

**HESKET**

# Hesket Primary School News

**Fortnightly Newsletter – 4th April 2025**

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## Diary Dates

### May

Tues 6th Cross Country - Grade 3-6

### June

Thurs 5th June - School Photos  
23rd - 27th June - Whole School Swimming - Kyneton Aquatic

### Other Significant Dates

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

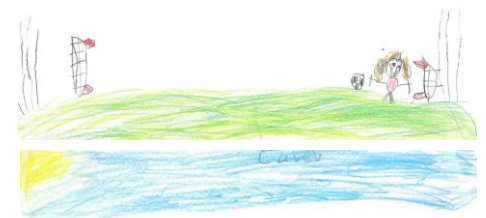
Today brings us to the end of Term One. We've loved welcoming new families into the school and seeing so many students trying new things, with some incredible learning along the way.



Seeing the growth in each of the Preps in their first term is always very special but for the students, it's the simpler things that have been the most memorable.

My favourite thing about my first term at Hesket was:

- *Colouring in because I love colouring in - Kiki*
- *Art because we get to learn new things - Hettie*
- *Science because I liked learning about caterpillars and learning new things - Caleb*
- *Science because we get to learn lots of science stuff - Malakai*
- *Science because we made the creek so dirty - Zach*
- *Going to the sports on the bus because it was really fun - Grace*
- *Science because of the caterpillars - Ginevra*
- *Playing on the slide because I like that it can make you go fast - Wilbur*
- *Science because sometimes we get to see books - Raffi*
- *Colouring in because it is fun - Bjorn*
- *Playing with my friends because I like to play a lot - Bailey*
- *Playing on the playground because there are monkey bars - Flossie*
- *Being at Schools Out because I get to see Brianna - Oscar.*



Thank you to Caleb, Hettie and Kiki for the pictures of their favourite places in the yard!

## *Athletics Day - Written by Archer, Hannah L and Harvey*

Athletics day was an absolute blast for everyone at Hesket. All of the eight events were kindly run by our parent volunteers. In the lead up to the day, we spent many sessions practising running, jumping and throwing, in preparation for discus, vortex, shot put, long jump and all the sprinting events. To finish the day, the Grade 3 to 6 students competed in the 800m which was very challenging. Everyone gained lots of skill and agility. Thank you so much to all of the parent helpers and teachers that organised the athletics day.

## *Grade Six Jackets - Written by Izzy, Tarquin and Ada*

All of the Grade Sixes have been working really hard to make a design for the back of our jackets. This privilege has been a tradition for years and this year it was finally our turn. We got the jumpers two weeks ago and we are all obsessed with them. We all chose an Australian animal to draw and put on or around a tree. We chose animals because we appreciate the many beautiful animals we get to see at Hesket, and we chose the book to show how much we love reading at Hesket. We are all so happy with them and we hope you like them too. We'd like to say thank you to Stacy for giving up so much of her time to help us and we would also like to say thank you to Macedon Ranges Signs for printing the jackets.



## *Soccer with Mick - Written by Alex, Wolf and Caitlin*

For the past few Fridays, Mick has been coaching soccer during PE. We have had fun with Mick. We have improved our soccer skills and some of the bigger kids are thinking of participating in the Hesket soccer team for inter-school soccer. We have played regular soccer games with Mick, although the other week we did enjoy playing soccer tennis! We appreciate Mick spending his time running soccer sessions for us; we have so much fun with him!

## *Goodbye to our Classroom Pets - Written by Immanuel, Margot and Felix*

Goodbye stick insects, butterflies and lake animals - we will miss you. On Thursday Sam took our class pets back home. They have been lots of fun to watch and the stick insects have been fun to hold in the morning and afternoon. Claude the yabby and Arnie the mussel are particularly interesting as sometimes Claude moves Arnie, as well as the rocks and the log inside his tank.

*\*\*\*Hot off the press, apparently Claude, Arnie and The Speedies are just taking an Easter break and will be back next term!*

## *Cross Country Training - Written by Hudson, Ariella and Jasper*

The Grade 3-6s have been running up and down the big hill on Bowens Road two extra mornings a week because we are all training up for inter-school Cross Country. Cross Country is a super fun sports day that happens at Hanging Rock each year, during which we run around the base of the rock. The Grade 3/4s run 2km, and the Grade 5/6s run 3km. Cross Country will happen in Term Two on Tuesday the 6th of May. We are all very excited to get ready to run. We are so excited for Cross Country!

## *Wrapping up a Fun Term at School's Out - Written by Brianna, Ita, Annabel and Maggie*

Term One at School's Out Heskett has been a success. I have been able to watch the kids try new things and continue to grow into kind and responsible individuals whose faces I love to see every day. Over these ten weeks, we have spent a lot of time together, doing many fun and exciting things, from cooking to sports! Here are some of our favourite things:

- For Ada, Esme and Maceo, cooking up a storm in the kitchen has been a definite highlight. Pancake breakfasts and baking in the afternoons has turned them into master chefs!
- Harry, Maggie, Wolf, James and Heidi have had a blast playing games and partaking in sports such as cricket, kickball, line tiggly and red rover. You might be looking at the next set of playground athletes
- You will be able to find Hannah, Alex, and Leo over at the art table. From drawing and tie-dye to making cloud dough, these artists are not afraid to get messy
- Things such as our awesome prizes, puzzling riddles and chill movie nights are what tickle Emily A, Malakai and Caitlin's fancy
- And of course, we can't forget our delicious food! There's always a smile on Huddy's face when custard is on the menu, and Annabel can't get enough of the seemingly endless supply of seaweed.



## *Yayoi Kusama exhibition at the NGV - written by Carys, Ellis and Kieran*

The Yayoi Kusama exhibition at the NGV will be ending in two weeks on the 21st of April. We learnt a lot about Yayoi Kusama in Art last year and we made a scarecrow of her. If you are planning to see this exhibition you should book your ticket in advance as it is very popular. There are lots of free activities you can do too if you go to the NGV. Some of the things you can do for free at the exhibition in

Melbourne are to put your hands in the water wall, you can walk through the dancing pumpkin and you can see all the mirror balls. You can also see the Obliteration Room where you get a spotty sticker sheet and stick all the stickers anywhere in the whole room. It looks like a normal house in the gallery, but everything is painted white.

*Kieran- I liked the room with lots of light in it. I liked that you had to use your imagination to find the path in the mirror room.*

Last year we learnt a lot about the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. She had her 96th birthday a few weeks ago and is one of the most popular artists in the world today. This is a hugely popular exhibition and is worth the visit to the city. You can learn more about the exhibition at the NGV here:

<https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/exhibition/yayoi-kusama/>

## *Social Stencil - Written by Esme, Harry and Zoe*

This year we started doing Social Stencil. Social Stencil is a program that teaches us all about friendships, feelings and emotions. Some of the things we have learnt are: how to resolve arguments, ways we communicate without speaking, as well as understanding that everyone expresses their emotions in different ways. We learnt it is hard to know how someone is feeling because they don't always tell us, and they don't always show us, but it's useful to try to guess. Trying to guess how people are feeling can help you to be caring of others. Also, if you do actually want someone to realise exactly how you have been feeling... you can tell them.

This week we saw the effect of adrenaline on our body. Stacy had three jars of water and she put soy sauce into the jars. We had to think of different ways to mix the soy sauce with the water, as we would with adrenaline in our bodies. There are three important ways we can disperse the adrenaline- we can move it (by moving our bodies), we can add air (by breathing deeply) and add water (by drinking, washing and even swimming). These are great ways to calm your body after feeling stressed or upset or over-excited. Thanks Stacy for running this program for us!

## *Happy Heskett Hat day and Easter parade*

This week we made Easter hats in Visual Arts using lots of paper craft skills and joining techniques. We used PVA glue, tape and staplers to design and create a hat of any style. We were able to use our imagination to make anything using the different papers, crepe papers, streamers, doilies, metallic papers, and foam. We decorated them with handmade eggs, chickens, carrots and rabbits. On Friday we all came together to parade our amazing Easter hats for the whole school and we were impressed by the effort and skill everyone put in. After the parade we were surprised by Ms Aulich who saw some bunny paw prints in some of the classrooms. We all ran outside to see the paw prints and we found Easter eggs all over the whole school.

## *CWA Exhibition in Lancefield*

The Macedon Moonlighters Branch of the CWA have sponsored some of our Heskett students for some Art/Craft entries in the Central Highland's Group Creative Arts Exhibition this year. The dates of the exhibition are Friday 11 April to Sunday 13 April at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute. Everyone is welcome to attend to see the work of our students on display. The students exhibiting have received a free entry for themselves and their accompanying adult. Congratulations to the students who entered!



## Carpark

School Council again discussed the congestion challenges of our carpark when we met earlier this week. For those new to the school, this has been an ongoing issue where Macedon Ranges Council has been contacted numerous times, as has the Department of Education and local members. There are also added complications with protected vegetation on both sides of Bowens Road.

While we continue to consult with Council and look for grant opportunities, we have made the decision to trial a staggered afternoon pick up, with half of our families picking up at 3.25pm and the second half at 3.35pm.

For this to work, it would require families picking up at 3.25pm to leave promptly, making room in the carpark for others. A Seesaw has been sent home today asking whether families have a preference for their pick up time.

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Emily M and Oscar R who have celebrated their birthdays this fortnight. We hope you had fabulous days with your friends and family!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# 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 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.

## Run Club

Congratulations to Harry, Hillary and Aurelia who joined Run Club 75s and to our first EVER member of Run Club 100s, Jasper. Great running everyone. As always, some special milestones need to be acknowledged this week. Well done everyone!

Some other impressive milestones:

- 5 Runs - Bailey, Kiki and Rafferty
- 35 Runs - Oscar H
- 45 Runs – Emily A and Kieran
- 55 Runs – Mathilde and Phoebe
- 60 Runs - Ellina
- 70 Runs - Maggie
- 90 Runs - Ariella and Caitlin 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

What a spectacular day we had on Saturday 22nd March at Hanging Rock. The sun shone, the view of the Rock was breathtakingly beautiful and an impressive 38 students came along with their families to tackle the challenge. We are so proud of everyone's effort, many set out for their very first 2km or 5km run and what a reward it was to see them all power to the finish line! Our new running tops were a hit and were a help to the many Heskett families cheering from the sidelines. Congratulations to all our runners and families who made it such a fun day.



## 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

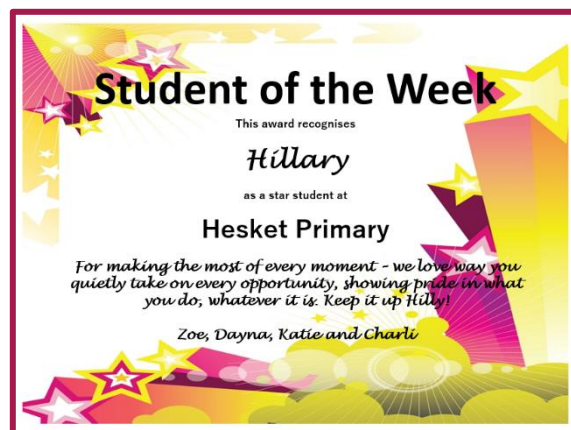
Term 1: Tours invited for 2026 enrolments

Term 2: 2026 tours continue - enrolment applications open

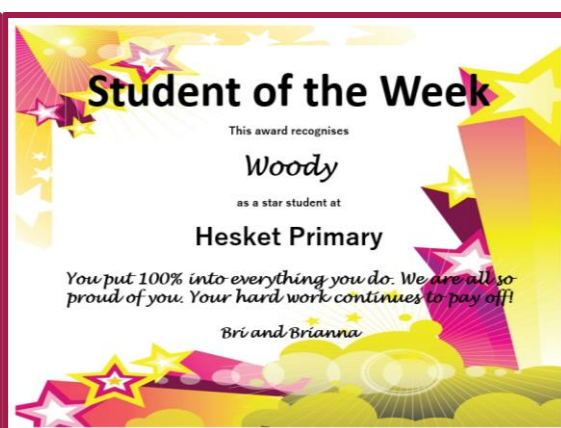
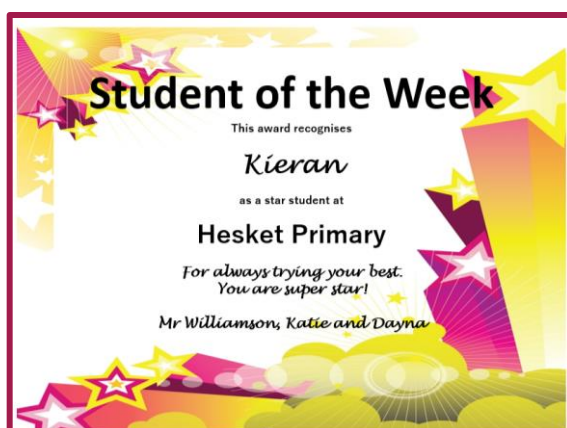
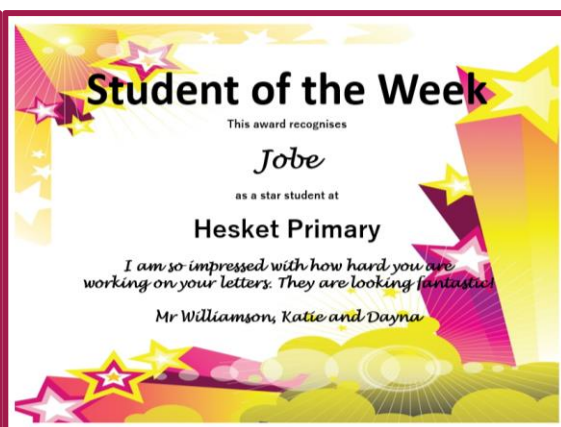
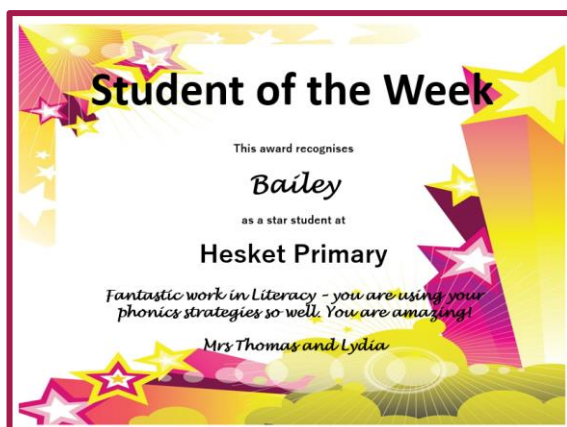
Term 3: 2026 tours continue - enrolment applications due by Friday 25th July. Parent notified of enrolment application outcome Friday 8th August

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.



## Students of the Week





# Tesselaar Fundraising with Bulbs

We are excited to introduce an engaging opportunity to support this year's school camp while adding beauty to your gardens and homes. Our school is launching a fundraising initiative featuring a selection of vibrant bulbs, and we invite you to join us in this exciting endeavour! What's Blooming? Our fundraising bulbs offer an array of colours and varieties to enhance any garden or indoor space. From cheerful tulips to fragrant hyacinths, there's something for every gardening enthusiast or home decorator, a great Easter gift or perhaps a Mother's Day gift.

Supporting Student Adventures... What makes this fundraiser even more special is that **40% of all sales** will directly contribute to funding school activities, particularly enabling our students to embark on an unforgettable camp experience: enriching outdoor adventures, fostering friendships, learning new skills, and creating cherished memories that last a lifetime.

To participate in this exciting fundraising opportunity, a brochure has been popped in all the students school bags today with more information.  
**Orders close on 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

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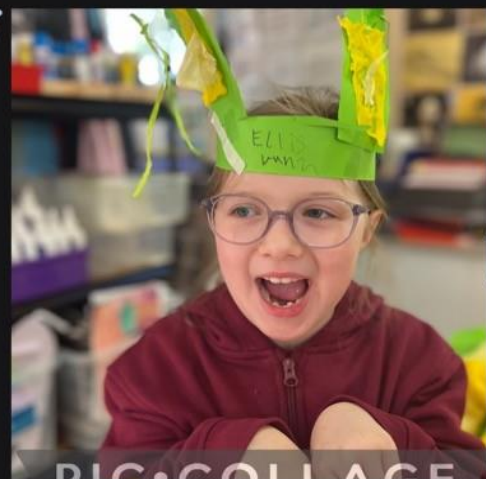
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In The  
Key Of*

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APRIL 06

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED



## WOODEND

**TUESDAY 15 APRIL, 9AM-3PM**

**BUFFALO SPORTS STADIUM OVAL, WOODEND**



**PLAY.AFL/HOLIDAYPROGRAMS**



## Register your child for 3 or 4 year old kindergarten 2026

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**Register online by 31 May 2025.**

Visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](https://mrsc.vic.gov.au/kindergarten) or call our Enrolment Officer on **5422 0239** to register.



MACEDON RANGES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



# MIDWEEK JUNIOR BASKETBALL

## WINTER SEASON 2025

15 WEEK SEASON - STARTING 12TH MAY

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### 40TH BIRTHDAY EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

### ENDS SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH

AFTER THIS DATE, THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCREASE TO \$210

### AGE GROUPS

**MONDAY**

JUNIOR GIRLS  
INTERMEDIATE  
GIRLS

**TUESDAY**

U12 BOYS  
U14 BOYS  
U16 BOYS

**WEDNESDAY**

U10 BOYS



**INDIVIDUAL  
REGISTRATION**

REGISTER AS A  
INDIVIDUAL AND  
WE WILL ALLOCATE  
YOU TO A TEAM



**TEAM  
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FORM**

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