

HESKET

Hesket Primary School News

Fortnightly Newsletter – 21st March 2025

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Diary Dates

March

Friday 28th - Athletics Carnival,
Romsey Recreation Reserve
(Spectators Welcome!)
Mon 31st – School Council @4pm

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
11th September - School
Concert
17th September - Annie,
Princess Theatre
November 12th – 14th - Whole
School Camp – Phillip Island

Swan Hill Swimming - by Amelia

Last week Hannah Alexander, Amelia Richards, Hillary Richards and Emily Macpherson headed off to Swan Hill to compete in the 4 x 50 metre freestyle relay. Though the day was scorching and the drive was three hours there and back, we all had a really great time. The race results were not in our favour, but it was a fun day out and great experience nonetheless. We look forward to competing next year!

Junior Open Classroom - Juniors

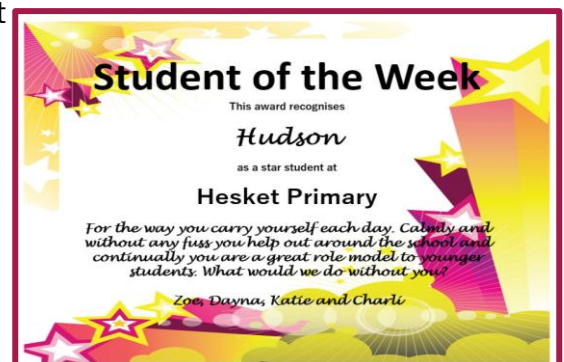
Last Thursday Junior T invited our families into our classroom to show them a mini Literacy session. We showed them how we learn at school, including our morning routine song. It was so fun to show off our amazing skills to our parents. We showed them how we do cued articulation, how we read using our 'phonics fist' and how we use the right starting points in beginning to write our sounds. At the end we were able to go through all of our workbooks together and show our favourite pieces of work. We felt proud of ourselves for how far we have

come in less than 30 days of school. Thank you to our parents for such a great attendance.

Some closing words... "I really tried my best!" Rafferty. "I showed Mum and Dad my work in my books." Grace.

Butterfly Release - Middle W

"I felt happy for the butterflies being released but I felt sad because I loved them." Mathilde
"I felt scared when I got to hold one but it was ok." Kieran
"When I first saw the butterflies, they looked cute and when they were ready to be released, they looked prettier." Zoe
"I felt happy for the butterflies because they got to fly out in the world and I felt sad because I wouldn't see them again." James
"When we let them go it was really cool to see them fly away." Kimberly
"I liked the butterflies and one even landed on me and it felt nice and soft." Oscar H
"I was scared when the butterfly nearly landed on my head and I was like freaking out." Sidney



"I liked the chrysalis because we had two different types of butterflies and it was great to see how they were different." Jobe

"I liked how the two types of butterflies were different and I liked the colour of the Orchids." Oscar R

"I liked how the Orchid female had different colours to the male." Ellina

"I liked the feel of the caterpillar because it felt a little bit squishy." Adeline

Tennis with Marcus by Harvey and Caitlin

Over the past few weeks Marcus, a local, super star tennis coach, has been coming to Heskett to teach us tennis. Marcus has taught us to do backhands, forehands and volleys. All the Heskett kids have been enjoying tennis with Marcus and are looking to improve on their hot-shot tennis skills at lunch and recess.

NAPLAN - Written by Middle D

Last week, the Grade Threes and Grade Fives completed all of their NAPLAN tests so the Government can see how excellent our education and learning is at Heskett Primary School. We started with a Writing task about an amazing ride. The task was challenging, but fun. We got to show off our handwriting skills in Grade Three and our descriptive writing that we do so well. The next day, we completed a Reading, Spelling and Grammar test on the NAP application on our computers. We found it difficult to get into our tests because of (statewide) technical difficulties, but once we were in, there was so much excitement, focus and confidence that filled the room. Some of the texts we read were interesting and some were easy to understand. On Friday, we did the final assessment, which was Maths. There were all types of maths questions such as multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. Some of the maths questions were easy and some were tricky. Last Wednesday, a NAPLAN official came to collect our writing tasks. It was a little scary because we have never sent our work away before, but we were all very proud of ourselves for completing all of the assessments because we tried our best!

School Council - 2025 Membership

This newsletter it is my pleasure to announce our 2025 School Council. Heskett Primary's School Council comprises of six parent members, three DET employees and one community member. This year Lisa Chamberlin, Christine Amherd, Peter Schreiber, Jade Quinn and Jess Matthews continue their roles on Council and we welcome Brianna Bell to our group. Zoe will continue on as a staff member and I welcome Stacy as our newest staff member of Council. I thank all of our members for giving up their time for our school.

Athletics Day - Friday 28th March

We look forward to seeing lots of parent supporters at next Friday's athletics carnival. We will aim to get the events underway just after 10am and look forward to a fun day of running, jumping and throwing.

We know many families will take their children straight from the event however encourage students to come on the bus with us from Heskett, especially our Preps who will enjoy the fun of their first bus ride.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Amy, Hudson, Ellina, Ayla, James J and Carys who have celebrated their birthdays this fortnight. We hope you had a fabulous day with your friends and family!

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



At Heskett 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.

Easter Raffle - Fundraising

Yesterday tickets were sent home for our Term One Easter raffle. Thank you to everyone who was able to make a donation and to our fundraising group who have been packaging up prizes and organising tickets behind the scenes. I'd like to send a special thank you to Phoebe who made this poster for us in her own time too!



Run Club

Congratulations to Isabelle who joined Run Club 25s this week, Annabel who joined Run Club 50s and Alex who joined Run Club 75s. Great running everyone. As always, some special milestones need to be acknowledged this week. Well done everyone!

Some other impressive milestones:

- 5 Runs - Rafferty, Zach, Oscar C and Wilbur
- 35 Runs - Sidney
- 45 Runs - Lulu, Kieran
- 85 Runs - Hudson

*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

Good luck to the 36 students (and all of the adults too!) who are running in tomorrow's Run the Rock fun run. Many students are running with their families in the 2km and lots are taking on the 5km.



The weather looks like it will be spectacular again this year - sleep well and see you all tomorrow!

Wellbeing News

This week in Social Stencil we discussed emotions and how these might be expressed differently for all of us. We played a game where students tried to guess the emotion of the three volunteers who were acting out a single emotion they saw on a card. There were very good guesses and students could guess in one go and then there were up to 25 guesses that could all have been possible.

We found that everyone expresses emotions differently. Many emotions look similar to one another sometimes, and the same person will show the same emotion in different ways and at different times. We are all unique and there is no right way or wrong way to express our emotions. Perhaps you might play this game at home?

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

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.

Please remember that sushi lunch orders are **cash only**. Thanking you.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the fortnight's students of the week. Well done, Caleb, William, Maggie, Hudson, Leo S-N, Alice, Oscar R, Felix and Ivy. Great job everyone.

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Caleb
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

For amazing writing this week. We are so proud of you - keep it up!

Mrs Thomas and Lydia

Student of the Week

This award recognises
William
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

For always trying your best. All of your teachers love how enthusiastic you are and how hard you are working!

Mr Williamson, Katie and Dayna

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Maggie
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

For being a NAPLAN superstar this week. You have thrown yourself into the challenge and have been so resilient when things have been tricky!

Bri and Brianna

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Leo S-N
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

For the way you go about each day - calmly and productively. We are so impressed with the way you have stepped up to the challenges of Grade Six, showing yourself as helpful and responsible each and every day.

Zoe, Dayna, Katie and Charli

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Alice
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

Amazing work in your writing and bookwork. We are so proud of you - keep it up!

Mrs Thomas and Lydia

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Oscar R
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

For excellent writing, attitude and effort. Well done Richo!

Mr Williamson, Katie and Dayna

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Felix
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

Felix, you are always putting 100% into everything you do. We also notice how inclusive you are in the yard, making everyone feel noticed and welcome. What great traits to have!

Bri and Brianna

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Ivy
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

For being a such a great worker. Whether it's Spelling, Writing or Maths - you get it done! Congratulations Ivy - you are a superstar.

Zoe, Dayna, Katie and Charli



TENNIS

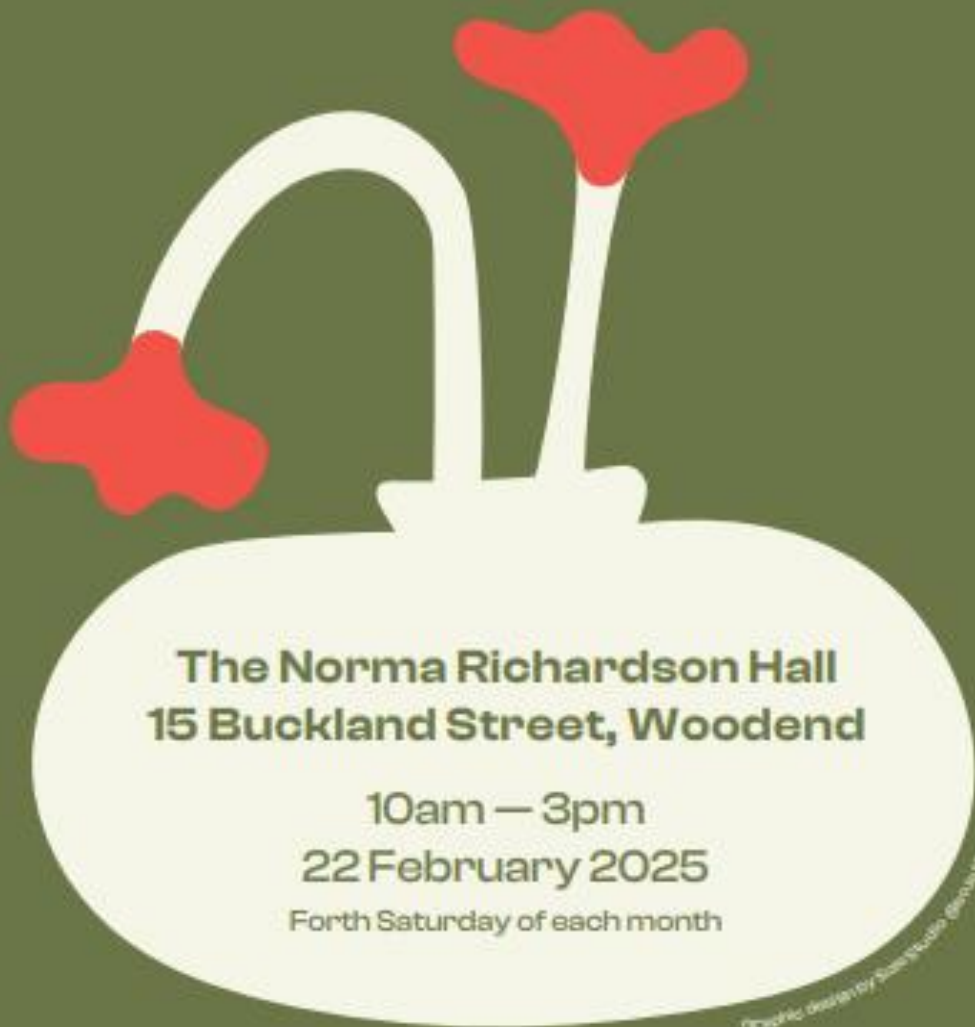


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Woodend Artists and Makers Market



**The Norma Richardson Hall
15 Buckland Street, Woodend**

10am – 3pm

22 February 2025

Forth Saturday of each month

Graphic design by Susan Yocum @susanstudio



**COFFEE
FOOD
MUSIC
ART**

**FUN
ACTIVITIES
FOR THE
KIDS**

Featuring handmade creations by artists and makers from the Macedon Ranges and beyond!

Bring a picnic rug and sit on the lawn to while away the afternoon in our huge garden!

The Woodend Artists and Makers Market acknowledges Dja Dja Wurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and waterways on which we gather. This land always was and always will be Aboriginal land.