

HOMESTEAD HEADLINES



'Wisdom Brings Happiness'



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Thank you Mrs Hollis
and Mrs Woods

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Principals Report

From the Principal's Desk

As we wrap up another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful moments we've shared as a small but mighty school community. It's been a year filled with growth, hard work, and connection, and I couldn't be more proud of our students, staff, and families for all that we've accomplished together.

Celebrating Our Students

Though our school is small, the achievements of our students have been nothing short of remarkable. This year, we've seen students shine in many different areas, whether in the classroom, or in the wider community.

Whether it was mastering new skills in reading and math or taking on exciting hands-on projects in science and HASS, our students have shown tremendous progress. I've watched our young learners challenge themselves and develop a love for learning, and it's been inspiring to witness. Heith, we wish you all the best for 2025 as you transition into High School.

This year has shown me, once again, that it truly takes a village to raise a child. To our dedicated teachers and staff, thank you for your tireless work in creating a caring and supportive environment for our students. I am so proud of the passion you bring to the classroom each day.

To our families, thank you for your unwavering support. Whether volunteering at events, attending school meetings, or simply staying connected with us, you make a big difference. Our small school thrives because of the strong relationships we share between home and school.

As I reflect on this school year, I am reminded of the unique and special qualities that make our small rural school such a great place. Thank you for being part of this wonderful community and for all you do to support our students. I am privileged to work alongside such dedicated families, teachers, and staff.

Thank you

Teachers Report

Drama, drama, drama! Term 4 had the students acting as Wild Life Rescuers. We simulated getting a call from an Elephant Nature Reserve in Africa and were called upon to help the rangers. The drama was based on a narrative structure which has an orientation, complication and a resolution. Students had to act using tension and movement to save an elephant calf from being stuck in a muddy pond. The facial expressions were priceless! It was great to see our students be so invested, working together to save an elephant.

In Year 5 HASS, we went all the way back to 1788! Looking at the early settlements, the First Fleet and how and why things have changed. The social, economical and political reason for extending Colonial Settlements still have relevance even in today's society. The main focus was the Gold Rush era and how these events had a significant effect on our current political governance.

In other years in HASS, there was a good look at the Charters Tower's Show from the past. Starting in 1881 and how it was used during the war and still a crowd pleaser even today. Also looking at schools, toys and playgrounds of the past and comparing it to the present and why things have changed.

What does 3 students doing grouping, arrays and multiples look like? Multiplication! We try and put all our math into life experiences. We contextualise it through using everyday situations using food, balls, counters and pictures just to name a few. A lot of these were in word problems which is why reading is just as important as it is used in every subject, not just in English but every day.

At the end of Term 4, we say goodbye and farewell to Heith going on to high school. We have had the pleasure and of Laine this semester and Peyton going on to be our Grade 6 senior. I would like to thank all staff for the work we do for our student's education and life at Homestead State School. Wishing the best of the festive season to you and your extended families.

Kathi Woods

Graduation 2024

Tuesday 26 November Homestead State School held a lovely graduation ceremony for Heith.

First students received their book awards presented by P&C life members Jeanette Curtis and Kaye Griffiths.

After an introduction from Mrs Hollis, Heith received a photo book presented by Mrs Ford, a signature bear presented by Miss Makayla, a graduation sash presented by Mrs Woods, a graduation trophy and book award presented by Mrs Curtis and his graduation certificate presented by Mrs Hollis. Heith did us all proud by reading his speech to the guests.

Following the ceremony we had a enjoyable lunch catered by Gayl (thanks Gayl) followed by a very chocolate graduation cake.

Thank you to everyone who attended.



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On Monday 11 November, Homestead SS held a brief remembrance day ceremony to honour and remember those who have served our country. The ceremony included the wearing of poppies, a moment of silence and the raising of the Australian flag. The students took a moment to reflect on the importance of peace and gratitude.

Cowboys Visit



Krystal and Joe from the Cowboys dropped in for a visit this term. Students were introduced to the game of football tennis which they enjoyed playing. Students received a backpack with hats and water bottles and staff received bucket hat. Thanks Krystal and Joe.

DECEMBER

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Laura-Beth Martin

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Tom Nicholson

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15 Makayla Ford

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School Watch

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on

13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective

Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy —

13 17 88 — and let's work together to help create a safer school community.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

13 December— Last day of Term 4

23-24 January— Staff PD

26 January— Australia Day

27 January—Australia Day public holiday

28 January— First day Term 1, 2025

Newsletter Items:

An issue of the Homestead Headlines will be printed at the end of each term. Anyone wishing to place an article in the 'Headlines' must have their article into the school a week before printing.

Small articles can be emailed to principal@homesteadss.eq.edu.au

Any additional flyers or inserts must be pre printed before submission.

The next issue will be printed in the last week of Term 1, 2025