

HOMESTEAD HEADLINES



'Wisdom Brings Happiness'



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Dance



This term students enjoyed a day of dance with Leanne from Dima Dance.

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Principals Report

principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for a wonderful 6 weeks at Homestead State School. I have enjoyed my time teaching your students and being part of your school community.

Students, keep up all the good work and keep trying your best! I'm very proud of you!

I hope you have a very happy and safe Christmas and that 2024 brings you joy and happiness.

Please note that student reports will be sent home on Wednesday the 6th of December.

Our school end of year celebration concert will be held on Thursday the 7th of December at 10am. It would be great if you could join us.

Merry Christmas,
from

Mrs Paige

Naughty
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S. Claus

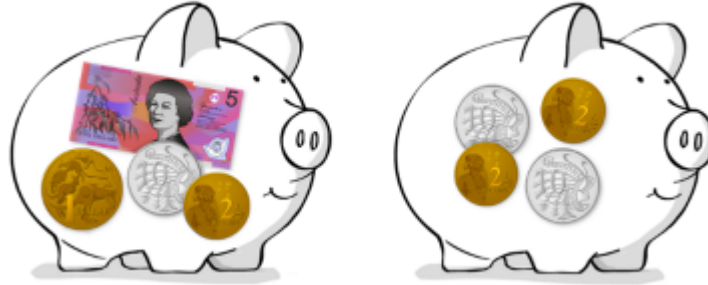


Teachers Report

MRS PAIGE CLASSROOM LEARNING

WEEKS 5 TO 10 TERM 4

For the past 6 weeks students have been learning all about money. In the early years, students have learnt to recognise the value of coins and notes and have been calculating different amounts. The middle years have been adding prices from menus in order to calculate change. Students have learnt various strategies to help calculate the correct change.



We have also been busy creating and choreographing a dance. Leanne from Dima Dance came to teach us some fun dance skills and together we created a Ghostbusters dance.



Students used what Leanne had taught them to then plan, rehearse and perform their own dance which you will see at our end of year celebration on Thursday. Everyone enjoyed working together and performing in front of their peers. We look forward to sharing our learning with you at our celebration morning.



Teachers Report

As my first year is coming to an end, I have to tell you what a pleasure working with Homestead students and staff it has been. As you know our enrolments grew by 200 % in one term which really changed the dynamics in the classroom, mainly for the teachers...the kids loved it!

In English, we have been looking at Australian poetry. We examined the language features that make a poem a poem like heat and feet, rhyming and alliteration eg. 'Dusty Desert Dune'. We read poems about Barry the Camel and In the desert. Part of our unit was to write an adaptation of a poem to a new setting. The year 4's wrote about their local community and described where they live in a structured poem which had rhyming and alliteration. They then had to perform it in front of their peers. With lots of practice, we did a great job using eye contact and varying our voice to keep the audience interest. And they did!

In maths, the year 4's focused on equivalent fractions and decimals. This was tricky at first, as fractions always are, and then to find equivalent fractions! We also did a unit on money. This starts with recognising the coins and notes and the value of each. The year 4's had to solve purchasing problems of a trip to the pizza shop with the family. They had to work out how much they needed and how much change they should get. It involved fluently counting amounts and working with multi-step solutions. We use these skills in the morning before school, where we take orders for drinks and food with toy fruit and money. A great way to start the day.

OOOOBLECK! Ask our students what that is because that word gets used EVERY week. It was the start of our science unit where we investigated properties of different items. Making oobleck was our first experiment, made from corn flour and water. The photos tell you how much fun that was. Our main investigation was to find binders that affect the use of ochre mainly being used by First Nations and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Here, the students had to make predictions of what would combining ochre with water, cooking oil, egg yolk and PVA glue do. Then we used our fingers to smudge it down paper. That meant putting our fingers into some pretty gooey stuff...all in the name of science of course! When it dried we observed how it smudged, and if it was water resistant. We analysed our data and applied this knowledge to real life situations, like what would be best to use as body paint or on a shield. Apart from the word oobleck the word opaque (can't see through) is also embedded into the student's vocabulary, which is a great thing about science.

Hope you have a wonderful time with your family over the coming weeks

Hooroo till 2024

Kathi Woods

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Cyber Safety



This term in Health, students participated in a Cyber Safety course. Learning how to stay safe while using social media, gaming and other online activities.

Remembrance day



Thank you, students, staff, families and community members for attending our Remembrance Day Service. Thank you for joining us for morning tea.

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This week Pentland SS invited us to join them for an excursion to Charters Towers. Students had a day of fun at the World Theatre and the waterpark. Thank you Pentland State School for inviting us a great day was had by all.



On Monday we got picked up by the bus. We had popcorn at the World Theatre. We had fun at the waterpark. We had Red Rooster at the waterpark. The bus took us back to school. I had a sleep.

By Heith

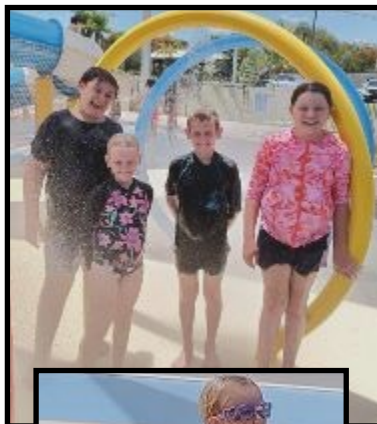


On Monday we got picked up by the bus. We got on the bus and found our friends from Pentland State School. When we finally got to Charters Towers, we went to the World Theatre. We got a snack pack from Pentland, which had a juice popper, chips and sour lollies and I got Maltesers. We watched the movie Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken. After the movie ended we went to the waterpark. At the waterpark there was a big slide that when you went down you went fast. The water cannons were fun as I sprayed my friends. There was a big bucket that split water on everyone and there spouts that were big and small. For lunch we had Red Rooster. Then we had another play on the waterpark. Then we got back on the bus and came back home. The whole day was amazing and fun.

By Peyton

On Monday we got picked up on the bus then we met the Pentland kids. Then we went to the best movie theatre. We watched Ruby Gillman. Then our teachers got us popcorn it was delicious. We got a snack pack from Pentland School. Then we went to the waterpark. We had Red Rooster for lunch. Then we went home on the bus and we snored zzzz. The best time was when me and Heith was going down the slide at the waterpark.

By Hayden



On Monday we waited for the bus patiently. We went to the movie theatre. We watched Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken. We went on the bus to the waterpark. We had Red Rooster for lunch. We went on the bus again to go home. It was a fun day. The slide was fun.

By Angel

DECEMBER

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- 16 Arion Isabeth
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P&C News

The role of the P&C within the school community is to be a genuine partner in the school's life, working as one with the school and the wider community to achieve the best possible outcomes for all students of Homestead State School.

It goes without saying, being such a small community, The P&C band together to bring events for all of Homestead to enjoy. Our successful events include:

- Cross Country Catering
- Footy BBQ catering

We would like to thank parents and grandparents on the tireless effort put in each and every time.

Every year, we hold our Footy Tipping fundraiser. Players come from far and wide to try and pick the NRL winners each week. This continues to be the biggest fundraisers for our P&C, it would not be possible without the support of our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to our Lifetime P&C Member, Jeanette Curtis for running this fundraiser!

Thank you to Jenny Deal for her Christmas presents for the students and her kind donation to our P&C.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!



Homestead State School
 Staff & Students would like to wish everyone a
 very Merry Christmas and a
 Happy New Year
 And look forward to seeing you all fresh and
 bright in 2024

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

7 December—End of year Celebration (Homestead SS)

8 December—Last day of school 2023

9 December—Progress Christmas Tree (Homestead Hall)

22 January—First day of school 2024

26 January—Australia Day

15 March—Cross Country (Ravenswood SS)

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, 2024

Welcome Rachelle Keeffe

My name is Ms Rachelle Keeffe and I am looking forward to starting the new school year at Homestead as Acting Principal. I have previously been Principal at Mount Fox State School in North Queensland, and Goodwood State School near Bundaberg. I have recently returned from living in Dubai, teaching the Australian Curriculum.

I started my teaching career working at Charters Towers School of Distance Education and then went on to be a relieving teacher in the area, teaching at both Homestead and Pentland. It is delightful to be back again in the area.

I look forward to becoming part of the Homestead community and working with you all in 2024.

