



Newsletter
Term 2 – 16th May 2019

Diary Dates

May

- Fri 17th – Working Bee 1.30pm
- 20th – 24th – Education Week
- Wed 22nd – Open Day
- Thurs 23rd – Positivity, Leadership and Activated Youth (PLAY) Excursion for Gr 4/5 students
- Fri 24th – Grandparents and special friends day. Special activity and shared lunch.
- 27th - 31st - NAIDOC Week
- Tues 28th – School Council

June

- Tues 18th – School Council
- Tues 25th – Oral Health School Screening (CHANGE OF DATE!)
- Wed 26th – 3/4/5 Student Led Conferences
- Thurs 27th - F/1/2 Student Led Conferences
- Fri 28th – Last Day of Tern Two

2019 Term Dates

- Term Two – 23rd April – 28th June
- Term Three – 15th July – 20th September
- Term Four – 7th October – 20th December

This week has been an incredibly busy one, beginning with Andrew Maxted visiting the Junior grade to talk about what he does in his career. The students loved hearing about how he makes sure Victoria's fire trucks are running perfectly and thoroughly enjoyed testing batteries and making circuits to that made lights flash.



Monday afternoon saw Joe Daniher, Trent Mynott, Zach Merrett, Josh Begley and Dylan Clarke from Essendon Football Club travel up to Hesket for a footy clinic. After a much needed warm-up, they ran drills in hand-passing, kicking, marking and goal

kicking. We're pretty sure that they had as much fun

as our kids! We will be sending through a letter on behalf of our students to compliment the visitors on the time and attention they gave our students - for some of our little footy fans, it was a day they won't forget.

Our Year Three and Five students have been impressive in the way they've approached their NAPLAN assessments this week. We understand that such formal testing can sometimes feel overwhelming but Mr Williamson assures me that our students did a great job and took it in their stride. Well done to you all.

If you've had a chance to wander through the middle of the school recently, you will notice that our new veggie garden is well and truly taking shape. Our very enthusiastic 'green thumbed' students have been using any spare moments to construct and fill the new garden beds – they are very much looking forward to planting the first lot of seedlings tomorrow too!

I look forward to seeing those of you who can make it along tomorrow to our working bee, Seona.

Student of the Week

Congratulations to Max and Amelia who were last week's Students of the Week. Amelia has been working really hard on her letter formation and Max is showing great leadership in the yard. Well done!



Open Day

Our Open Day will be held on Wednesday the 22nd of May.

The school will be open for visitors on the day from 2.15-3.15pm and also in the evening from 6-7pm.

Some of our wonderful parents have even offered to keep up all warm by making soup for us all on the night.

Students will go home as normal after school and will return at 6pm. This will be a great opportunity



for families to spend time in the classroom, students can share their learning with you and you can get involved in some great activities on the night.

At these times, there may also be families from outside our immediate school community visiting us. Please feel free to extend an invitation to families you know who may be considering Heskett Primary for their child in the future.

We appreciate you showing your support by coming along.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

On Friday the 24th we are inviting grandparents and special friends up to the school at 12.30pm to join in an Art lesson with our students.

We'll encourage our students to show their grandparents and special friends around our school at lunchtime – maybe even packing a special lunch or snack to share with their grandchild.

Woodend Coles BBQ – Last minute!

Heskett has been offered a fundraising opportunity next Saturday, the 25th of May. While we understand this is very last minute, the Heskett staff would really appreciate an hour or two of your time to cook and serve sausages.

We require three people to work at the BBQ between 9am and 2pm. Please put your name down on the roster on the office wall if you are able to help out at any time during the day.

We would love to fence off our new veggie garden and will use funds raised from the BBQ for that purpose.

PLAY- Positive Leadership and Activated Youth

Notes have gone home for our Grade Four and Five students to participate in the PLAY program.

The PLAY program provides a platform for student to support each other, practice positive values, take responsibility and develop their leadership abilities. The program involves our Senior students partnering with Newham Primary School in a day-long workshop.

This program is supported by Cobaw Community Health. Please return your child's permission note as soon as possible.

BBQ Lunch and Working Bee

Tomorrow we will be have an afternoon whole-school working bee. We're hoping that some of you will spend some time helping us tidy up our school.

The students are looking forward to planting out our new garden beds and have been helping us get a list of jobs written for the day.

As we are having a special BBQ lunch on this day, there will be no canteen next Friday.

Earn and Learn

Just another reminder to keep Earn and Learn stickers coming into school if you happen to be shopping at Woolworths; they do add up and will hopefully equate to new resources that our students will love.



Education Week - A Focus on Careers...

As I've mentioned, the theme of Education Week this year is Careers. To celebrate the week, we are asking parents in our community will volunteer to come into the classrooms to talk about what it is they do for a job.

We are hoping to have a different career each day. If you have 15 minutes to spare, we'd love to hear from you and I'm sure the students will have many questions for you to answer too!

Thank you catch one of the staff if you'd like to join in.

Dental Health Screening

Sunbury Community Health is offering a FREE dental service to students at Heskett Primary School on Tuesday 25th June. There are no out-of-pocket costs for any child.

As part of this program, a dental practitioner will be visiting Heskett Primary School to provide a dental screening and application of fluoride, and discuss developing good dental habits with your child. A report will be provided to your child after the check-up, with information on your child's screening and whether a further appointment is required.

The main purpose of a screening visit is to identify any major dental issues and also provide your child with familiarity to the dental environment and process. This visit has a preventative focus, as we emphasize good oral hygiene and diet practices.

Please note that our dental screening service does not take the place of a full dental check-up. There may be smaller dental issues that could be missed during screening, as we are not equipped with the full range of dental equipment during our school visits. We encourage all children to have a full dental check-up with us at Sunbury Community Health.

Notes have gone home with last week's newsletter. Please return them, indicating whether or not your child will be participating in the program.



