



Diary Dates

November

- Tues 23rd – Prep 2022 Transition #1
- Tues 23rd – Kids Teaching Kids Online Conference (Senior)
- Wed 24th - Kids Teaching Kids Online Conference (Senior)
- Tues 30th – Prep 2022 Transition #2

December

- Wed 1st – Frozen Theatre Trip
- Tues 7th – Prep 2022 Transition #3
- Tues 7th – Grade Six/Year Seven Transition Day
- Wed 15th - Final Swimming Session - Rescheduled
- Thurs 16th - Last Day of 2021 School – normal finish time
- Fri 17th – Curriculum Day

The end of another week has us looking at only four more school weeks of the 2021 school year. There is certainly a feeling in the school that we are getting back to ‘normal’ with routines returning. The students have continued completing lots of assessments and teachers are busily writing end of year reports. There are so many conversations happening in the classroom and corridors about exceptional growth in learning – smiles on students and teachers show that regardless of the less than conventional year we’ve just had, great learning is evident.

Once again today some of the students are helping me write this week’s newsletter. Thank you to Kobi and Jack who are currently in my office and ready to fill us all in their big day out last Friday.

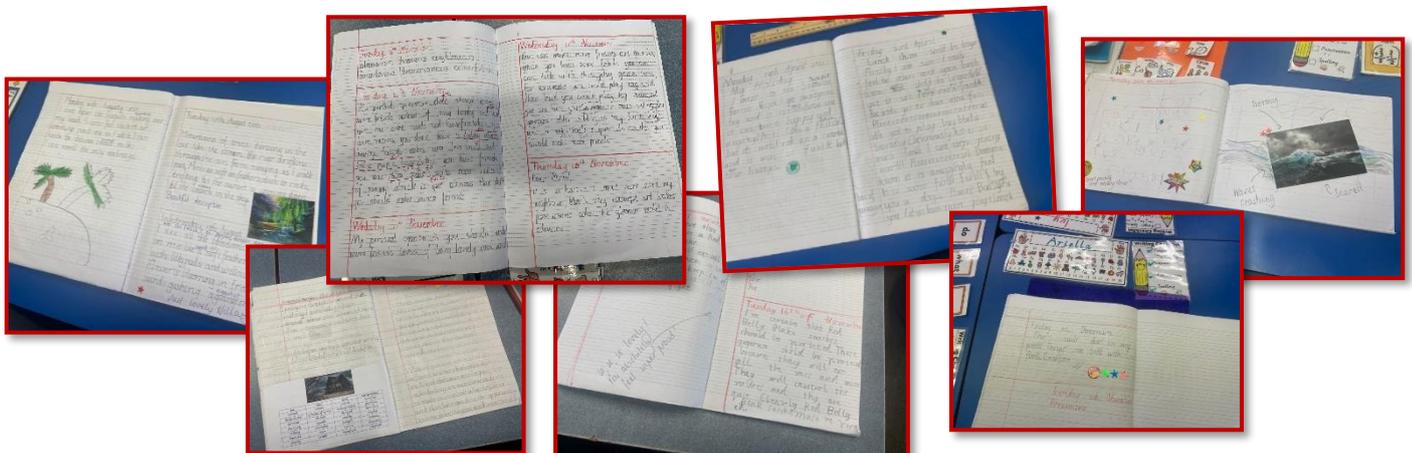
The day started with the students meeting Mrs T at Woodend station, where the group began their trip to Watergardens. After a hot chocolate the group headed



off to bowling. The stars happen to be here with me now with Jack getting the highest score and Kobi scoring the only strike of the day. Next was some time in the arcade and then off to the food court for lunch. The afternoon’s activity was laser tag where the group challenged one another with boys against girls. In Jack and Kobi’s words, “We crushed them!” Remembering the fun day has two big smiles on the boy’s faces today. Mrs T and Deb both said that the group were a delight to take out. I’m glad to hear that everyone had such a lovely day – what a great way to finish off an upside-down year!

Bookwork Blitz

Your children may have talked to you about our schoolwide blitz on bookwork and generally taking a high level of pride in classwork. This has been revisited by each grade over the last few weeks and culminated in a ‘workbook walk through’ on Wednesday, where students had the opportunity to give feedback and praise to one another. It was such lovely activity and so heart-warming to hear students encouraging one another for improvements made across the year. Here are a few photos I took as I wandered around (the students each selected a page to share) – you might be a little shocked to note that four of the samples below are from our Junior room – just wow!



Cyber Safety

I have been spending lots of time over the last few weeks talking with parents, teachers, and students about the use of social media by our students. Yesterday I spent time in the Senior grade with students talking about privacy settings and what to do if someone or something is making them feel uncomfortable online. Mrs T and I look forward to continuing these conversations and encourage you to talk to your children as well.



THINK!

T = Is it True?
H = Is it Helpful?
I = Is it Inspiring?
N = Is it Necessary?
K = Is it Kind?

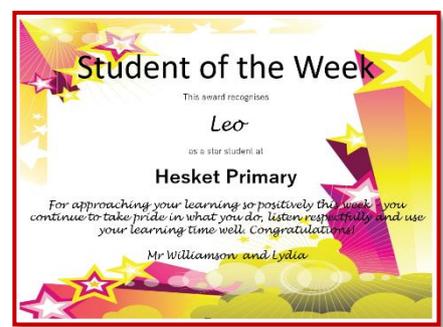
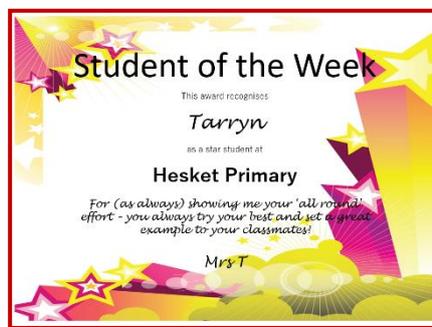
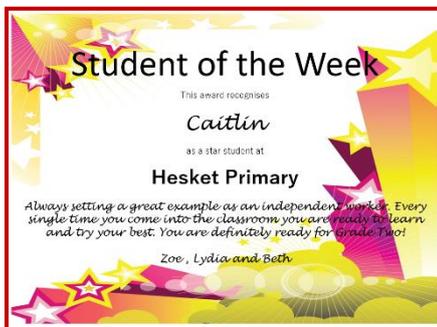
Transition and Enrolments – From Last Week

Our 2022 group of 13 Preps will be visiting soon for their first transition session and I know first-hand how excited some of these Preps are!

We are still having enquiries for school tours and potential enrolments for 2022. If you know of any families considering Heskett for next year, please encourage them to make contact so that grade structures and staffing can be finalised.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Students of the Week – Caitlin, Tarryn and Leo!



Vaccinations for Visitors and Volunteers (Taken straight from latest guidelines)

Visitors and volunteers performing work on school sites (both inside and outdoors) must have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medication exception. Visitors and volunteers must be advised to adhere to COVID-Safety requirements set out in the School Operations Guide.

Vaccination Requirements for Parents and Carers Attending Schools

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer.
- when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

Parents and carers attending any event or activity inside a school building including, but not limited to tours, graduations, kindergarten transition, whole of school events are required to show evidence of vaccination.

Meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) with parents and carers who do not meet vaccination requirements should be held virtually.

Parents and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

When attending the school for any of the above reasons, please check in and have your proof of vaccination ready to show.

Next Week's Lunch Order – Sushi

Just a little reminder that next Wednesday we will be having sushi for lunch. Please send along the correct money in a named envelope. Students have the choice of the following hand rolls for \$3 each:

- Tuna
- Tuna and Avocado
- Teriyaki Chicken
- Veg
- Avocado



This Week's Happy Snaps

