



# Hesket Primary School - Start Up Newsletter

Term 1 – Week 1 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

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## Diary Dates

### January

- Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> – Students begin

### February

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – First assembly
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Welcome breakfast

### March

- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> – Preps attend full-time
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum day – Staff Professional Development
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day public holiday
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Halogen Leadership Conference Excursion (Yr 5 students)

### Term Two

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**Welcome** to the 2019 school year at Hesket Primary School. We have had a very smooth start today with lots of students very excited to be back and meeting their teacher.



Here are some snaps of our students settling in and getting to know each other and their new teachers.

The focus in both classrooms over the coming week in both classrooms is on establishing routines and setting up classroom culture. This is especially important for Foundation students as they get used to the new routine of school.

I very much look forward to teaching the Junior students and I know Mr Nick Williamson is once again looking forward to a great year with the Senior School students. Mrs Deb Kent will be supporting students in the Senior school grade as well as working in an administrative role.

Education Support staff members, Ms Brooke Ashenden and Mrs Catherine Borg will not be returning this year. We wish them both well in their future endeavors and thank them for their service to Hesket Primary School. We welcome a familiar face to Hesket, with Mrs Sue Jordan supporting students in the Junior classroom over the coming weeks. Jeanette Kalinski will once again be working in the office on a Tuesday.

**Welcome/Welcome Back Breakfast** - We invite all students and parents/carers to attend a casual breakfast of egg and bacon sandwiches and juice on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Breakfast will be available from 8.15am. This is a terrific opportunity to meet members who are already a part of our school community and to welcome new families. To assist with catering could you please complete the response slip on the last page of this note and return it to the

*Hesket students are respectful. Hesket students are responsible. Hesket students achieve their best.*

school by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. If you have chooks and you have some eggs that you could contribute could you please indicate this on the slip, and send the eggs along on Monday morning.

I look forward to a great year and thank everyone who has welcomed me to Heskett,

Seona Aulich

**Nut Aware School** – Please be aware that we have a student in the school who is highly allergic to **ALL nuts** and **uncooked egg**. While we do not have a policy that bans these foods, we ask that carefully consider alternatives. Please also take time to remind your child/ren of the importance of not sharing food and ensuring their hands are washed straight after eating.

**Sunsmart** - Just a reminder that we are a SunSmart school and in Term One and Term Four it is a requirement that students wear their school wide brimmed SunSmart hats.



#### **Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR)**

Heskett Primary School is categorised as Category 2, which means that our site is considered to be at high risk from bushfire. As such Heskett Primary School:

1. is required to close on **CODE RED** days
2. will not operate at its normal site under **EXTREME** fire danger conditions for our Local Government Area (LGA). On **EXTREME** days, we will relocate to lower risk host school, Romsey Primary School. On these days, you will be required to drop off and pick up your child/ren from Romsey Primary School.

You will be contacted directly via sms or telephone the day prior to the **CODE RED** and **EXTREME** weather days.

We appreciate that potential relocation or cancellation of our school may result in some inconvenience for your family, but the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority.

#### **Birthdays**

Happy birthday to Amelia who celebrated her birthday over the holidays. We hope you had a wonderful day!



**School Assembly** - We will have our first assembly for 2019 on Monday morning. This will be held in Room 1. (Foundation—2 classroom) All parents/carers are most welcome to attend our assembly.

#### **Specialist Timetable – First Four Weeks of Term**

Monday - Library (MARC Van), PE

Tuesday – Science, Music

\*Auslan – Still to be scheduled

Wednesday – Art

Thursday – PE

**School Lunches**—as we have done in the past, students will have access to School Canteen Lunches every second Friday, and the opportunity to order lunch from Subway on the alternate Fridays. Next week Subway lunches will be available. For ordering purposes a Subway envelope is attached.

**School Uniform**—if parent/carers wish to order any items of school uniform please contact Deb at the school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **School Council – Nominations**

It is that time of the year when we are requesting nominations for School Council. School Councillors have a tenure of two years. School Council comprises six parents and three DET employees. Parent member, Anita Lacey will be continuing her role in 2019 with Brett Hayler, Jillian Ryan and Cassie Creed all finishing their two-year 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
- and one, one-year parent casual 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 five vacancies on School Council, please complete the nomination form attached to this newsletter. Nominations will close at 4.00pm on Friday 15<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.

**School Fees 2019**

Last School Council set the school fees for 2019. For 2019 the School Fees are as follows  
Essential Items: \$160.00. The fee covers items essential to support student learning.  
Voluntary Contribution \$60.00 (Grounds)  
School Council also approved the following payment options:

- Option A Full amount at the beginning of Term 1
- Option B Payment at the beginning of each Term
- Option C Half yearly payment (beginning of Terms 1 and 3)
- Option D Other payment arrangements

Thank you to those families who have already paid fees or have indicated their preference for payment options. During the year other costs may be incurred — these costs may include (but are not limited to) excursions, incursions, special lunches.

**Arrival and Absences**

Just a gentle reminder that our school day and learning starts promptly at 9.00 each morning. So that learning can begin promptly it is expected that parents will also say their goodbyes when the bell rings. We appreciate your help with this as our goal is to maximise learning time and decrease disruptions to learning. If students arrive late, it is an expectation that students will be signed in at the office before proceeding to class. Late arrivals to school and regular absences mean that children miss the important instructional part of the lesson when concepts are being introduced.



**Leaving Early**

If for some reason your child needs to be collected during school hours it is our responsibility to ensure that procedures are in place for the collection of your child. The procedures determined by the Department of Education and Training are as follows:

*Students must only be collected by their parents (subject to specific court orders) or by a person who has been authorised by you to pick up your child. We will record when the child has been collected early from school, the reason for collection, the person who received the child (including signature), and, if the person is not known to the school, verification of identity using suitable photo identification (e.g. driver's licence). We ask that you come, or the person authorised by you, to the office and complete the sign out form. These requirements are necessary to comply with Department regulations, minimise legal liabilities, and assist with emergency management and to provide adequate duty of care.*

**Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner's Risk**

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Therefore, bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school is discouraged.

**Family Law Courts and Intervention Orders**

Families that have Family Law Court Orders or Intervention Orders are requested to provide a copy to the school so that the school can act in accordance with any orders. Family Law Court Orders stipulate the rights of both parties and enable us to act appropriately and lawfully. It is also appropriate that the school is in possession of the most recent Family Law Court Orders or Intervention Orders.

**Student Accident Insurance**

As a school we do as much as we can to protect and care for injured students including first aid, notifying parents and emergency contacts if students are injured or hurt, and if necessary, an ambulance is called. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from that fund. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold accident insurance for school students. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector can be obtained.

**Welcome Back Breakfast – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of February**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending: (Names) \_\_\_\_\_

We can contribute eggs: Yes/No If Yes Number: \_\_\_\_\_

