



# HESKET Primary School

## Newsletter Term 1 – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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### Diary Dates

#### February

- Prep students do not attend Wednesdays

#### March

- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> – Student Conferences this Week
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – School Photos
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Cultural Understanding and Sensitivity Training (CUST) Curriculum day – Student Free

#### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Last Day of Term One – 2.30pm finish

After an interesting start to the week, it was so nice to welcome everyone back to school yesterday.

During the three school days that students were at home, it was great to see students online, dusting off their logins for WebEx and Seesaw.

While we are very grateful that this period of home learning was only for three days, it initiated conversations for us as staff as to what remote learning might look like should we find ourselves back at home, for either shorter or more extended periods.

In planning for potential periods of lockdown with little notice, each student now has a homelearning exercise book that has their Seesaw password and WebEx

teacher room numbers pasted in the front.

Teachers are preparing smaller units of work that are more suitable for remote learning. While at school, students will practise these activities so that students are confidently able to work these tasks at home.

In short, we have a plan in place for remote learning that can quickly be adopted.

For families new to the school, typically our classroom teachers will be online from 9.30am to 11.30am on WebEx. We found that face-to-face or screen-to-screen teaching was the best way to replicate the traditional classroom. Students will also be set tasks via Seesaw as well as reading and maths tasks that may not necessarily be online. During the afternoon, teachers are 'offline' assessing student work and giving feedback on submitted tasks.

### Student Absence in Periods of Remote Learning

I also wanted to revisit the way that student attendance is marked during periods of remote learning. Rolls will be marked at approximately 11.45am each day. Your child will be marked present if they have:

- logged on to WebEx to join their daily class meeting
- submitted work via the Seesaw platform
- made contact with the school or the classroom teacher to explain a change in daily timetable, issues in connectivity or to inform of an appointment or need for alternative approach.

If your child is going to be absent during remote learning, messaging the classroom teacher directly via Seesaw is the best way to inform us.

The school will be staffed each day from 9am should we revert to a remote program at any stage, so always feel free to call should you have questions along the way.

We completely understand that everyone's households function differently and so remote learning will very likely look different for everyone. We got through 2020 really well because we maintained strong communication with our community along the way.

With fingers crossed I hope that our preplanning is in vain and we have a 2021 without further interruption. The grades are all so settled and seeing your children happy and learning together at school is a wonderful sight!

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### Teeball – Next Friday

Next Friday the Senior students and some of the Grade Three students will represent us at a round robin style tee-ball competition at Romsey Recreation Reserve. The students will travel to the reserve by bus for a small charge. Notes will be coming home on Monday.

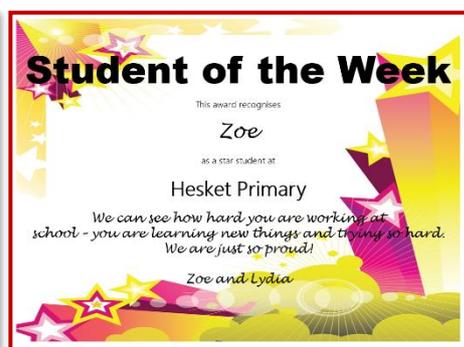
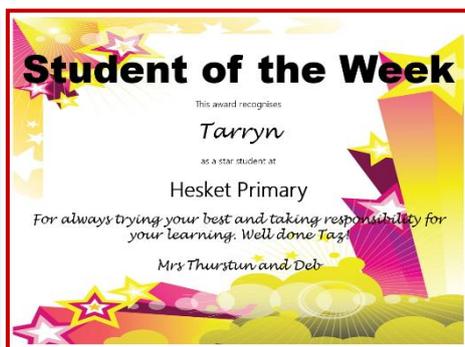
### Budding Writers

I just wanted to make special mention of Thomas, Emily and Gigi who today have been helping me put together a grant application for a new Junior playground. These three students just love to write and have done a wonderful job capturing why Heskett Primary School really needs a new playground; hopefully I'll be able to pop the finished letter in the photo section this afternoon.



### Students of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Students of the Week. Congratulations to Zoe, Hudson and Tarryn who are our deserving Students of the Week this week!



### Swimming – from last week

Final arrangements are being made for our week-long swimming lessons in Term Two. We have booked the Gisborne Aquatic Centre from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of May. Students will travel by bus to the Aquatic Centre and will participate in a levelled one hour lesson. The number of students attending can have a significant impact on bus pricing. We ask that if you are not wanting your child to attend, that you notify the school so we price the excursion correctly.

We have had no feedback from any families informing us that their children will not be participating in the swimming program.

### School Council – Nominations – From Last Week's Newsletter!

It is that time of the year when we are calling for nominations for School Council. School Councillors have a tenure of two years. School Council comprises of six parents, three DET employees and one community member. Parent members, Anita Lacey and Madeleine Arch have another year left on their tenures and Brett Hayler, Erin Verity, Dave Rayment and Jillian Ryan are finishing their tenures this March. We thank these parents for their continued support of the school.

This leaves us with the following vacancies:

- four, two-year parent vacancies
- one, two-year community member vacancy.

We invite those parents that are current members to reapply. If you would like to be nominated or to self-nominate for one of the vacancies on School Council, please complete the nomination form attached to this newsletter. Nominations will close at 4.00pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. You do not need any particular experience to be a member of School Council, just willingness to participate and contribute to Heskett Primary. It would be terrific for the school if we could again have a full School Council.



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May we please explain to you why we need a new playground because all of the now preps are so tiny and they need to play.

Firstly, Heskett primary school's playground is extremely dangerous because all the bolts are rusty.

Secondly, the little preps just simply stand there watching as big kids have all the fun while they can't do anything.

And thirdly, even us big kids wish there was a free slide.

Lastly, these are the equipment we would really appreciate. Can we please have a slide, a tunnel, a bridge, a monkey's and crosses game board, some squeeze pipes, a double scramble net and a shop counter.

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From Heskett Primary School.

By Emily, Grade 2.



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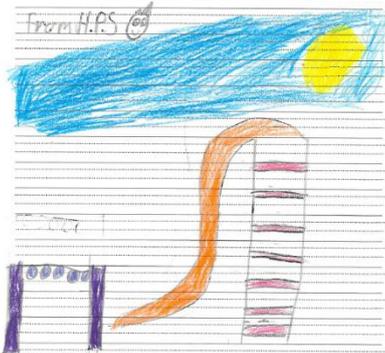
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By Gigi Grade 3

May we please have a prep sized playground because the preps are so tiny can we please have a little set of monkey bars a slide a bridge squeeze pipes a tunnel a scare case and a shop counter. So may we please please please have it.

From H.P.S.





# LANCEFIELD Juniors

Lancefield Junior Football & Netball Club

## Lancefield Junior Girls Football Teams 2021

Be part  
of history!  
First girls teams  
for the mighty  
Lancefield  
Tigers!

Announcing the introduction in 2021  
Lancefield Junior Girls Football Teams

Lancefield Juniors Football Netball club is calling all girls interested in playing football  
**across all age groups 2021 teams.**

Be part of history and sign up to be involved in the first girls teams  
for the mighty Lancefield Tigers!

Lancefield Junior Football Netball club is committed to providing a safe family environment  
for girls to participate in a fun social team sport. This is going to be a very exciting time!

Bring your girl friends along!  
**This girl can!**

For more information please contact, Jacqui Green  
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