



Principal Newsletter Report Friday 13th June 2025

Congratulations to our local Hawkesdale CWA members for organising the **Rain Check – A Night For The Blokes** evening at the Hawkesdale Memorial Hall earlier this week. This was a great community night of support, a home-cooked meal, wellbeing information and camaraderie for district farmers at a time when ongoing drought is creating hardship for many; it has certainly been pleasing to see and hear rain falling over the past week, and to hear stories of household tanks and dams filling with water once again.



The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) recently released advice about changes to the reporting of mathematics for students in Years Prep to Ten. **Maths and numeracy teachers at our school are using the revised Victorian Mathematics curriculum 2.0 this year, and there will be a slight change to student reporting in this subject area as a result.** On previous student reports teachers noted maths learning progress against three separate strands: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. Under the revised curriculum 2.0, maths and numeracy teachers will report against the achievement standard as a whole, providing a single overall result for maths learning. As the achievement standards reported on have changed, the first student report under the revised Mathematics 2.0 curriculum in this semester will only show achievement - and not progress. For all reports after this however, progress will be shown against the single achievement standard.

With reporting in mind, please remember that a **pupil free day for the purpose of report writing has been approved by School Council for Monday, 23rd June.** Students will not be required at school for classes on this day. Staff are beginning to write student reports this week, and final reports for this semester will be released to Compass after Wednesday 2nd July. We are always conscious that pupil free days require plenty of advance planning and notice for families, so please note 23rd June as a pupil free day on your calendars or online organisers.

I note that **Unit 3 VCE students will sit the GAT exam at the Lutheran Hall next week on Tuesday, 17th June.** Practice English exams for Year 11 and 12 students also happening at the Lutheran Hall on Friday, 20th June. The GAT exam is an important piece of assessment for our senior school students and plays a vital role in cross-checking the accuracy of VCE external assessments and school-based assessments across the state, as well as providing a data benchmark that can be used if students need to apply for a derived exam score at the end of the year. There will be a lunch break back at school between the morning and afternoon sections of the GAT, and a healthy salad roll lunch will be provided for all GAT students during this break. Not all VCE VM students need to sit the GAT, and Mrs White will send a reminder email about this out to families today.

With the year now well underway, a reminder to families that **Voluntary Financial Contributions can still be made at any time to the office**, and that parents are very welcome to make this payment in full, or to create a payment plans over the rest of the year to help with this. Voluntary Financial Contributions provide much-needed funds to extend the learning and extra-curricular opportunities that we offer to our students and assist to cover the cost of activities such as swimming programs, sporting events, cooking in the Food Studies Room, library resources, in-school ICT tech support, incursions and classroom supplies. Information about voluntary payments was sent home with book list packs late last year, but please contact the school if you would like to have this documentation sent out to you once again. As a reminder, School Council approved contributions for 2025 are set at \$250 for Year P-6 students, \$350 for Year 7-10 students, and \$300 for Year 11-12 students. Amanda is always happy to have a conversation about setting up payments and payments plans and can be contacted via the school Office.

The Hawkesdale Family Services Centre is holding a pie drive at the moment, and I would encourage school families to get involved in this fundraising activity, and to support our excellent local early childhood centre. An order form is attached to this newsletter, and orders and money can be returned to the mailbox in the reception area at the centre by 26th June . Orders will be available for collection from the Hawkesdale Family Services Centre on 2nd July. The pies, sausage rolls and slice on offer are always delicious - please support this fundraiser!

A reminder to families that our Office opening hours at the College are 8:24am to 4:30pm on Mondays to Fridays, and 8:24am to 4pm on Fridays; office staff will be on duty to answer calls, address emails and to assist families and visitors between these hours from the admin area of the school. Please note that the school telephone messaging service is switched on outside of these hours, but that families can send Compass and general emails to office and teaching staff to be addressed at the earliest opportunity.

The Hawkesdale Swimming Pool is hosting a Big Freeze event in memory of Graham 'Tiny' Densley on Sun 22nd June from 12-3pm, with the goal to raise \$5K for motor neurone disease research. Our Student Voice team has made jars with the faces of potentially participating staff members adhered to them, and students, staff and visitors to our school can drop some cash or coins in the jars of their choice as they pass through the front office - with the three staff with the most donations jumping into the freezing waters of the Hawkesdale Pool on the day. All funds raised will be donated to the pool's tally for MND research. Please refer to our latest College Facebook about making donations to this event online.

Have a great long weekend everyone!

Mr Ralph
Principal

Hawkesdale's **BIG FREEZE**



The Big Freeze is a fundraising campaign, raising funds for MND (motor neurone disease) research and projects supporting those living with MND

Sun June 22 from 12-3pm

The Hawkesdale Pool is hosting a Big Freeze event in honour of Graham 'Tiny' Densley. He died in March 2023 after a battle with a MND. The goal is to raise \$5K!

Student Voice has made jars with participating staff members' faces which are at the front office. Donate to the staff member/s who you would like to see jump in the Hawkesdale pool. The 3 staff members with the most donations will jump! All funds raised will be donated to the pool's tally.

Bring cash to donate at the office!





Grade 6 Winter Sport - Netball & Football
6th June 2025





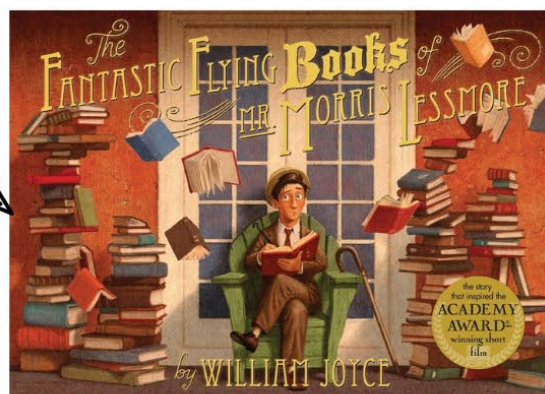


Library News



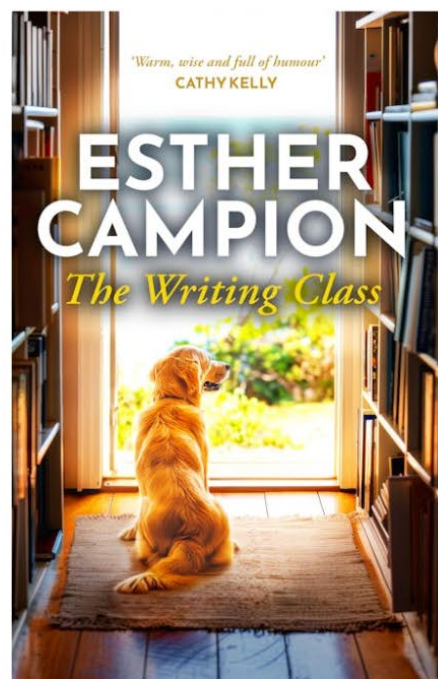
Every Thursday, the children from the Hawkesdale and District Family Services Centre visit the library to listen to stories, sing songs and borrow books. This week, Salty read his favourite picture book to us!

Salty's
Recommended
Read



Reminder

The Hawkesdale Community book club will be meeting next Tuesday 17 June from 5-6pm in the library. All welcome!





This week in the library, we turned down the temperature and read 'Frank's Red Hat' in preparation for the Big Freeze event on June 22. Don't forget you can donate to our teacher jars in the office to support MND research and the 3 teachers with the most donations will have to jump in the icy waters of the Hawkesdale pool.

A big thank you to Mrs Butters for her donation to our dress up box that students love playing with.



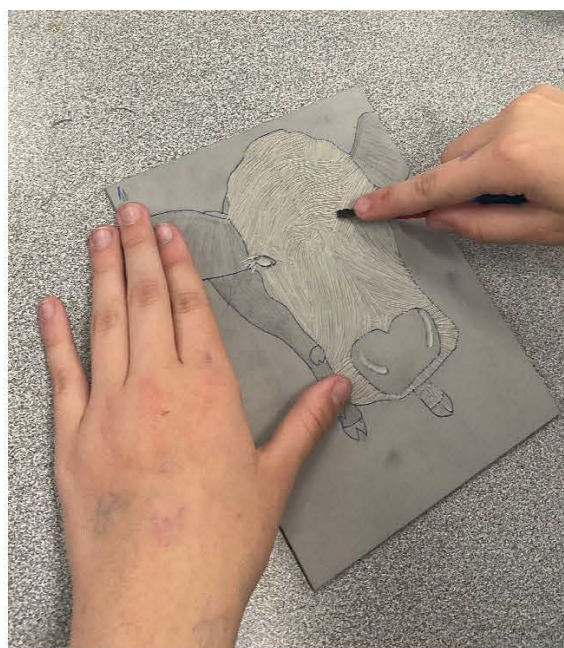
A FIGHT ~~MND~~ EVENT

June 22 12-3pm





Year 9/10 Printmakers are learning about dry-point intaglio prints, using recycled tetra-pak packaging. Using damp paper and a printing press, the image is transferred from the plate.



Some students are working on more complex linocut designs and using chine colle, a technique in which thinner papers are used to add colour and pattern to a print.

STUDENT VOICE PRESENTS

Be Yourself Day!



DRESS UP AS WHAT MAKES YOU

YOU!

Friday 4 July

Our identity refers to gender, ethnicity, personality, religion, values, and hobbies that define who YOU are.



If you are on the Autism Spectrum, you could wear blue, the colour of Autism awareness,

or

If you are very keen on dinosaurs, you could dress up as a dinosaur,

or

If your ethnicity is significant in who you are, you could wear something that's traditional to your nationality.



There's so many ways to express yourself!

Come to school and express who you are!





A FREE WEBINAR Digital media literacy & safety

PART II

Supporting Primary & Secondary students

Join us for an exclusive webinar featuring two of Australia's leading experts in youth wellbeing and cybersafety as they provide invaluable insights into how we can support young people navigate the online world safely and responsibly.

This webinar is **Part II of a series**.
In this session, topics include:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Misinformation & Algorithms
- Sexting & Sextortion
- Online Grooming

Suitable for: Parents, grandparents, carers, educators, school leaders.



Online, Wednesday
18 June, 2025
7.30 - 8.30 pm



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Renowned child and adolescent psychologist, Michael has years of experience working with young people and families and was Chair for the Cybersafety Committee.



Susan McLean

As Australia's foremost cybersafety expert and founder of Cyber Safety Solutions, Susan will offer proactive strategies to help keep young people safe.

**Don't miss out.
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button to register.**



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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	

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

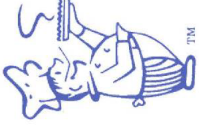
**LUNCH TIME
SPECIAL**

Monday	Hot Dogs Baked Potatoes	\$3.00 \$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**



CLARKE'S PIES



Pie Drive Order Form

Organisation: **HAWKESDALE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE** Name: _____ Student Name _____

Products:	Price:	Quantity Required:	Total:
2 PACK – 'Lunch' sized pies			
Pies			
Original Beef (Square)	\$10		
Steak & Curry	\$10		
Steak & Onion	\$10		
Steak & Bacon	\$10		
Steak & Mushroom	\$10		
Steak & Pepper	\$10		
Chicken & Vegetable	\$10		
Shepherds (Potato)	\$10		
Pizza Pie	\$10		
Egg, Bacon and Cheese	\$10		
QUICHE-roast vegetable	\$10		
SPECIALTY - Pies 2 Pack			
Chunky beef-	\$12		
Lamb and Rosemary	\$12		
Satay Chicken	\$12		
2 PACK- 'Lunch' size Fruit Pies			
Apple Pie	\$10		
Apricot Pie	\$10		
2 PACK- Pasties			
Traditional Pasties	\$10		
Old Style Pasties	\$10		
Vegetarian Pasties	\$10		
2 PACK- Sausage Rolls			
Sausage Rolls	\$8		
Cheese and Bacon Rolls	\$9		
Sub-Total:			

Products:	Price:	Quantity Required:	Total:
FAMILY - Sized Products:			
Original Beef	\$16		
Steak & Curry	\$16		
Steak & Onion	\$16		
Steak & Bacon	\$16		
Steak & Mushroom	\$16		
Steak & Pepper	\$16		
Chicken & Vegetable	\$16		
Shepherds Plus (Potato)	\$16		
Apple	\$16		
Apricot	\$16		
Pastie	\$16		
Vegetarian Pastie	\$16		
6 PACK - Party Sized Products:			
Party Pie	\$12		
Party Pastie	\$12		
Party Sausage Roll	\$12		
2 PACK- Slices			
Caramel Slice	\$8		
Hedgehog Slice	\$8		
Peppermint Slice	\$8		
Cherry Ripe Slice	\$8		
Lemon Slice	\$8		
Chocolate Brownie Slice	\$8		
Sub-Total:			

All products will be delivered fresh on the day of pick-up, so it is a great opportunity to stock up your freezer and support the **HDFSC** at the same time!

Please return orders and money by **26th of June** to the mail box in the reception area at the centre

Orders will be available for pick-up on **Wednesday 2ND July from 12.30pm**

Collection arrangements to be made on the day due to limited storage. Thankyou

Total amount included: _____