Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Welcome back to Hesket for Term 2. It promises to be a busy term with much planned and ready to go. Already this week we have had a visit by Sub Zero and we have the Grade 2-6 excursion to the 52 Story Treehouse – as well as beginning the normal maths and literacy teaching.

In planning for what we do with the students each week and on the longer period, by the term and year, we look at the learning outcomes that we are expected to address – as well as looking at themes and student interests.

Throughout the time I have been at Hesket (and prior to my arrival) staff have made a huge effort to ensure that our students are engaged and interested in the programs and individual curriculum areas. Excursions, incursions, activities such as Masterchef, clubs, dissections, restaurants, etc., are examples of ways we have thought to make what might be a dry topic more interesting.

Our aim has been and will continue to be, that we have the children at the centre of our decision making. We have provided exciting activities for the students that have made them want to learn the task at hand and make their learning journeys more enjoyable than we had when we were at school. Just thinking about having the one 10 page book (John and Betty) for all of our reading for Preps was very demanding and just a little boring.

Cliff

Welcome to Hesket
On behalf of the school community, I would like to welcome Gabby, Tilly and their mum Tania to Hesket. We all hope that you have along and happy time at Hesket.

Cake Stall this Saturday
A note went home yesterday requesting your assistance in both manning a cake stall and or baking an item for sale for next Saturday. We have a stall at Hanging Rock at the Run the Rock. Please help out if you can. Goods need to be at school by Friday after school.

Bulb orders
Just a reminder that any orders for bulbs need to be in by tomorrow morning.

Just a thought…….
“Both within the family and without, our sisters hold up our mirrors: our images of who we are and of who we can dare to be.”

Elizabeth Fishel
Good On You Cob!

Where we recognise any member of the community, student, parent or staff, who has done something that is positive and supportive.
To The Watts family for the great work they did in the gardens over the holidays.
To the children for their excellent behaviour whilst Sub Zero was visiting yesterday.

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Friday 13th May – Subway
Friday 20th May – Canteen
Friday 27th May – Subway
Friday 3rd June – Special lunch
Friday 10th June – Subway
Friday 17th June – Canteen
Friday 24th June - Subway

If you are able to volunteer to undertake canteen duty please see either Deb or Cliff.

Playgroup
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Deb will be making calls to families over the coming week. If you know of any family that might be interested, please see Deb or Cliff as soon as possible so we can make contact with these families.

School Review
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I will be asking your views as we move through the process so that we have a firm view of what we have planned, what we have achieved, how we have used our resources and what we might plan for in the next four years.

Pre-orientation Day at KSC
Next Thursday 21st is planned as the first pre-orientation day at Kyneton Secondary College. The day will give the students a taste of secondary school life and an opportunity to meet other grade 5/6 students who will be there on the day.

I urge all grade 5/6 parents to give permission for their child to attend. Lunch will be provided and the children will travel on a bus provided by the College. Mr Palmer will be there for the day as well.

There is a note attached to this newsletter for parents of Grade 5/6 students about the day.

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Subbie visited Hesket.....

Sub Zero answering Jayden’s question of, “Subbie do you have a girlfriend?”

Was it something that Subbie said, or Graeme, that made Deb laugh?

Nicki and Kerri came and told us all about SubZero and racehorses
In the art room this week.......  
This week in the art room the grade 2/3/4/5/6's began a project titled 'Blown Away' where student's had the opportunity to put themselves into their art piece (literally)!
Take a look at the students at work below.
Our Open Night this year will be run as an Information Evening for new and prospective families. As more and more parents join us on our Weekly Tours, we feel that this is the be