



May 16

We marked several celebration days this week – **National Receptionists Day, and International Education Support Day**. All of our support staff at school make a huge contribution to the smooth running of our school, and to the support of student learning in and out of classrooms from Prep to VCE. We celebrated ES Support Day on Friday with cake, scones and student-created cards in the staffroom - I am very grateful for the efforts of our support staff, and the value that they add to our school!

Our **School Strategic Review** meeting process will begin next week, and will work towards establishing school improvement goals and strategies for the next five years. There will be opportunities for families, students and staff to contribute to this process, and I would encourage parents to become involved in feedback sessions once they are advertised.

**Good luck to our Year 6 cross country competitors** – Zoe, Saith, Memphis, Pirra and Phyllis – who are representing our school in the Moyne District event at Albert Park today. It's a great day to out and about and taking part in a cross country – I'm looking forward to hearing the results ...



**It is concerning to note that many students are not choosing to wear their seat belts while travelling on buses to and from school.** This is a significant safety issue, and I would remind everyone that it is a legal requirement to wear seat belts on a bus when they are fitted, no matter how old you are. I am working with our bus companies to sort this issue out, and in the coming week

our whole-school behavioural goal will be to wear seat belts while travelling on buses - it would be very useful if families could remind their children to do this also. I will be visiting each bus on a regular basis to remind students of this requirement, and students who are reluctant to follow this requirement could lose the privilege of bus travel for a period of time.

**It was very pleasing to note a great article in the Standard last week regarding a visit to SW Healthcare by Ms Cakebread, Mr Webster and some of our Year 9 students,** and the donation of \$208.80 from our school to contribute to the purchase of chemotherapy treatment chairs. The amount donated was raised during the \$20 Boss commerce program in 2024, with small groups of Year 8 students creating business plans and actioning these at school. The students involved learned a lot about teamwork, budgeting and marketing, and have contributed profits made to a very worthy local cause. Well done!



A reminder to families that we will be holding our annual **Prep to Year 6 Open Night** on Thursday May 22, starting with refreshments at 5:10pm in the P-2 Building. This is a great opportunity to visit primary classrooms, to learn about what is being taught in classes, and to take part in some hands-on learning activities with your children. These evenings are always lots of fun, and I would encourage families to be involved.

A further reminder for families that students in Year 3 to 6 have begun wearing the fitness tracker devices that will monitor their physical movement, sleep patterns and at-rest behaviors over the coming week. The **TransformUs** research study seeks to build a picture about physical fitness and wellbeing in children across SW Victoria and is an important source of data about changes to fitness and wellbeing over time. Student results across the region will be compiled into a report about student health and wellbeing in 2025, and will be distributed to schools following publication; this is a very useful and timely study for our students to be involved in.

Have a great weekend everyone,

**John Ralph**  
**Principal**



HAWKESDALE  
P12 COLLEGE

# F-6 OPEN NIGHT

## Celebrate our school

**Are you a current family or have a child starting Foundation in 2026?**

You are invited to our open night where you will meet our dedicated and experienced staff, see our amazing school grounds, play spaces and classrooms while participating in some fun learning activities throughout the school.

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 @ 5:30pm

with refreshments from 5:10pm in the P-2 building



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Cnr Spring & Mitchell St,  
Hawkesdale. VIC 3287

To register for our open night, please call or email our school office: [hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au)

# \$20 BOSS



On Friday afternoon, Ben, Darcy & Sam headed into Warrnambool to meet with Amanda from Western District Foodshare and Ange & Suzan from South West Healthcare to donate \$208.80 to each of these worthy organisations on behalf of their 2024 8 Commerce peers.

These funds were generated through the classes social enterprises, including the most profitable business selling Ice-Cream SAMwiches.

# \$<sup>20</sup> BOSS



This years 8 Dollars & Sense classes will start the \$20 Boss program later this term, so stay tuned for more information on market days in term 3!

# P-2 playing Maths games to help learn and practise addition facts





Students learned about the symmetry of insects and how important pollinators are.

### Grade 3/4/5 Art

Students created a "Jasper Johns" style artwork learning how wax resists watercolor.



# Girls on the Go

On Wednesday May 7th, our female students in year 8,9 and 10 spent the day together undertaking alternative activities. They spent their morning rock painting, wood carving, jewelry making, creating wire birds and print making. The girls then spent the afternoon with Izzy and Kate from Mindfull Australia discussing body image and the importance of connection.



# Girls on the Go



# KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAY

**Hawkesdale Kindergarten**  
Mitchell Street

**Tuesday May 20**  
**2.30pm - 3.30pm**

For more information  
call our early years

**68 16**

**KINDERGARTEN**

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# Wellbeing Space

## Want to contact Wellbeing?

You can now easily email Carlee Dart, our Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, via Compass.

Carlee is now recorded as a teacher for all of our students, under the subject Mental Health Wellbeing (MHW). We hope this makes it easier and more convenient to reach out to the wellbeing team.

You are also most welcome to contact the front office and they will connect you with either Tracy Crisp (secondary) or Felicity Lowery (all students) or Carlee Dart herself. Cindy Jenkinson-Clarke is available via referral only.

Please find below and over the page **30 phrases that can be used with an Anxious child** courtesy of the Institute of Child Psychology.

We hope you find these sayings helpful.

1. "I love you. You are safe"
2. "Just take one step bigger than before."
3. "I know how you feel."
4. "All I expect for you to do is your best."
5. "I know you can do this."
6. "This is so hard. I can see that."
7. "You can do hard things."
8. "Your fear is very real. I believe you."
9. "What would \_\_\_\_\_ do?"
10. "I wonder if this is a real fire or burnt toast?"

# Wellbeing Space

30 phrases that can be used with an Anxious child

Continued

11. "Can you draw it for me?"
12. "Can we give that a different ending?"
13. "Let's take 10 breathes, and notice if anything changes?"
14. "Your brave just has to be slightly bigger than your fear."
15. "Let's learn more about it."
16. "Your brave just has to be slightly bigger."
17. "What's the worst that could happen."
18. "Let's find some evidence."
19. "Remember when . . ."
20. "Let's watch your thoughts pass by."
21. "You've got this. Let's do it together."
22. "What do you need from me?"
23. "Can I tell you about a time I was scared?"
24. "Remember when you made it through xyx ?"
25. "I wonder what science would say about that?"
26. "Let's write a new story about that."
27. "What would you tell your best friend if they felt that way?"
28. " Let's get up an move our bodies."
29. "What do you want to tell your worried thoughts?"
30. "Tell me about a time you were brave."



Institute of  
Child Psychology



# SchoolTV

## **In this edition of SchoolTV - CELEBRATING IDAHOBIT**

We possess a profound ability to shape our children's attitudes and beliefs, embedding values of acceptance, inclusivity, and respect for all.

The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), celebrated each year on **May 17th**, emphasises the critical need to educate children about diversity and inclusivity. Inaugurated in 2004 by the World Health Organization, this day is a global call to promote tolerance and combat discrimination against the LGBTQIA+ community.

Instilling respect and acceptance for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in children is crucial. Celebrating IDAHOBIT helps families communicate a strong stance against discrimination, highlighting the importance of diversity and the damaging effects of stereotypes and biases. These prejudices often arise from the media, societal interactions, and peer influences, necessitating proactive efforts from parents and caregivers to counteract and discuss these issues.

Creating inclusive environments supports diversity and plays a vital role in raising awareness and demonstrating solidarity with LGBTQIA+ students and community members. It is a commitment to creating a world free from prejudice and discrimination, instilling values of empathy, respect and inclusivity.

This Special Report will help you fostering acceptance, empowering young people to become compassionate and informed advocates for equality.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report.

**If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.**

Here is the link to your special report:

[https://hawkesdalecol.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-celebrating-idahobit-au](https://hawkesdalecol.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-celebrating-idahobit-au)



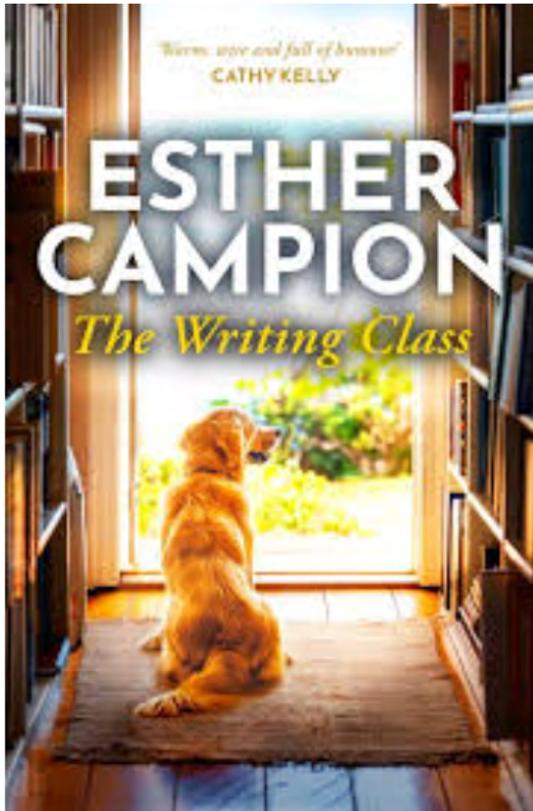
SPECIAL REPORT

## **Celebrating IDAHOBIT**

**May 17**



# Hawkesdale Community Book Club



A tender, heartwarming novel of unlikely friendships and second chances, perfect for fans of Monica McInerney and Maeve Binchy.

Vivian Molloy hardly expected to retire early from teaching, but for her husband, Dave, she'd do anything. But when Dave abandons her after a weekend away, she returns home to their picturesque town in Tasmania, shell-shocked and alone with nothing to fill her days.

When an old colleague tries to rope her into teaching a writing class at the local library, Vivian is hesitant. How can she teach with her life falling apart? But it is the people she meets that help her remember who she is. Marilyn, tough-as-nails, has a secret passion for reading and a complex family life. Sienna, a young single mother, is trying to outrun her painful past. Quiet Oscar is housesitting for his sister, retreating from the mainland after losing his job.

As the writing class becomes a refuge and strangers become friends, its members will face decisions that will change their lives, and come to realise that when one door closes, others open in its place.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Join us on Tuesday  
June 17 from 5-6pm  
in the college library  
for a cuppa and a  
chat. Kids welcome!**



Join the chat here



## Upcoming Book Club Reads

- The Girls from Fitzroy by Jennie Jones
- The Season by Helen Garner

HUMANS  
ALL THE SAME

PROUD  
to be ME!

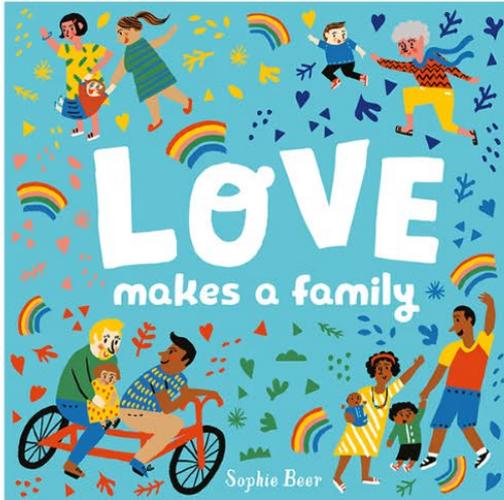
# Skittles: LGBTQIA+ & Friends

Secondary students are invited to join Skittles: LGBTQIA+ and Friends on Mondays at recess in the Wellbeing Space to support each other, find community and make new friends!

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SAFE  
SPACE

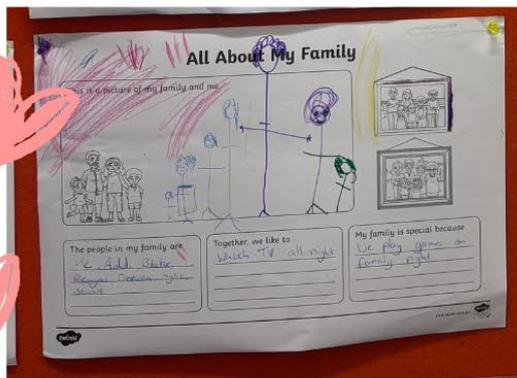
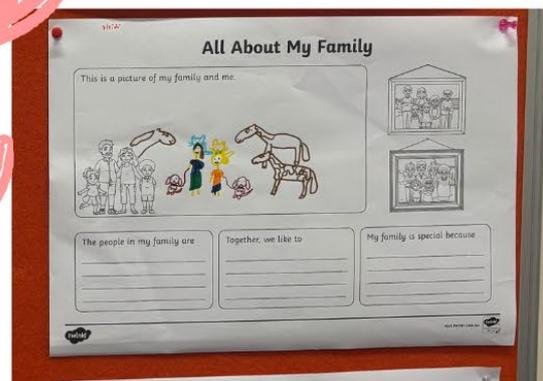
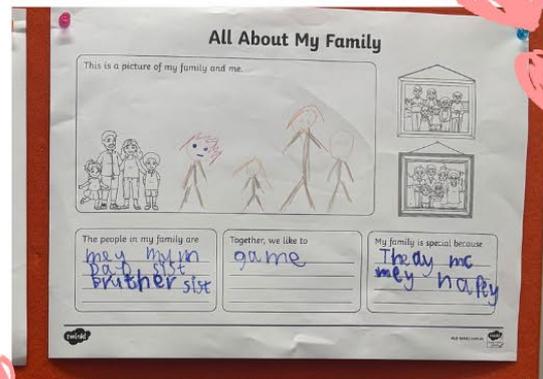


# Library News



This week in the library, we read 'Love makes a Family' and reflected on what makes our families special!

Whether you live with your grandparents, have two mums, two dads, one parent, or one of each, there's one thing that makes a family a family... and that's love!





### All About My Family

This is a picture of my family and me.

The people in my family are  
mum, Dad, Tilly  
Levi & me  
Joe & Ben

Together, we like to  
mum does work  
& Tilly plays  
Jack

My family is special because  
my Dad take  
me to the skate  
park  
Joe & Ben  
park sometimes.

### All About My Family

This is a picture of my family and me.

The people in my family are  
mum cathy  
Dad me  
charlie  
Ben

Together, we like to  
eat!

My family is special because  
they are nice  
to me!



### All About My Family

This is a picture of my family and me.

The people in my family are  
mum nan dad  
kie & andrew  
me Lily

Together, we like to  
go to family

My family is special because  
she is fun

### All About My Family

This is a picture of my family and me.

The people in my family are  
Daddy, Debbie, mum  
me, Alice

Together, we like to  
watch movies, cook

My family is special because  
they are family

### All About My Family

This is a picture of my family and me.

The people in my family are

Together, we like to

My family is special because

### Henry gubbins All About My Family

This is a picture of my family and me.

The people in my family are  
Ricky Pissy  
Michael Evie  
Daria me

Together, we like to  
watch movies  
together

My family is special because  
they love  
each other



### All About My Family

This is a picture of my family and me.

The people in my family are  
me (Nash)  
my brother (Zaid)  
mum

Together, we like to  
go to lake  
Pretoria!

My family is special because  
they give me  
hugs.

### All About My Family

This is a picture of my family and me.

The people in my family are  
me, mum  
dad, Weston

Together, we like to  
go camping

My family is special because  
we love to have



# HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!

Hosting a high school student gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and culture with young people from around the world.

WEP host families are unpaid volunteers\*, are welcoming and excited about new experiences.

Many students miss their Aussie family terribly when they return home. But don't fret, many hosts visit their student overseas to meet their own families!

### Imagine:

- Learning about a new culture without the stress of travel
- Being part of a young person's life-changing exchange experience
- Re-discovering the local area through the eyes of an overseas visitor
- Watching your student adopt Aussie slang!



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## HAWKESDALE & RYAN CORNER

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### Ryan Corner Community Benefit Fund

Applications open April 28, 2025

Eligibility and further information at  
[https://ryancornerwindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/sustainability/community/#calls\\_for\\_applications](https://ryancornerwindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/sustainability/community/#calls_for_applications)  
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### Hawkesdale Community Benefit Fund

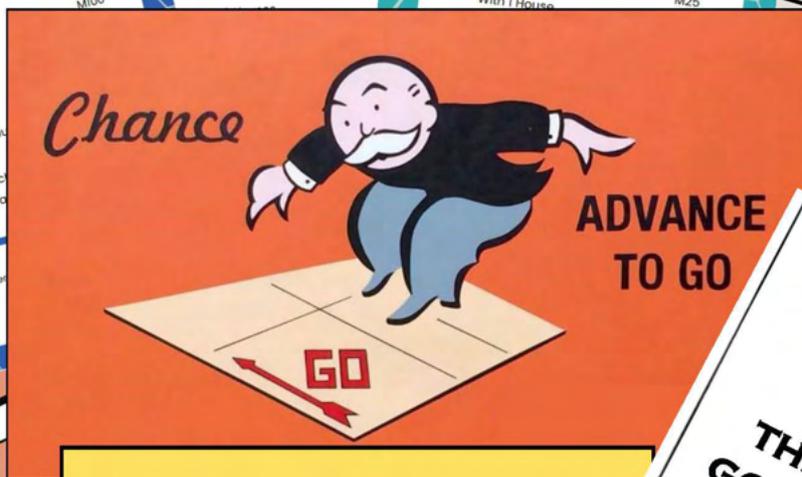
Applications open May 5, 2025

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[hawkesdalewindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:hawkesdalewindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au)

Contact for more information:  
0428 867 646

# Port Fairy Theatre Group

## — presents



**Community Chest**

Adults	\$ 25
Conc	\$ 20
Kids	\$ 10



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**Community Chest**

Your chance to see  
6 Un-performed  
plays from the last  
8 years of the  
Short Play Festival




May 23rd 7.30  
May 24th 2pm & 7.30  
May 25th 2pm  
Lecture Hall Theatre  
Sackville Street  
Tickets <https://www.trybooking.com/DBCUE>



Warning—Just like a game of monopoly may contain language and adult themes

**Canteen Menu – 2025 term 2**

**Recess and Lunch**

Mini Chicken Wrap -	\$2.20
Chicken Mini Muffin Pizza	\$1.80
Ham, Cheese Mini Muffin Pizza	\$1.80
Ham, Cheese, Pineapple Mini Muffin Pizza	\$1.80
Egg and Bacon Muffin	\$3.00
Hash Browns	\$1.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender	\$1.80
Toastie	\$3.00
Party Pies / Sausage Rolls	\$1.80
Homemade Slices / Muffins / Banana Bread	\$1.80
Homemade Biscuits	\$1.20
Truffles	\$0.60
Banana bread - (gluten free) must be pre-ordered	\$1.80

**Lunch Only**

Angel Bay Light Beef Burgers with Salad	\$6.00
85gm Canteen Approved Chicken Burger with Salad	\$6.00
Salad Roll or Sandwich with or without Meat	\$6.00
Salad Tubs with or without Meat	\$6.00
Sandwiches - selected fillings eg: egg & lettuce / ham & pickles (must be pre ordered)	\$3.00
Veggie Burger with lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cheese, mayo on a wholemeal roll	\$6.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap - with lettuce, tomato, mayo and cheese	\$6.00
Chicken Crackles and Wedges	\$4.00
Pastie slab - must be pre-ordered	\$4.50
Meat Pie	\$4.50

## Drinks

Water – 600 ml	\$2.00
Nippy's Milk – 250 ml – Strawberry, Honeycomb, Chocolate, Coffee	\$2.40
Fresha Juice – 250 ml - Apple or Apple & Blackcurrant or Orange	\$2.40
Nippy's Milk – 375 ml – Strawberry, Honeycomb , Chocolate, Coffee, Banana	\$3.50
Fresha Juice – 500 ml - Apple & Blackcurrant or Orange	\$3.50

## Frozen Yoghurt or Icy Poles – lunchtime only

Lemonade Icy Poles (gluten free)	\$1.60
Zooper Dooper – Maximum of 2 – Temp must be over 25°C	\$0.50
Dixie Cups (gluten free)	\$2.50
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.50

## Chips

Chips (28 gms) - Honey Soy or Sea Salt or Salt & Vinegar (gluten free)	\$1.40
Snaps (28 gms) (gluten free)	\$1.40

### LUNCH TIME SPECIAL

Monday	Hot Dogs	\$3.00
	Baked Potatoes	\$6.00
Tuesday	Butter Chicken & Rice	\$6.00
Wednesday	Beef pasta Bake	\$6.00
Thursday	Chicken Fried Rice	\$6.00
Friday	Chicken Enchalida	\$6.00

**Dim Sims available at recess on Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
\$1.00**