



Diary Dates
Term Three

August

- Sat 21st – Tournament of Minds Competition (video submission)
- Mon 23rd – Book Week
- Wed 25th – Book Week Dress Up Day

September

- Wed 1st – Theatre Trip
- Thurs 9th – Kids Teaching Kids Conference
- Thurs 16th – A Night at the Movies – Romsey Hall

What a surprise it was to find ourselves back at school this week – news that was warmly met by students and teachers (and parents) alike.

We seem to be in the middle of a very mixed-up term, with this week marking the end of Week Five and the term's half-way point.

Much of this week was dedicated to our Grade Prep and One students who were finally able to celebrate the Preps' 100th day of school. The Juniors were all dressed up brightly, adorned in crowns and ready to celebrate. The usual timetable was thrown out for the day and instead only activities that somehow included the number

100 were part of the day: threading necklaces with 100 loops, towers of 100, making 100 biscuits, hunting for 100 coins, reading and writing 100 words and fairy bread with 100s and 1000s of course. Well done Preps – you've waited so patiently for your very special day. We hope you had fun!



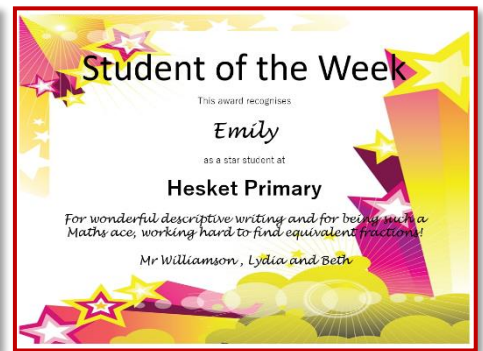
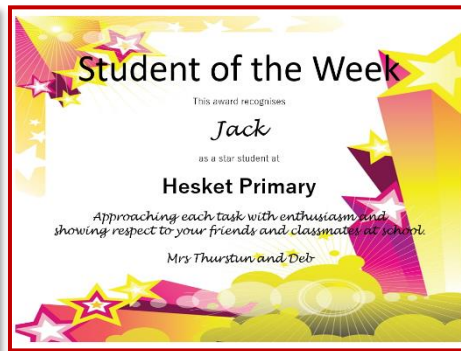
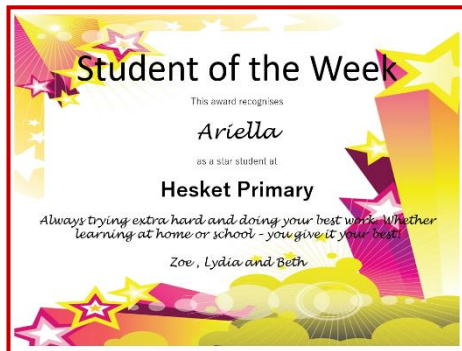
Another group of students who have quietly been working away on something special this week is our Tournament of the Minds team. The team have been meeting with Zoe at any spare moment they can find, even squeezing in two before school sessions this week. The team are reimagining a classic and will be reenacting a new version of Alice in Wonderland. We look forward to seeing the final product which is due to be submitted in a few weeks.



Have a great weekend getting out and about if you're able to; we are all looking forward to a full week of school next week!

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Ariella, Jack and Emily who are our very deserving Students of the Week.



Happy Birthday

There is only one birthday to celebrate this week. Happy birthday to Chase who turned 12 on Wednesday. We all hope you had a very special day.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Aaron and Candice, big sister Karley and the rest of the family on the safe arrival of Leo. We've seen photos from a very smitten older sister.



Enrolments – Tours Postponed

I have continued to have much interest in Heskett for 2022 Prep enrolments with a wonderful group of children enrolled for next year, clearly being our biggest cohort in the school. If you know of families within the community who are considering Heskett for their child next year, please encourage them to call or email me seona.aulich@education.vic.gov.au to make a time for a tour.



We hope that these restrictions are lifted soon so that tours may resume and our kinder transition sessions can proceed, later in Term Four.

Around the School

While our families are not coming onto site, I'll take the opportunity to fill you in on some areas of maintenance that are occurring around the grounds. Some of these works include:

- The old Junior playground is soon to be removed and returned to green space. We continue to apply for funding to have this equipment updated.
- The undercover area and nearby tanks will soon be repainted.
- The wind turbine has been taken down and has been taken away for repair.
- Many trees that have been identified as 'at risk' have been removed from around the school grounds.
- A section of roof on the old building has been repaired following leaks during heavy rain.
- An audit on the main building has identified maintenance required so it meets up to date bushfire risk reduction requirements.
- School Council have met with representatives from Macedon Ranges Council to investigate improvements to our carpark, including its potential extension up Bowens road. I would like to thank Amanda Carabott in particular for her input into this work.

