective families, we are hopeful that this rule will be lifted in early Term Three. In the interim, I am more than happy to speak to both current and prospective parents about what learning looks like at Heskett Primary School.



Headlice



My least favourite thing to write about in the newsletter is headlice but unfortunately... they're back. Today the Junior students were checked at school and the Senior students will be checked next week. I remind you that our policy requires students with evidence of live lice to remain at home until treated. We also ask that students with long hair have it tied up tightly to reduce transfer.

Upcoming Review

As you will be aware, our planned Term Two Review was postponed and I have just been informed that it will now go ahead in Term Three. A Survey Monkey was sent out last term to capture the school community's feelings on curriculum, community and facilities, focusing on the last four years and then thinking through opportunities for Heskett over the next four-year cycle.

The staff recently spent time discussing what we believe is great about our school, as well as considering what we want to achieve over the next four years.

The key elements we felt should be included were:

- Community – where students, staff and families feel a sense of belonging and have a shared value in student learning
- High Expectations – where all community members have high-expectations of behaviour and a genuine belief that all students can achieve their personal best.
- Self-motivated learners – where students thrive on their achievement and are comfortable challenging themselves and taking risks in their learning.

While we continue to bring these ideals together into a vision statement, we again invite you to give your input. In developing the next four-year plan for Heskett Primary School, I very much aim for all of us to have a strong narrative about what makes our school unique.

The staff's version of this statement still sits in draft and will be revisited – again, I would really love your input as we aim to create a vision that we are all invested in.

'To provide a supportive learning community in which high expectations promote self-motivated learners who strive to achieve their best.'

For those families who missed the opportunity to complete the survey, I will resend the link to the Survey Monkey on Seesaw.

Return to School

We can't wait until next Tuesday when we have our whole school back on site. We remind our Senior students that lots of materials were lent out to students over the term that will need to be returned on the student's first day. These items may include: iPads and computers, handwriting charts, dice, counters, counting charts, camera words spelling charts, exercise books and stationery.

School Photos

Just a quick note to let you know that we hope school photos will be ready to go out by the end of term. As we hear more information, we'll let you know.

