



Hesket Primary School News

Fortnightly Newsletter – 3rd May 2024

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Diary Dates

May

Tues 7th - Grade 3-6 Cross Country (optional)
Mon 13th - School Council Meeting @4pm (Public Meeting)
Tues 14th - Cobaw Sports - Soccer (selected students)
Wed 15th - Open Classrooms (2.30pm-4pm)
Sat 18th - Coles BBQ

June

Mon 10th - King's Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 18th - NGV Excursion - more information to follow
Mon 24th-28th - Intensive Swimming Lessons
Fri 28th - Last Day of Term Two

Whole School Theatre Trip - 18th Sep
Whole School Camp - 16th-18th Oct

What Matters Pieces - By Ada and Izzy

The What Matters Writing Competition is a way for young writers to express their creativity in a way that really puts across the issues they think need fixing. People from Grade 5 to Year 12 can enter and have the freedom to do so in any form of writing, for example, poetry, narrative or persuasive texts. Most of the Senior grade are entering, and for those who cannot enter the official competition, our school is having our own competition for everyone. If you're lucky, you'll get to see our published writing at the upcoming Open Afternoon. For the official competition, we'll have to wait until September to get our results. The prize for first place in the official competition is \$1500 but runners up in each category get \$100.

Here are a few of the Senior's opening paragraphs. The genre of writing was free choice; we hope you're moved and entertained!

Taking Care of Kids - *Beige, ugly tents sat just off from the dusty roads. Giant, dirty cars towed trailers and filthy campervans kicked up dust towards the brown, dry bush, where green leaves were scarce.*

The kids ran in the bush, leaping over logs and bushes then falling on the long soft grass, perfect for snakes and other animals. But the adults weren't there. The kids slept through the night, safe from the freezing cold as stars lit up the sky. An ombré of pinks, purples and oranges woke up the whole campground from a peaceful sleep then a choir of birds started to sing to complete the picturesque landscape. The adults weren't there. Ada (Gr 5)

The Environment Matters - *Can you imagine the world without any trees or animals? You can't because you wouldn't be alive. Trees are very important because if we didn't have trees then we would die. Trees give off oxygen and we need oxygen to breathe and trees also help us by sucking up the carbon dioxide we breathe out. Tarquin (Gr 5)*

Homeless People Matter - *I am on my way to the ballet in my brand-new boots. I walk past the people sitting on the streets; they are cold, sad and are covered in muck. Two people just sharing one little crust. One looks sick, the other is skinny, has bites and scratches all over their legs. Darkness overcomes me and I start to feel bad because I have money and a home, but they have nothing else. Hillary (Gr 4)*

Positivity Matters - *Let me take you back, to a time where there was no positivity. Where the clouds were grey every second of every day. Dogs lost their bark, cats couldn't purr and even worse,*

humans weren't happy. There was nothing. No trees, no wait, why no trees you ask? No one cared for the environment because no one could be bothered. All hopes and happiness were gone. Izzy (Gr 5)

People Come and Go... The Environment Matters

Smoke covers the city like a quilt
Stars disappear in the shady smog
People come and go, leaving the flowers to wilt
The beauty of the sky is blinded by the murky fog

Rubbish drifts to the bay
People come and go, now the ocean's foe
The sea cries but the sound fades away
The government has a say, but yet they say no - Matilda (Gr 6)

The Earth Matters - Do you want our Earth to be shattered? I certainly do not. Do you want to live on Mars where we do not have plants, flowers and animals? We already live in a remarkable place but we are slaughtering it by pollution and rubbish. If we clean up our rubbish then it will be immaculate and pristine. The Earth matters to us so much, so we need to clean it! Ayla (Gr 4)

Botanical Printing - Middle D

In Art, Middle D explored botanical printing as a way of making their very own paints and pigments with flowers. They strolled around the school to find flowers of various colours, before hammering the flowers onto paper to extract the colour. Some very impressive prints were created.



- "I liked when we got to smash the flowers with hammers. It was really fun." Annabel
- "I liked how we got to make the designs. It was difficult because if you had too many flowers, it would make juice and rip the paper." Ivy
- "I liked picking the flowers and making a really pretty design with them." Milla
- "We mashed the flowers to make pictures. I liked using the hammer." Harry
- "I liked walking around outside and getting flowers." Woody
- "I liked taking a walk around the school to collect the flowers." Heidi
- "It was fun when you got to use the hammers because you could use it in different ways. I hit the hammer really hard and used it to rub the paper to make my design." Maggie.



Hot Chocolate Friday - By Gigi, Matilda and Tom

Hot chocolates for sale! Today the Grade 6s sold hot chocolates for \$2. Students brought their own keep cups so it could be filled with yummy hot chocolate and a MARSHMALLOW. Another marshmallow was awarded to students who used polite language. The money collected on the day will go towards a special end of year Grade Six project.

School Yard Games – By Middle W

During our P.E. sessions this term we have been learning some new games that we can play during recess and lunchtime. We have learnt to play these games: Red Rover, Octopus Tag, Streets and Alleys, Toilet Tag and Rob the Nest.

- "Everyone can be involved and that makes it fun," Ellis
- "Rob the Nest is really fun because everyone is included and you are in a team," Jamie
- "None of the games are rough and that makes me confident to play the game," Carys

- *"You always have a role to play in all the games and you're never left out," Felix*
- *"When playing Streets and Alleys, you can end up blocked in a street so you need a good strategy to play the game," Hannah*
- *"When we play tagging games everyone has a turn of being 'it' and that makes it fair," Archer*
- *"All the games are easy to participate in," Ellina.*

ANZAC DAY - By Hillary and Ayla

On the 25th of April we went to the ANZAC Day ceremony in Woodend. We went to respect and remember the people that fought in the wars. We heard sad stories and they made us feel emotional and empathise with their traumatic experiences. When it was Heskett's turn, we signed the Australian National Anthem in Auslan.

We practised and practised to make sure we got it right; we even learned the second half but did not perform it on the day. Lest we forget.



Cross Country Training - By Hudson and Leo

For the past month the Grades 3 to 6 have been running along Bowen's road and let me tell you everyone has enjoyed it. Every time we go on a run I see smiles across all faces and it always means that everyone is trying their hardest and are having a good time. All this running is training towards cross country which is happening next Tuesday where the Grades 3 to 6 students are running between 2k and 3k. At cross country, you go to Hanging Rock to run but it's only about half an hour so for the rest of the day you get to hang out with your mates and cheer on your classmates. Cross country is the best.



Run the Rock - By Hannah and Emily

On the 20th of April, 21 kids and numerous parents and staff participated in a local fun run; Run The Rock. The majority of runners ran the 2km but a few did the 5km. Despite Heskett being one of the smallest local schools, we still managed to win the award for the largest number of students registered. Because we won, the organisers requested we wear our school uniform to the event but the marquee we were given made up for it. We were also given a trophy, a certificate, five free entries for next year's Run The Rock, show bags, a subscription to a running magazine and lots of photos. But our favourite bit was when we got to go up on stage!

We all had so much fun and can't wait to do it again next year!



Our New Slide - Junior T



This week at Heskett we had a new slide put in near our playground area. It was certainly a buzz of activity that first day. Everyone wanted to try out the new piece of shiny, bright red equipment. Some thoughts captured from our first experiences included:

- *"I liked that I can go down backwards on it." Noah*
- *"The first time I went on it felt so good to me." Sidney*
- *"When I first went on it I felt excited and so happy." Max*
- *"It was really fast when I went down the slide, I felt like a bird flying through the air!" Kieran*
- *"When I first went down, I had a blast!" - Angus.*

Maths Olympiad - By Hudson and Tarquin

On Wednesday 1st May a group of kids in Ms Aulich's office started Maths Olympiad. Maths Olympiad is really fun, but it is also really hard. It's basically mind traps but with maths and 10 times harder. It's for the Grade 5/6 students. Maths Olympiad is a team challenge but we still have to solve problems by ourselves. Why do we do Maths Olympiad? Because it's a challenge we are willing to take on and because it will test how strong, flexible and persistent our minds can be.

Run Club

We have thoroughly enjoyed getting out for our Thursday runs over the last few weeks and are delighted to welcome another three students to Run Club 25s. Congratulations to Gigi, Hannah L and Archer – you come every time we go and deserve your badges today!

Some other milestones:

- 5 Runs – Alice, Jobe, Ita, William, Ruben, Oscar H and Paige (Great running Juniors!)
- 10 Runs – Hannah A
- 15 Runs – Wolf Gang
- 20 Runs – Vega
- 30 Runs – Amelia, Thomas
- 35 Runs – Hillary and Aurelia
- 40 Runs – Lucas, Hudson and Ariella
- 45 Runs - Emily M and Caitlin M

Happy Birthday to...

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthdays since the last newsletter. We hope Matilda, Alice and Micah all had special days with lots of fun!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**SPOTLIGHT
CONCERT PICNIC**

WOODEND PRIMARY GYM
SUNDAY, MAY 19TH - 2 TO 4PM
RANGESMUSIC.NET/SPOTLIGHT

**TRYBOOKING.COM/
CRGOF**

**RANGES
music network**

BYO Picnic Blanket
Soloist + Ensemble performances

BYO Nibbles
SAUSAGE SIZZLE + Drinks!
to benefit the Woodend PS PFA

Bookings Essential

Students of the Week

Congratulations to our Students of the Week for the last fortnight.

Student of the Week
This award recognises
Jobe
as a star student at
Hesket Primary
For trying your best with your handwriting each day. We are so proud of you!
Mrs Thomas, Dayna and Lydia

Student of the Week
This award recognises
William
as a star student at
Hesket Primary
For always trying your best in all you do. Keep up the great effort - I'm very proud of you!
Mrs Thomas, Dayna and Lydia

Student of the Week
This award recognises
Ellina
as a star student at
Hesket Primary
For making a consistent effort with all of your learning and always being kind to others!
Mr Williamson, Dayna and Lydia

Student of the Week
This award recognises
Mathilde
as a star student at
Hesket Primary
For working super hard in the classroom lately, especially with your skip counting - we are very impressed!
Mr Williamson, Dayna and Lydia

Student of the Week
This award recognises
Annabel
as a star student at
Hesket Primary
Annabel, your hard work and determined approach to everything you do has not gone unnoticed. We're always impressed - keep up this fantastic work!
Bri and Deb

Student of the Week
This award recognises
Esme
as a star student at
Hesket Primary
Esme, you have shown such perseverance with your persuasive writing this week, trying so hard and reworking ideas if you have needed to. We wholeheartedly agree, Nature is important.
Bri and Deb

Student of the Week
This award recognises
Hillary
as a star student at
Hesket Primary
When there is a challenge before you, you show perseverance and a willingness to try and try again if you need to. This is the attitude of success!
Zoe, Lydia and Katie

Student of the Week
This award recognises
Matilda
as a star student at
Hesket Primary
I have loved seeing you so passionately work through your What Matters writing this week, word by word, line by line, you have polished your work and should be so proud of yourself - we certainly are!
Zoe, Lydia and Katie



All families welcome

Hesket Open Classrooms

Wednesday
15 May
2.30 - 4pm



Celebrating
Education Week



HESKET

Great things happen in small places

