



Hesket Primary School News

Fortnightly Newsletter – 7th February 2025

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Diary Dates

February

*Prep students do not attend

Wednesdays

Wednesday 12th - Getting to Know You Interviews (Grade 1-6 Students)

Friday 14th - Prep Literacy Information Session @2.45pm (Prep Classroom)

Monday 17th - Whole School Curriculum Day (Staff 2025 Planning)

Wednesday 19th - Grade 3-6 Robotics Incursion

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

Welcome Back

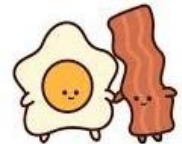
Welcome back to the new school year as our school grows. When chatting to students, it sounds as though summer was filled with camping, beach adventures, movies and plenty of fun time with family and friends.

Each year at Hesket our calendar seems to get a little bit busier, as the programs and opportunities our students access increase: sports, the theatre, our Term Three performance, Tournament of Minds, Athletics, Hesket Cup, Phillip Island camp and so much more.

Each term our classes have a common Inquiry topic that is interwoven across all areas of the curriculum. This term the students will be learning about Natural Disasters - Water/Sustainability; I'm sure you'll hear lots about this over the coming weeks.

Welcome Back Brekky

It was great to see so many families this morning at our annual Welcome Back Brekky. Hopefully everyone had the opportunity to catch up with one another and our new families feel officially welcomed into the Hesket Primary School community. I'd also like to thank our chefs who were here early today, making sure everyone was fed.



There is so much to follow throughout the term with Run Club to begin, four weeks of tennis coaching, interschool sport days for our Seniors, Run the Rock for many of our students and then the term culminating in our whole

school athletics carnival; a very sporty term indeed!

Now I'll pass it to the students to let you know what they've been up to in their first week...

Junior T

The Preps have had the best start at Heskett. Some of their favourite things have been:

- Caleb – Our new caterpillars in Science and when I played soccer with Tarquin on the basketball court
- Raffi – When Science Sam showed us the praying mantis
- Bailey – When we drew and wrote the word ‘caterpillar’
- Ita – Playing beanbag games in Sport
- Grace – Doing sport with Mrs Thomas
- Zach – Seeing the caterpillars in Science
- Malakai – When we watched some Paw Patrol after lunch and when we painted the table in Art!
- Kiki – When we got to play on the iPads
- Alice – Meeting all of the new Preps!
- Emily – When I played with my buddy at afterschool care on Wednesday
- Ginevra – When I got to choose the animals that went into my Wombat Stew picture
- Bjorn – Seeing the caterpillars in Science with Sam
- Wilbur – When I played in the cubby house
- Oscar – Taking funny photos with my buddy
- Flossy – Playing on the playground
- Hettie – I don’t know, I think it’s everything. Playing with my buddy.

Middle W – By Phoebe and Oscar R

In Middle W, we have been doing lots of descriptive writing. We are lucky that Science Sam has brought two types of caterpillars to our classroom that we will watch grow over the next few weeks.

We are excited that we get to have big buddies again this year that we will work with on Wednesday afternoons.



We’ve been decorating our classroom with posters all about us so that everybody gets to learn about each other.

I’m really excited about school camp (Phoebe) and I’m really looking forward to Sport and PE (Oscar R)

Middle D – By Margot, Sienna, Ellis, Annabel and Archer

We have started the year by creating time capsules, where we wrote letters to our future selves, writing about what our goals will be for this year. At the end of the year, we’ll get to read them to see what we’ve achieved and how we’ve changed. These are a few of our goals:

Sienna – to finish my School of Magic project

Margot – to do well on NAPLAN this year

Archer – to score a hat trick in soccer and to finish all of the book boxes

Ellis – to do a backflip

Annabel – to complete 300 reading nights.

Senior R – By Leo and Hillary

Our highlight of the year so far was definitely Survivor: Stuck in the Snow, where Zoe planned out a really fun and memorable day where we worked in teams to try and survive the day. We played games where we were awarded coins that would help us be rescued from the

treacherous terrain of the Andes mountain range. To 'survive', we had to try and make a fire, catch fish to eat, rescue and bandage teammates and show great teamwork along the way.

Last week seems like a long time ago but it was a really fun day; thank you Zoe!

Timetable

The following is a basic timetable of when the students are participating in specialist activities. This will be helpful to ensure your child is wearing correct footwear on Sport days.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Junior T	Library	Art Auslan	Classroom Music	Science	Sport
Middle W	Library	Auslan	Classroom Music	Science Art	Sport
Middle D	Library	Art Auslan	Classroom Music	Science	Sport
Senior R	Library	Art Auslan	Classroom Music	Science	Sport

Literacy Information Session - 2.45pm Friday

Next Friday afternoon Amanda and I will be hosting an information session for new families to Heskett. At the session, we'll explain how your children learn to Read, Write and Spell at school and how you can support them at home. There'll be an opportunity to see resources and ask questions. This session is aimed at new Junior families, but all are welcome.

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.

School Savings Bonus

The School Savings Bonus provides one-off support for Victorian school-aged students. All parents should now have received access to the online system. This can be used towards uniform and school activities. Some parents are already utilising the bonus, but please be aware of the upcoming Term 4 Camp cost if you would like to apply it all at that time. As we run our own uniform shop at Heskett, please apply your \$400 to School Activities.

Camp

In Term Four all students will have the opportunity to attend this year's school camp to Phillip Island. While we are only just finishing off our first full week, we know that many families wish to know dates and approximate costs of school activities. The full cost of this camp is expected to be around \$400; we know that many families have already made the decision to put their School Savings Bonus towards camp at the end of the year.



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 the 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 may 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!

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Conveyance Allowance

Help with the Cost of Travel if you're in Rural or Regional Victoria

If you live more than 4.8km from your closest school you can apply for the conveyance allowance. This is a payment towards the cost of transporting your child to school by public transport, car or school bus. The payment is a contribution and does not cover the full cost of transport. You must meet certain criteria (listed below) to be eligible for the conveyance allowance. Speak to your school first to check and get an application form.

Eligibility

An application on behalf of a student may be submitted if the student is:

- a Victorian resident;
- school aged and enrolled (3) three or more days per week at a school; and
- attending a school/campus located outside the Melbourne metropolitan conveyance boundary

A student who meets the above requirements may be eligible if they:

- attend their nearest or designated neighbourhood government school/campus appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, or
- attend their nearest appropriate non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, and
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from the campus attended

Note: Eligibility is assessed when the School completes your child's application on the Student Conveyance Allowance System (SCAS). If approved, the allowance payable is based on the one-way distance to make the journey to and from school. For further information regarding the Conveyance Allowance Program see: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/conveyance-allowance/policy?Redirect=1>

Book Club

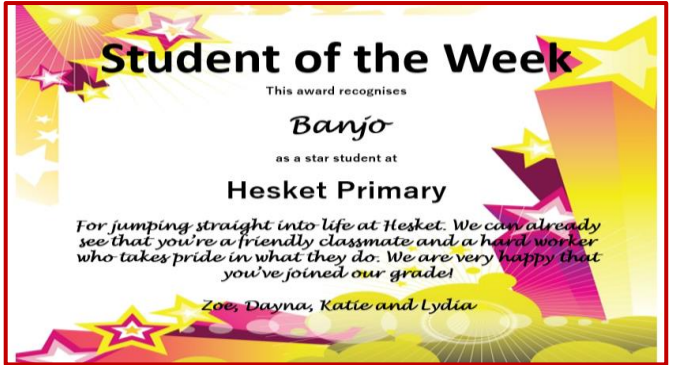
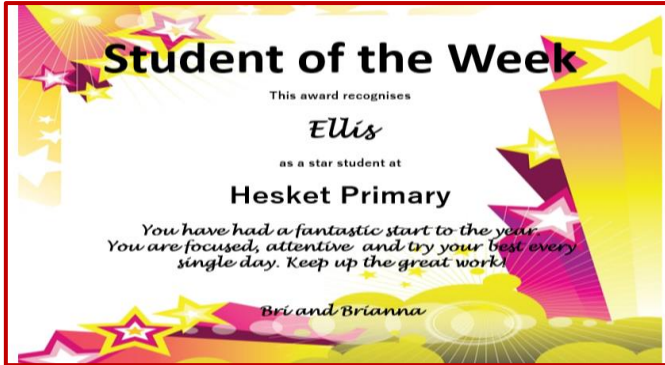
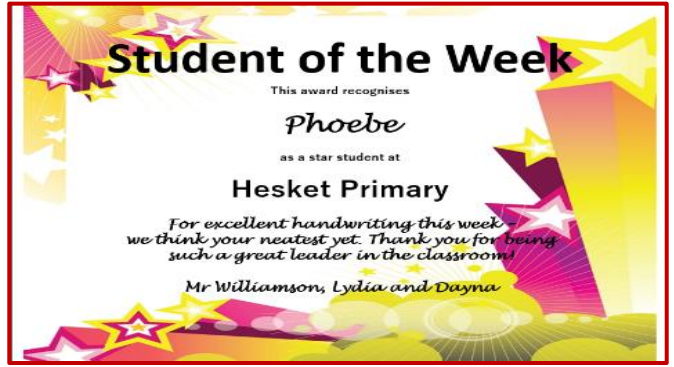
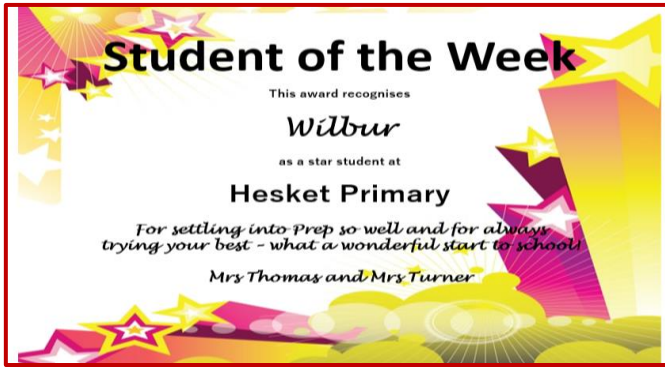
Today our first Scholastic book club was sent home. (This magazine goes home eight times a year.) This year we are asking families to order online today and not send in cash as they have done in other years.

Please complete any orders online by the 17th of February.

Student Enrolment Information Form

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Student Enrolment Information form. It is important that our records at school are up to date and accurate, so we ask that you check the details listed on this form. This may include any families who are yet to supply birth certificates or immunisation statements. If changes need to be made, please make them on the form and return the form to school. If no changes are required, indicate this on the form and return it to the office – thank you.





Students of the Week

Choosing just one Student of the Week in each grade was tricky for the teachers in the first week. Well done to Wilbur, Phoebe, Ellis and Banjo for all having such a great start to the new school year!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday

This week we would like to say happy birthday to our late December and January birthdays; there were a lot of them! We would like to wish Isabelle, James, Kieran, Leo W, Zach, Raffi, Tarquin, Amelia, Aurelia, Ariella and Kimberly. We hope you all had lovely days with your friends and family.

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.

Allergies

Nut Aware School

While we do not have a policy that bans foods, we ask that you take time to remind your child/ren of the importance of not sharing food and ensuring their hands are washed straight after eating.

In the event, we have students who are anaphylactic, we will ask you to be mindful of the food choices sent to school.



School's Out Before and After Care

We are excited to announce that School's Out will be running every morning and afternoon at Heskett this year.

Go to www.schoolsout.net.au or call 1300 329 106 for more information.

Three Way Conferences

Student/Teacher/Parent conferences for students in Grades One to Six are planned for Wednesday 12th February. On this day we will run an alternative program so that teachers can be available to meet with the families of their students.

If it is not possible for you to meet with your child's teacher on this day, please make contact so that another time can be organised.

Wellbeing News

Heskett has been alive with the sounds of summer this week. We trust you had an opportunity to rest and recharge with your family over the festive break and are energised for the year ahead. This week saw the beginning of our new program 'Social Stencil'. This program will be facilitated by Stacy for the Grade 3-6 students to build friendship skills and understanding between peers. It is an inclusive and practical program that will run on Monday afternoons. We hope your people come home with some interesting dinner conversation after our sessions. You might like to find out more by visiting <https://www.socialstencil.com/> or having a look at the socials Instagram and Facebook for Social Stencil.

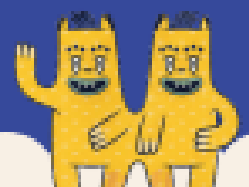
SOCIAL STENCIL

What we teach is important. How we teach is powerful.

- An Australian evidence-based program that is fun and sparks curiosity
- Practical social and communication skills
- Friendship concepts
- Conflict management
- Understanding emotions and behaviours
- Understanding of self and others through peer-to-peer learning
- Help to cultivate a neuroaffirming culture

Our vision is for all young people to have the practical skills and insights to manage peer relationships, and to be good social citizens through understanding and embracing the unique differences of themselves and others.

Our mission is to engage young people with an evidence based neurodiversity affirming program that teaches practical social concepts and strategies, to build peer relationship skills, and a culture of respect, understanding, care and collaboration. To learn more, go to our website or follow us on social media [#socialstencil.com](https://socialstencil.com)







LAUNCH DAY

WJFNC



MELBOURNE
MAVERICKS

Player Appearances – Meet the Coaches – Jumping
Castles – Sausage Sizzle – Registration Assistance
Merch Sales + Labelling Service



FREE ENTRY
11AM-1PM
@ BUFFALO STADIUM

SUNDAY 9 FEB

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT-
AUSSIEHOOPS@MRBA.ORG.AU



TERM ONE
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

AUSSIE HOOPS

7 WEEKS | 60 MINS SESSIONS
INTRODUCTION TO BASKETBALL



FRIDAY 4:30 - 5:30PM - WOODEND
SATURDAY 8:30 - 9:30AM - GISBORNE
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