



HESKET Primary School

Newsletter Term 4 – 30th October 2020

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Diary Dates

November

- **Tues 3rd – Cup Day – Student Free**
- Thurs 5th – Hesket Cup (**extra Subway lunch**)
- 9th – 13th – NAIDOC Week
- Thurs 12th – Special Visitors and Aboriginal Games
- Fri 13th – Subway Lunch
- Tues 24th – 2021 Prep Transition #1

December

- Tues 1st – 2021 Prep Transition #2
- Tues 8th – 2021 Prep Transition #3
- Fri 11th – Late/Movie Night at School
- Fri 18th – Last Day of Term Four

Today marks the end of Week Four and with a short week coming next week, we'll be half way through the term before we know it.

At this time of the year a lot of my time is spent planning for 2021. This week has been no exception with Zoe, Nick and I spending time interviewing teachers for our new grade next year.

At this stage we plan on having a Prep/One composite, a Grade Two/Three composite and a Grade Four/Five/Six composite. I've spoken many times before about my value of small classes and I am really pleased that this will be maintained in 2021 with between 13 and 16 students beginning in each of the grades next year.

Today as you pull up to drop off your children, you will notice bunting that the students have made. Each circle that makes up the chain is dedicated to Nick and Zoe, with messages of appreciation and anecdotes written by the students. Today is

World Teacher's Day and so myself, the Education Support staff and students take a moment to say thank you to Zoe and Nick for all the work that they do.



Bee Incursion

Yesterday we had a lovely time meeting meeting Sam and his 70000 bees from his beehive. The students listened incredibly well for the session and asked some fantastic questions. Here are some answers to the questions the students asked:

- bees are pretty much full size when they hatch out
- the queen bee is about double the size of a worker bee
- a bee can fly about 35 km/h
- bees eat a mixture of nectar and pollen
- there is usually only one queen bee in a hive
- queen bees can live for up to five years
- worker bees live for around 60 days
- bees can fly for about 3km
- they usually fly about as high as the top of a gum tree
- there can be up 25000 bees in one box
- the queen can lay over 2000 eggs in a day
- a bee can produce about a teaspoon of honey in their lifetime.

Not necessarily a highlight, but something that made this incursion more memorable was when poor Sam got stung by one of his yellow and black friends – ouch!

Just a little note

In line with Covid Department guidelines, we are currently not permitted to heat student lunches. We ask that warm lunches come to school in a thermos or can be eaten cold.

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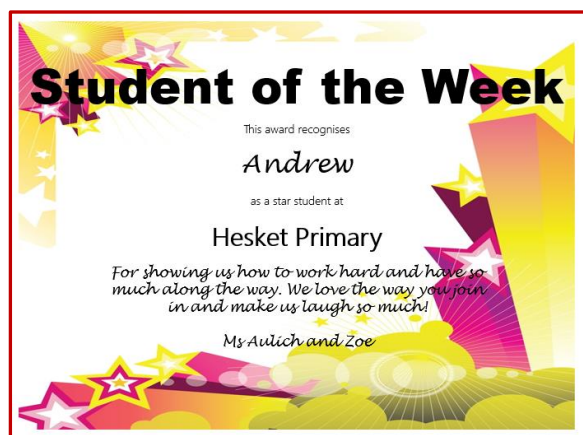
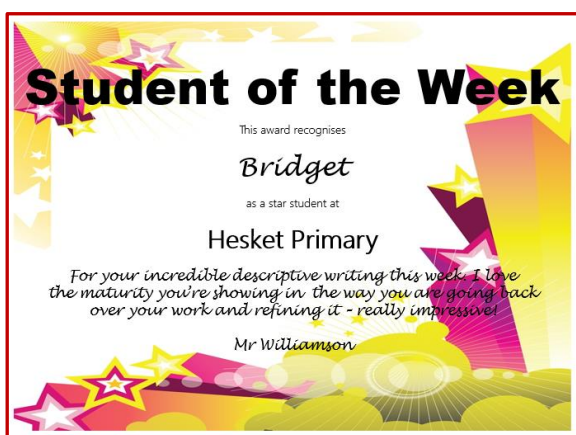
Hesket Cup

A highlight of next week will definitely be the Hesket Cup. The school will be divided into two teams: Bowen's Bees and The Fearless Ferns. The name Fern comes from Ferny Creek, the name of the settlement that we now know as Hesket. Bowen is more obvious, named after the Bowen family of Bowen's lane who gifted the land of Hesket Primary School in 1869.

Yesterday the students were divided into two teams and should be able to tell you whether or not they'll be coming to school dressed as a green Fern or a red Bowen!

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Bridget and Andrew who are this week's Students of the Week. Andrew brightens our day by showing us how to work hard and have so much fun along the way. We love your very positive attitude! The Senior award goes to Bridget this week her incredible descriptive writing. You're showing such maturity in your work, going back over your work and refining it – so very impressive!



Uniform

Yesterday we reminded all students of our expectations of uniform. Our conversation centred around the reasons that we want our students to stand out; for their hard work and their vibrant personalities. We appreciate you also reminding your children of this.

After School Pick Up

Another conversation that we had with students was around afternoon pick-up. As our school community grows, inevitably will the traffic at drop-off and pick-up times will become more congested. Yesterday we reminded students that under no circumstances are they to leave the main building without being dismissed, even if they can see their parents.

Late Movie Night at School

On Friday the 11th we will be having a special late night at school. The evening will begin at 5pm with games and dinner and will finish at 9pm after the students have watched a movie. Ordinarily, we would've enjoyed a school camp, but 2020 has had other plans for us! We hope this 'just for fun' special night at school makes up for it just a little. More information will be coming home soon about this event.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Caitlin who was very excited this week to be a big six year old. We saw all of the smiles on your face on Wednesday so know that you had a great day!



