



**Diary Dates**

**September**

- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term Three

**October**

- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Term Four begin remotely
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Planned Curriculum Day – tbc
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Planned Curriculum Day – tbc
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Students Return On site

Good afternoon everyone. As we finish six weeks of remote learning, we know we have just one more week before the much needed September holidays. There is nothing like a bit of sunshine to inspire us and spring has most definitely sprung at Heskett. One more week – we can do it!



Yesterday saw us complete our second day of our four-yearly review and I'd like to take the opportunity to share with you a few highlights of the last few days. Before I do, I need to thank you all for your contribution and participation in the process, especially those students and families who spoke to our panel, representing our whole school community.

The two days involved many conversations that reflected on the last four years, but most importantly the vision that we have for Heskett going forward.

Our students did a fabulous job of sharing their experiences of Heskett. The panel thoroughly enjoyed hearing them talk about their learning goals and how they enjoy being challenged by their teachers. When asked what their favourite things about Heskett were, the responses were quick and sincere, "How well everyone gets along." Their relationships with one another couldn't be overlooked!

Our parents talked about the safe environment they send their children to each day, their children's growth and their positive attitude towards learning. Loveliest to hear from our families, was how happy their children are to come to school everyday.

Our staff had the opportunity to talk through the curriculum delivered at Heskett and how they plan and assess for the learning and growth of every student. What was abundantly clear was the strong professional relationships they have with one another, and the passion they have for the students they work with. How lucky I am to lead a team with such a genuine investment in our students and school.

Yesterday concluded with the panel sitting with teaching staff to collaboratively develop our future plan. The most prominent language and themes of the two days were: individualised learning, high-expectations, community, and confident, engaged learners. While still in draft, the overarching goals within our next plan are centred around maximising the learning growth of every student, engaging students by enhancing a culture of high expectations and supporting students to be resilient, socially and emotionally equipped learners and community members.

As I near the end of my second year as Principal of Hesket, I reflect on the changes I have already seen within the school. As a staff team, we're excited about providing the highest quality learning experiences for our students, while building upon the existing culture of a true community that remains at the core of our little school.

Moments of reflection are all too rare in the busy hustle and bustle of a school, but as I write this, I feel incredibly lucky to be at Hesket and very much look forward to what comes next!

### Curriculum Day

You will notice that I have tentatively scheduled two curriculum days for the first two days of Term Four. I have sought approval from School Council to hold our last two curriculum days during this week as we will still be in remote learning, hopefully minimising interruptions to student learning once we are back on site.

### Students of the Week

Well done to four superstar students, Curtis, Amelia, Bridget and Chase who did such a fantastic job for so confidently speaking to the review panel this week. You did a great job and we're very proud of the job you did in representing the kids at Hesket Primary.



### 2021 Enrolments

While we are not currently able to tour prospective families, we are also unsure when this rule will be lifted. In the interim, I am more than happy to speak to both current and prospective parents about what learning looks like at Hesket Primary School.

If you know of any families who are interested in Hesket for their child next year, you may also like to direct them to our School Website where we have just published a 'tour' that I feel captures some of what makes our school great.



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