

HOMESTEAD HEADLINES



'Wisdom Brings Happiness'

2025



School Photos



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Principals Report

As we bring this semester to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we've accomplished together as a school community. It has been a semester filled with learning, growth, and meaningful connections—both inside and outside the classroom.

Our students have worked hard and shown resilience, curiosity, and kindness throughout the term. Whether it was through academic progress, creative projects, sports, they have made us proud.

Thank you to Miss Micallef for relieving whilst I was on leave, I can report that she enjoyed her time here and is hopefully going to be able to return next semester.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated staff. Their passion, patience, and commitment have been the backbone of our school's success. Once again, they have gone above and beyond.

We're already planning for an exciting and enriching next semester. Stay tuned for updates on new programs, cluster sports events and community events. For now, we hope you take this break to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with friends and family.

On behalf of the entire staff at Homestead State School, I wish you a safe and joyful holiday break. Thank you for being a part of our school family.

Warm regards,
Tania Hollis

From the classroom

This semester we have explored numbers and place value. It has been wonderful to see students master addition and subtraction using learnt strategies.

However, it was just as rewarding watching our senior student understand algebra, the frustration was real. Other learnings included Time, Budgets, statistical data and representations.

In English the students researched a topic and delivered an Informative report presentation to the class. The students were able to utilise new computer skills learnt to add a multimodal element to their presentations. We have all enjoyed learning about Dinosaurs, Bees, Dogs and Earthquakes.

This term the students have enjoyed additional art lessons with Miss Dana, the students completed a small world build. Thank you to Miss Dana.

Science has introduced us to living and non-living, starting with our basic needs, moving into more in depth learning next term. We have started exploring life cycles, which has allowed for extended learning through classroom discussions, what came first the chicken or the egg? This question is still openly debated during science lessons.

All students have participated in weekly athletics training with Miss Leslye, she was impressed with the persistence and improvement shown by all students.

Dear Mrs Ford

Thank you, Mrs Ford for spelling. I loved to make tiny worlds; Mrs Ford was always there to help. I also loved to build Lego, my best one was my bird because he was easy and fun. Today we made pizza wraps for lunch, they were yummy.

From Laine



Dear Mrs ford

This term I liked doing Lego. My favourite Lego was my dinosaur, because I like dinosaurs. I enjoyed Athletics, I like doing the high jump and the long jump.

From Dean



Dear Mrs Ford

This term I made pizza wraps. We played on the playground
From Angus



Dear Mrs Ford

This term I built big and little Lego it was exciting. On Tuesdays with Miss Dana, I created a tiny world it was cool when it was complete we used lots of materials to make it. Mondays and Thursdays I had digital technologies on Teams, we created codes and downloaded them on to a little device called a micro bit they had mini LEDs that lit up if coded correctly. Also, on Thursdays the class had athletics training with Mrs Leslye we did an hour of training with her, we did hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot put, javelin, sprints and discus. The whole class also did PowerPoint information reports I did mine about earthquakes.

From Peyton Polinelli



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Miss Micallef joined us this term while Mrs Hollis was on leave. Both students and Miss Micallef enjoyed her time here.

Thank you Miss Micallef.



This term in art students made their own Tiny World with Miss Dana.



Happy Birthday Mrs Ford



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P&C News

Due to wet weather and roads being closed the AGM was postponed and was held on 6 May. All positions were announced vacant and a new committee were voted in.

President – Jodie Polinelli

Vice President – Beth Matthews

Secretary – Jaemi Krause

Treasurer – Kaye Griffiths

Events Co-ordinator – Trina Ford

Happy Birthday Angus



Thank you Jenny Deal for the lovely marshmallow cups, students enjoyed them.



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This term on Thursdays Leslye Muller has been out for athletics training. Students did warm ups , hurdles, long jump, high jump, throwing, relays and shotput. Students have enjoyed their training and some great skills have developed.



Homestead State school staff, students and community would like to send our condolences to the family of Shane Ford who sadly passed away on the 25 April.

RIP

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

- 27 June—Last day term 2
- 14 July—first day term 3
- 29 July—Show holiday
- 1 August—Dalrymple Cluster Athletics Carnival (Pentland)
- 8 August—District Athletics Carnival (Charters Towers)
- 5 September—Pupil free day
- 19 September—Last day term 3

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 3, 2025