



# HESKET Primary School

## Newsletter Term 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

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### Diary Dates

#### May

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – School Council via Webex @4pm
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Grade Six High School forms to be returned

#### June

- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Term Two

Hello to everyone as we finish the third week of remote learning. While remote learning still remains new for all of us, from our side, we hear that routines are forming and can see that lots of good quality learning is happening at home.

Much of the discussion this week as a staff has been about our observations in the different behaviours we can see in your children as learners. Some students are thriving at home, while others are missing the typical structures and supports of school. We know that

all students are missing the social element of school and we cannot wait to see you all back playing together as well.

The following is an excerpt from my recent Principal's Report to School Council that highlights some of the challenges that families have fed back to us. They include:

- the number of children in the household
- the type and flexibility of work carried out by adult/s in the household
- the access to internet and devices
- the change in environment and structure of the day. We know that some students who are typically focussed and motivated in the school context have found the shift to remote learning challenging and this has presented challenges for families
- conversely, some families have become more aware of their child/ren as learners and I believe this is a positive insight.

While we've had hiccups along the way, we're working through and learning and this week our average daily attendance sits at about 90% (using Seesaw, texts, photos and WebEx calls as contact for attendance.) We are working to support those students and families who may need extra support to access this current way of learning. This looks different as required: lending of devices, including dongles and internet access, hard copy versions of materials, extra communication and check-ins as required and, access to onsite supervision (in line with DET guidelines).

Again, I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of our teaching staff for the work that they are doing. Particularly in the early weeks of this learning, I know that many extra hours were spent ensuring that meaningful and engaging lessons were planned and as needed, recorded and recorded again! The engagement and support from families at home brings rewards for us as teachers and helps to motivate and connect us all with one another. Each day more families are engaging with staff 'Personal Rooms' and this is proving valuable. This thanks also extends to our ES staff who have been doing an incredible job of engaging with students, continuing to carry out intervention as required, and supporting the work of the classroom teachers through Seesaw.

One thing that I do want to reiterate that I perhaps have not made clear enough is that this way of teaching and learning is still new for all of us and I know that all of us (families included) are trying our best. If your child isn't getting through the set tasks or we need to alter the delivery to better support your child, please just send through a message and we'll make a time to talk it through with you.

Keep up the great work everyone; enjoy the weekend and we shall see you online on Monday!

### Students of the Week

Congratulations to Matilda and Bridget who are this week's Students of the Week. Matilda continues to be a 'quiet' achiever' and regularly shows us that she's working hard at home. Bridget has been doing some wonderful descriptive writing and I know Mr Williamson is enjoying seeing you pop in online for lots of conferencing. Keep up the wonderful effort you two!

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## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Bridget and Robert who will both be celebrating their birthdays next Monday and Tuesday. Bridget will be hitting double-digits and Robert will be... a teenager! We hope you both have wonderful days!



## School Council - REMINDER

The next School Council meeting will be held remotely via WebEx on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May at 4pm. An invitation will be sent to all members via seesaw and documents via email.

## 2021 Enrolments

Typically at this time of the year, we would be preparing for Open Day and taking enquiries for 2021 enrolments. If you know of any families who are interested in learning more about what learning looks like at Heskett Primary School, please encourage them to make direct contact with me on [aulich.seona.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:aulich.seona.e@edumail.vic.gov.au). While we are not running formal tours at the moment, I am more than happy to make a time to talk on the phone.

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HARRYET HAD LOTS OF FUN WITH THIS. HE CHOSE TO SHARE HIS FAVOURITE.

Now I'm in the forest,  
the chirping slowly  
fades away, soon it is  
silence <sup>is</sup> the only  
thing <sup>we</sup> can hear  
is my own footsteps.  
Crunch pitter pitter  
that is the sound of  
my feet. As light fades  
away, my desire to  
be near my fire increases.  
The cool air swishes around  
my ankles like a snake.

Thinking	Doing	Feeling	Learning
know	✓	✓	3 snow
know	✓	✓	4 know
follow	✓	✓	5 snow
smaller	✓	✓	6 snow
following	✓	✓	7 snow

Friday 12/05/21

The snowman blows  
on the hot air log. He  
a snowball because I know  
he will follow it were ever  
it goes. <sup>goes</sup> look @ TV  
bellow x

Sensational work  
Aida!

to: Chromatopoeia

Sizzle

Sizzle, went  
the bacon  
and eggs on  
the pan.

THIS IS MY NEW UKULELE.  
WE GOT IT IN THE MAIL  
TODAY.



big hard Matilda! Jealous of your nice warm 🍷 Lydia

all is  
said no  
me they

all said no is me they

In response to

