



Hesket Primary School News

Fortnightly Newsletter – 7th March 2025

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Diary Dates

March

Monday 10th - Public Holiday
Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th -
NAPLAN Assessments (Grade 3
and 5 Students)
Thursday 13th - Prep Literacy
Open Classroom @3pm
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
11th September - School
Concert
17th September - Annie,
Princess Theatre
November 12th – 14th - Whole
School Camp – Phillip Island

And just like that, we are halfway through Term One and our Preps are attending full time.

We've had another busy few weeks with lots of sport on the calendar. Tennis has been a hit with Marcus' first clinic; this has also spilled into breaktimes with tennis being a very popular recess and lunchtime activity.

On Tuesday, four of our students will be travelling to Swan Hill to compete in the Regional Swimming Championships. I will let the team share the results of the qualifying Division championship with you in an article below; it sounded like they had the most fabulous day.

I will also leave our tee ball teams to fill you in on the fun they had at last week's competition, but Bri and Zoe did want everyone to know just how delightful their teams were to take out for the day.

Tee Ball - Aurelia and Amelia

On Tuesday 25th, 23 students set out to Romsey to compete in the annual tee ball competition. It was a day full of excitement, running and catching. Hesket entered two

teams, a Girls and Mixed, both full of enthusiastic players. Each team competed against schools from the surrounding areas, including Tylden, St Ambrose and Woodend. Both teams had wins and losses, but in the end, the Mixed team came 3rd, and the Girls team placed 1st, meaning that they will be moving on to the next round - that won't be until later in the year though! We all had a great day no matter the outcome, though the Girls team are hotly anticipating the next match!



Swimming - Ariella

Last Friday, Banjo, Amelia, Emily, Hannah, Hillary and I went to Bendigo to compete in Division Swimming. To be eligible to compete we had to be able to swim in set times, for example, in my age group, you had to swim 50m of freestyle in 55 seconds. Emily and I both placed with ribbons and there were also lots of other close races. It was scorching hot, so it was a relief to cool off in the pool. We all had such a fun day! Emily, Amelia, Hannah and Hillary are going to Regionals in Swan Hill on Tuesday where they will compete in the 4x50m freestyle relay. I look forward to hearing all about it - good luck Hannah, Hillary, Amelia and Emily.



NAPLAN

Next week our Grade Three and Five students will work through their NAPLAN assessments. These students will work through four assessments across three days and while encouraged to do their best, will be reminded that NAPLAN is just another assessment that we know our students will take in their strides.



Stick Insects in Science by Harvey, Izzy and Ayla

In Science, Sam kindly brought in spiky leaf stick insects for us to have in our classroom. We are now trying to hatch stick insect eggs. So far we have hatched two babies. Fun fact, female stick insects do not need male stick insects to lay eggs! How fascinating! We are learning all about stick insects for the whole of Term One. We are so lucky to have Sam bring in these incredible and fascinating creatures.

Junior T's Grade One Writing - Emily, Ita and Alice

When visiting the Junior classroom this morning, I was completely blown away by the 'senses writing' from the Grade One students. The students brainstormed with Mrs Thomas and used some ideas from her model, then got very creative with their own ideas. Wow - what amazing writing!

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Being here makes me feel relaxed because there was really nice weather and it makes me warm. The other things were sometimes it is loud and cold and I feel a little bit frightened and a little bit scared and yell! - Ita



Being here makes me feel relaxed because the sun is bright. The cool breeze is cooling me down. The grass is soft on my hands. - Alice

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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.

Athletics Day - Friday 28th March

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help us out at our Athletics Carnival.

Applying for a volunteer WWC is free and can be completed at <https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>. A WCC 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!



*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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Margot, William and Max 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 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.

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 an egg that will be bundled up to form one of the end of term 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 Wolf-Gang, Indi and Ayla who have joined Run Club 25. Well done everyone!

Some other impressive milestones:

- 5 Runs - Banjo and Grace
- 15 Runs - Adeline
- 20 Runs - Leo W
- 35 Runs - Milla
- 40 Runs - Emily A
- 45 Runs - Caitlin T
- 55 Runs - Leo S-N and Heidi
- 80 Runs - Amy
- 90 Runs - Jasper

*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. So far we have 19 students registered and lots of family members too.

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



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.

Wellbeing News

Social Stencil is about building your friendship skills, helping to solve friendship problems and learning to work well with other people. In Social Stencil with Senior R and Middle D this fortnight, we looked at Connected Listening. That is, the way you use your body to listen and connect to what you hear might be different from how others use their body to listen and connect to what they hear.

This week we looked at Collaboration and the ways we can work together in a team. We might find that working in groups is difficult, and can take time to master, but there are some useful tips that even help when we're having a discussion at the dinner table. Our first challenge was dividing into groups and choosing a name for our team, and then the challenge was to design an ice-cream dessert. There were some very interesting results! The Collaborate Mate poster has some suggestions to help when working in groups. Which ones do you think are the most important?



Students of the Week

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Ita
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

For always being a great role model to your class. You are a fantastic worker!

Mrs Thomas and Lydia

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Mathilde
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

For showing an excellent attitude and effort towards all of our classroom activities. What a superstar start to Grade Two!

Mr Williamson, Katie and Dayna

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Wolf
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

What a great start to the year you have had. You are working so hard. Keep up the great work!

Bri and Brianna

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Amelia
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

For being so respectful and conscientious... always! You contribute but give space so others can too, and do your best without needing to be asked. Thank you, Amelia, for just being you!

Zoe, Dayna, Katie and Charli

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Emily
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

For always being such an amazing leader in the classroom and a role model to others. Sensational Emily!

Mrs Thomas and Lydia

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Sidney
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

For sensational spelling, an excellent effort, and an ace attitude to everything you do. You are a little legend!

Mr Williamson, Katie and Dayna

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Grace
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

You have thrown yourself into everything at Hesket as if you have been here for years. Keep it up - we love that you're here!

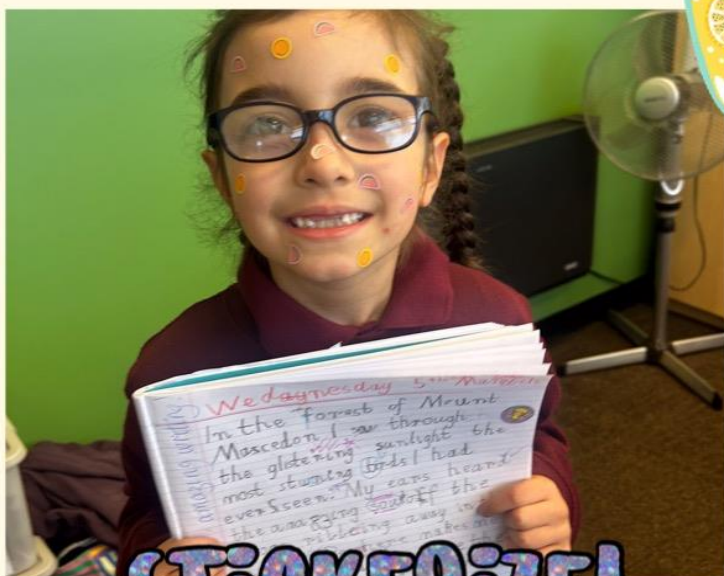
Bri and Brianna

Student of the Week

This award recognises
Harvey
as a star student at
Hesket Primary

We love your approach to learning. You throw yourself into any challenge and take the opportunity to stretch yourself - what more could we ask of you?

Zoe, Dayna, Katie and Charli



STICKERIZE!



Fun!



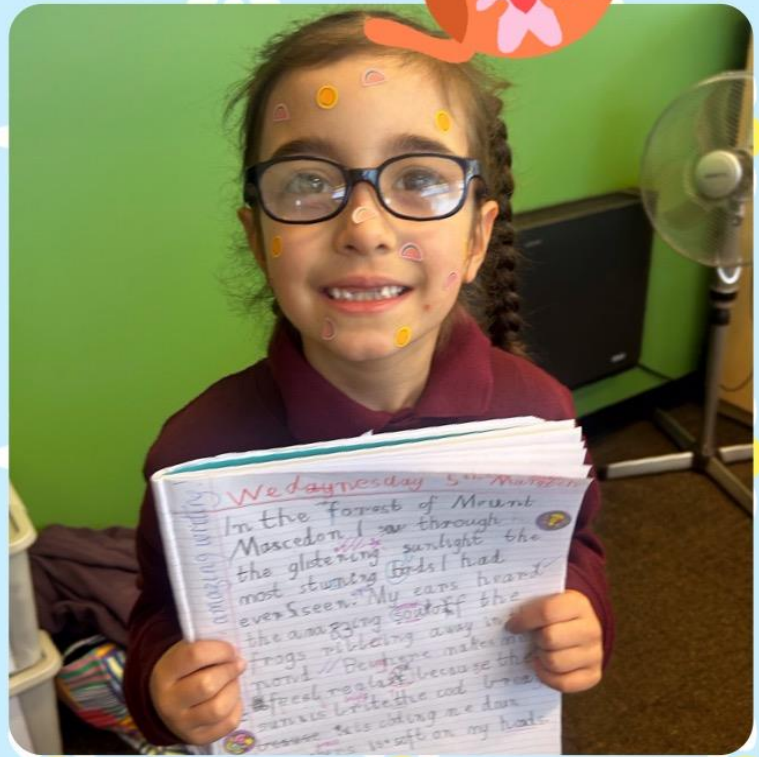
YAY!



ART!



PIC•COLLAGE



Embrace Kids: The Documentary

Macedon Ranges Health
supported by **benetas**

Get ready for "Embrace," an awesome film by Taryn Brumfitt! This movie features real stories from young people and famous faces who talk about important topics like body image, bullying, gender identity, and standing up for what's right.

We'll have yummy food and snacks for you to enjoy, plus a cool goodie bag to take home!

So grab your friends and come hang out with us for a free evening of fun and inspiration. We'll have comfy seating, but you're welcome to bring your own pillows or blankets to make it even cozier!

Don't miss out!

More info:

<https://theembracehub.com/see-the-film/>



Date & Location:

Friday 28th March

6pm - 9pm

 **Macedon Ranges Health**
5 Neal St, Gisborne

Bookings essential

 03 5428 0300

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kristen.holding@benetas.com.au



YOUTH STAGE - MAR 15 & 16
WOODEND BOWLING CLUB
12 to 5pm

PERFORMER SIGN UP: macedonrangesmusicfestival.org/youth-stage



HEDGE farm

ADELE

FEATURING PHENOMENAL VOICES IN A POWERFUL 7-PIECE ENSEMBLE

SAT MAR 29 - 2 SEATINGS

\$38 GENERAL ADMISSION - BOOK NOW AT CREATIVERANGES.ORG

a fundraiser for the new

CREATIVE RANGES FOUNDATION

SPOTLIGHT PICNIC

AT ROMSEY PRIMARY

Saturday March 22
from 12PM

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE!
 BYO PICNIC BLANKET
 & NIBBLES