



# Hesket Primary School News

**Fortnightly Newsletter – 21st February 2025**

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## Diary Dates

### February

\*Prep students do not attend  
Wednesdays  
Tuesday 25th – Grade 3-6  
Interschool Tee ball

### March

\*Preps students attend full time  
Monday 10th - Public Holiday  
Monday 3rd – School Council  
@4pm  
Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th  
March - NAPLAN Assessments  
(Grade 3 and 5 Students)  
Friday 28th - Athletics Carnival,  
Romsey Recreation Reserve  
(Spectators Welcome!)

### April

Friday 4th April - Last Day of Term  
One - 2.30pm Finish

### Other Significant Dates

5th June - School Photos  
23rd - 27th June - Whole School  
Swimming - Kyneton Aquatic  
From 10th July - August 3rd - Whole  
School Theatre Trip, Annie, Princess  
Theatre (TBC)  
November 12th – 14th - Whole  
School Camp – Phillip Island

## Tennis Hot Shots by Tarquin, Amy and Aurelia

On Monday, a group of Hesket kids went to the Kyneton tennis courts and participated in a Hot Shots competition for all the schools in the Macedon Ranges. There were lots of schools and we had the opportunity to compete in singles, which is a one-on-one competition and doubles which is a two vs. two competition.

The Hesket team was Annabel, Tarquin, Amy, Emily M, Aurelia, Woody, Banjo, Maggie, Ada and Ariella. Our first match was against Romsey, then we played St Marys, St Ambrose, Woodend, OLR and Kyneton. We would like to give a big shoutout to Lydia and Katie for being our supervisors on the day and for coming down to Kyneton and making room in their day for us, so thanks to you both. Thank you to Kyneton Tennis Club for letting us use their facilities. Even though we didn't win overall, we won in our minds and that's all that matters.

## Robogals by Izzy and Jasper

Coding, mechatronics and more! On Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February Middle D and Senior R got to meet some of the students from Robogals from the University of Melbourne. These students taught us all about engineering. How fascinating! We got onto the computers and started coding. We were put onto the website [trinket.io/turtle](https://trinket.io/turtle) which works on any kind of computer so we can all continue to practise coding at home. We were shown how to make different shapes using

different codes and then we got to try it ourselves. Something we learnt was that in a room of ten engineers only one or two of them would be girls.

## Juniors – Art

In Visual Arts this week we read a book by Melbourne artist/ author/ illustrator Tai Snaith. We read the book Slow Down World which she made using collages of painted papers and clay. This week we experimented with watercolour paints in warm (red, orange, yellow) and cool (blue, green, purple) colours. Some types of painting we tried were wet on wet painting which was painting on our paper after Stacy sprayed water onto it. We normally do wet on dry painting, but the paint spread out and looked cloudy and feathery. We also used a dry brush

which made the paint scratchy and a technique called glazing which is layering and overlapping the paint. We also made name tags for our new art journals.

## From the Office

Please contact Di in the office on a Monday or Thursday, or send her a Seesaw message if you have any questions regarding the following.

## Parent Payments

On Monday, all families will receive a letter home in relation to voluntary parent payments. The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students and ensures that each child is provided with the same resources. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Families wishing to make regular payments towards voluntary contributions and any other school-based activities across the year, should feel welcome to set up a regular fortnightly payment to the school's bank account. Please Seesaw Di if this is something that would suit your family.

*For example: \$10 per student each fortnight, over the school calendar year.*

## Athletics Day - Friday 28th March

One of our favourite days on the school calendar is our school Athletics Day. On this day, students travel to Romsey Oval and participate in a range of track and field activities. For the day to run well, we need lots of parent volunteers to help run activities. We'll support you with some instructions so there is no need to be an expert of any sort. If you can help out on the day, please send through a Seesaw message to either Seona or Zoe, so we can begin planning the day.



\*Can any parent volunteers for the day please send through their Working With Children cards. We note that some cards we have on file have recently expired.

## Working With Children Clearances (WWCC)

We value the many volunteers that assist in our classrooms, sports events, school concerts, other events and programs. To ensure that we are meeting our legal obligations and the Child Safe Standards, Heskett Primary School is required to undertake suitability checks which in most cases will involve asking for evidence of a Working with Children (WWC) Clearance.

If you wish to volunteer as a parent helper where you are required to work with or alongside students, we will require volunteers to obtain a WWC Clearance and produce their valid card to Seona or Di in the office.

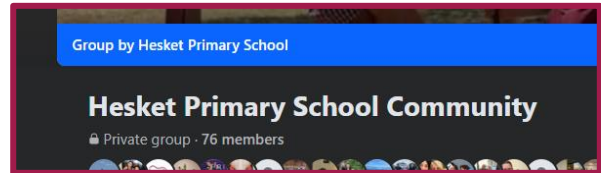
Applying for a volunteer WWC is free and can be completed at <https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>. A WWCC will be needed if you wish to volunteer at our end of term athletics carnival – yes, we will be calling on help from lots of you!

## Hesket Primary School Community



This is just to let new families to the school know that Hesket has a public Facebook page, as well as a private group just for the immediate families of

students currently attending the school. if you're new to the school, you may wish to join - it's a great way to connect with other families.



## Uniform

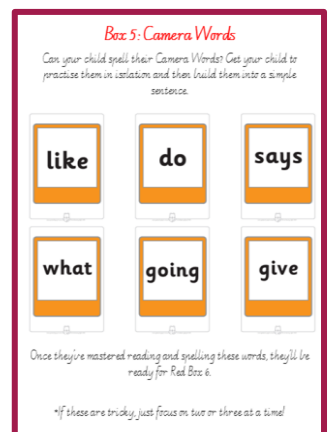
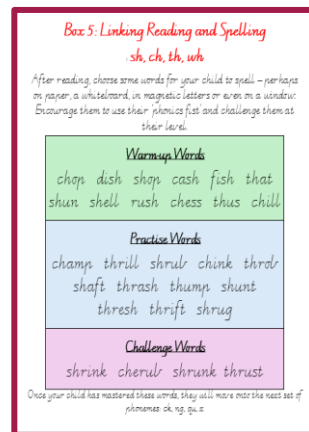
We have started the year well with uniform and love seeing everyone in their burgundy each day. I did want to take the opportunity to remind everyone about appropriate footwear. We ask that families choose footwear for their children that is closed toe and supportive, particularly on Sport and Run Club days where lots of students are currently wearing boots and casual shoes.

## Junior and Middle Home Reading Activities

Over the next week, parents in the Junior and Middle grades will notice some additional activities coming home in your child's reader folder. We have created a laminated sheet of spelling words and ideas that are specific to the phoneme/s that your child is practising.

At Hesket we teach reading and spelling side by side and these activities support your child to be able to spell what they can read.

If you have any questions at all, please see your child's teacher.



## Rural Roads to Reading Research Project

We are pleased to let you know that our school will be involved in a longitudinal research project over the next three years called Rural Roads to Reading.

This project, which will run from 2025 – 2027, is being conducted by researchers from the School of Education at La Trobe University. The focus of the project is on understanding how schools across regional and rural Victoria are approaching the teaching of reading in the early years of primary school (Foundation-Grade 2).

The La Trobe researchers will track our 2025 Foundation student cohort through to the end of Year 2. The research team will work with our teachers to use a range of assessments that the children will complete in their classroom. Our school's involvement in this project will provide our teachers with additional valuable data to support our children's progress as they learn to read.

The project has been approved by the La Trobe University Human Ethics Committee and by the Victorian Department of Education.

Parents and/or guardians of students in Foundation 2025 will soon be provided with more information about this project.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Happy Birthday*

Happy birthday to Alex who celebrated his birthday this fortnight. We hope you had a fabulous day with your friends!

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



*Every Day Counts...*

### Minutes Lost = Days Lost

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



### Days Missed = Years Lost

A couple of days here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



At Hesket we mark the classroom roll at 9.05am and then again at 2.30pm. If your child is absent for any reason, we appreciate you contacting us via Seesaw or leaving an absence message on our school voicemail.

### *School Council - Nominations*

It is that time of the year when we are calling for nominations for School Council. School Councillors have a tenure of two years. Hesket Primary's School Council comprises of six parent members, three DET employees and one community member. Jessica Matthews and Jade Quinn have one year left on their tenures; there is also a one-year vacancy that we currently have unfilled. Peter Schreiber, Christine Amherd and Lisa Chamberlin finish their two-year tenures this March. We thank these parents for their continued support of the school.

This leaves us with the following vacancies:

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

I invite both current and new members to apply for the vacant positions. If you would like to

be nominated or to self-nominate for one of the vacancies on School Council, please collect a nomination form from the front foyer. Nominations will close at 4.00pm on Friday 7th March. 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.

## Easter Raffle - Fundraising

Our fundraising committee is putting together an Easter raffle as our first fundraiser of the year. We are asking families to donate a chocolate egg that will be bundled up to form one of many end of term Easter prizes. A box for donations will be in the foyer from next week until the 14th of March. (if warm weather continues, it may be in the back office.) We thank you for your support!



## Run Club

As always, some special milestones need to be acknowledged this week. Well done to Ellis who has joined Run Club 25 and Micah and Tarquin for joining Run Club 50. Well done everyone!

Some other impressive milestones:

- 30 Runs - Jobe, Oscar H and James B
- 40 - Jamie
- 45 Runs - Annabel
- 55 Runs - Ellina and Heidi
- 60 Runs - Maggie
- 65 Runs - Hillary and Aurelia
- 85 Runs - Jasper and Emily M

\*We have reminded all our Run Club members to take their hats home so that they can put their badges on their hats. The badges are adhesive, but we also recommend a few stitches to make sure they don't peel off!

## Run the Rock 2025

We invite all of the runners in the Heskett community to join our team for this year's Run the Rock. Last year we had 23 runners and this year it looks as though we'll surpass that number.

Many students are running with their families in the 2km and some are even taking on the 5km.

Here are the details if you'd like to join our team:

- Our team name is Heskett Primary 2025
- Our team code is HeskettPS25. When joining our team
- Use the code RTR25SCHOOLS to access a 10% discount at the checkout
- Go to [www.raceroster.com/events/2025/82678/run-the-rock-2025](http://www.raceroster.com/events/2025/82678/run-the-rock-2025)



# Enrolments - 2026 Tours Invited

*Call now to book your personal tour...*

- Synthetic Phonics Literacy
- Art
- PE
- Science/Sustainability
- Auslan
- Academic Excellence
- Growing Community
- Before and After Care



*Great things happen in small places...*

Our school follows the Department of Education's Enrolment Policy for the enrolment, placement, and transfer of students. Students who live within the school zone are guaranteed a place at our school. To find out whether you live in zone, visit [findmyschool.vic.gov.au](http://findmyschool.vic.gov.au)

All other applications will be considered subject to available space, and prioritised according to:

- students with a sibling at the same permanent address who are attending the school at the same time
- all other students in order of closeness of their home to the school.

## **Prep Enrolment Timeline for 2026 Prep Enrolment**

Term 1: Tours invited for 2026 enrolments

Term 2: 2026 tours continue - enrolment applications open

Term 3: 2026 tours continue - enrolment applications due by Friday 25th July. Parent notified of enrolment application outcome Friday 8th August

Term 4: Transition sessions commence.

Hesket Primary School currently has a capped enrolment of 75 students. Please book your school tour and submit your enrolment forms to avoid disappointment.

## *Next Week's Lunch Order - Sushi*

Just a little reminder that next Wednesday's lunch order is sushi. Please bring along the correct money in a named envelope. Students have the choice of the following hand rolls for \$4.00 each:

- Tuna
- Tuna and Avocado
- Teriyaki Chicken
- Veg
- Avocado



We ask that this is returned on Tuesday to assist Super Sushi with ordering. Preps will have their first lunch orders in March when they attend full time.

**Student of the Week**  
This award recognises  
*Bjorn*  
as a star student at  
**Hesket Primary**  
*For an amazing start to the school year overall. You have been cheerful and happy and kind to everyone!*  
Mrs Thomas and Mrs Turner

**Student of the Week**  
This award recognises  
*Adeline*  
as a star student at  
**Hesket Primary**  
*For an excellent start to the school year - you are stepping up to the challenge of Grade Two!*  
Mr Williamson, Lydia and Dayna

**Student of the Week**  
This award recognises  
*Annabel*  
as a star student at  
**Hesket Primary**  
*Thanks for being such a great role model in the classroom. You are a great leader, a hard worker and a supportive classmate. Keep up the great work!*  
Bri and Brianna

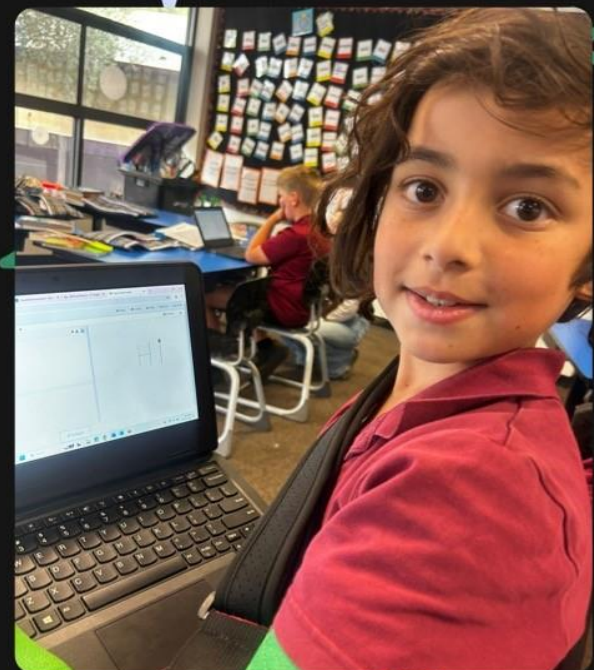
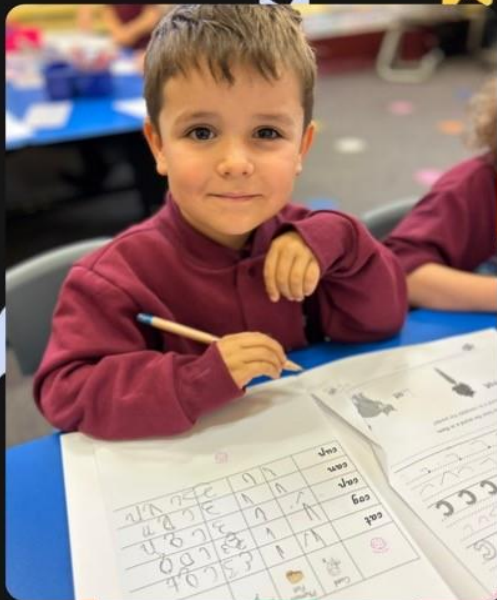
**Student of the Week**  
This award recognises  
*Jasper*  
as a star student at  
**Hesket Primary**  
*For a seamless transition into the Senior grade. You are showing so much maturity in the way you are working quietly and productively. We're very happy to have you - keep it up Jasper!*  
Zoe, Dayna, Katie and Lydia

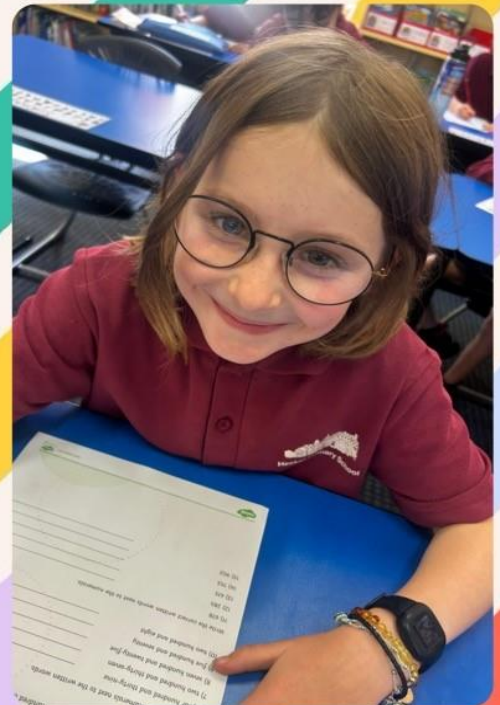
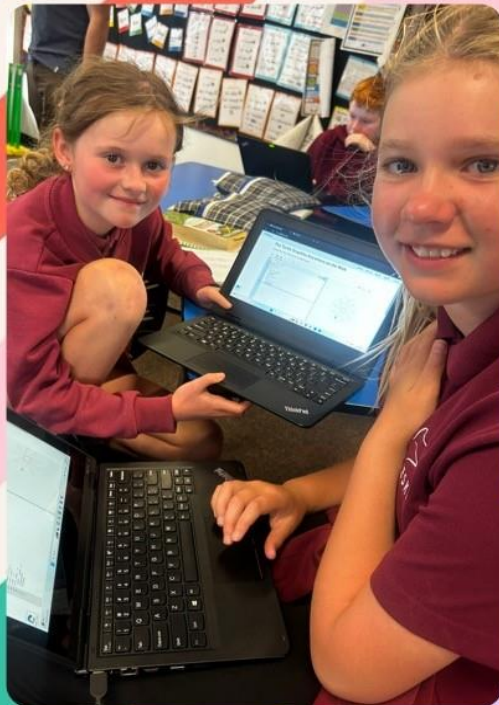
**Student of the Week**  
This award recognises  
*Kiki*  
as a star student at  
**Hesket Primary**  
*For having such a cheerful, fun and engaged attitude towards your learning and all parts of the day!*  
Mrs Thomas and Mrs Turner

**Student of the Week**  
This award recognises  
*Ellina*  
as a star student at  
**Hesket Primary**  
*For being a helpful, kind and considerate friend to all of your classmates!*  
Mr Williamson, Lydia and Dayna

**Student of the Week**  
This award recognises  
*Margot*  
as a star student at  
**Hesket Primary**  
*For your fantastic contributions to our descriptive writing and for being such a great helper in the classroom!*  
Bri and Brianna

**Student of the Week**  
This award recognises  
*Immanuel*  
as a star student at  
**Hesket Primary**  
*For showing great problem solving in the classroom. We love the way you ask for help if you need it - without a fuss. What great skills you are modelling to your peers!*  
Zoe, Dayna, Katie and Charli





MACEDON RANGERS SOCCER CLUB

# PLAY SOCCER IN 2025



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Based in Romsey, the Macedon Rangers Soccer Club champions a family-friendly environment centred around supporting our volunteers, players and parents.

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