



## Principals Report Friday 5th June 2026

**A big thank you to our Hands on Learning students for installing repurposed timber outdoor seating along our multi-purpose walking and cycling track this week.**

Despite the wild, windy, and wet conditions out students dug foundations and levelled the seat into position, with Reuben showing great skills on the end of a shovel. I'm looking forward to using this seat once we can make our way across the oval again after the recent (and welcome) rainfall of this week!



Several weeks ago we conducted a successful emergency management drill at school, rehearsing our procedures if an unauthorised individual was to enter school grounds in order to cause conflict.

**Lockdown drills are a regular annual feature of our emergency training calendar**, and it is important that staff and students know how to respond to the cues that manage this sort of emergency response, and the speedy communication to Victoria Police and other emergency services that this type of drill triggers. A lockdown drill always involves students sheltering in their classrooms or other learning spaces in a way that they cannot be seen by anyone who may be on site at school without permission; staff are always aware of students who present with anxiety or past trauma, and of the supports that are required to help students feel comfortable and safe during a drill of this nature.

**It is important to keep reminding families and students that it is a legal requirement to wear seat belts on a bus when they are fitted, no matter how old you are.** While I will remind students about this expectation as I move around the school in the coming weeks, it would be very useful if parents and guardians could also remind students about expectations around sensible bus behaviour and the wearing of seat belts.

**Our school has been involved in an Alignment Review this week**, which will provide feedback about how well we are tracking towards meeting the goals of our 2026 Annual Implementation Plan. I have already received positive feedback about the friendly and engaging nature of our students, the quality of instructional practice observed in different parts of our school, and about the calm and settled nature of our classrooms and playgrounds. The alignment review will conclude next week and will finish with recommendations for areas of future improvement as we move from 2026 into next year. Three visiting reviewers from the Department of Education have been observing classes and meeting with staff and students during the past week and have been very complimentary about our students and their willingness to provide their thoughts about our school.

**A range of activities are scheduled for next week**, with Grace and Addisyn representing our school in the Greater Western Region Football-Netball Carnival in Ballarat, and Ryder, Xavier, Phoenix, and Hunter taking part in a Koori Leadership Day in Warrnambool. Eight students from years 9 to 12 will be taking part in a badminton carnival in Ballarat, and our year 9 and 10 ADVANCE group will be heading out to the Mount Cole State Forest near Ararat for a multi-night winter camping and hiking experience. **I'm sure that nobody will forget this, but please note that Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June is the King's Birthday public holiday, and the school will not be operating on this day.**

**A reminder to families that public transport in Victoria is half price for everyone, every day, from Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 until Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027.** Half price fares will automatically apply to all public transport services statewide, including trains, trams and buses. It is also worth noting that trials of contactless payment options will resume on selected train lines from Monday June 1st. Reduced public transport costs have certainly helped families and students manage the cost camps and excursions to Melbourne over the past year, and I'm very pleased to note that this support will continue for the remainder of this school year. Feel free to visit the Transport Victoria website for further information.



Have a great long weekend everyone.

**John Ralph,**

**Principal,**

**Hawkesdale P12 College**

**WHO WILL TAKE THE PLUNGE?**  
**HAWKESDALE'S**  
**BIG FREEZE 12**  
**A FIGHTMND EVENT**

- ✓ Live Music
- ✓ Food & Drinks
- ✓ Car Show
- ✓ Market
- ✓ Slide

**ENTRY \$5**  
**\$25 IF SLIDING**

**SCAN TO DONATE**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21 • 11:00 AM**  
**HAWKESDALE SWIMMING POOL**

The poster features a background image of a swimming pool at dusk with a large, icy structure in the center. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner, next to the entry price information.



**P/1 Week 7**  
**Thankyou Mr Webb**  
**for organising the**  
**badminton clinic**





**P/1 Week 7**  
**We went to a**  
**badminton clinic in**  
**the stadium**



# Year 8/9 Ocean Plastic Sort

After some disruptions due to the onslaught of winter this week, Year 8 and 9 students had the wonderful opportunity to meet Colleen Hughson at school this week!

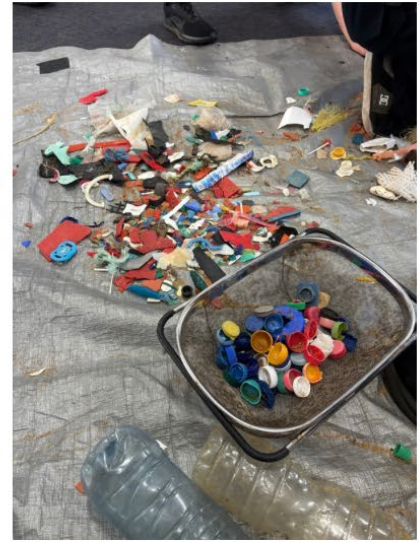
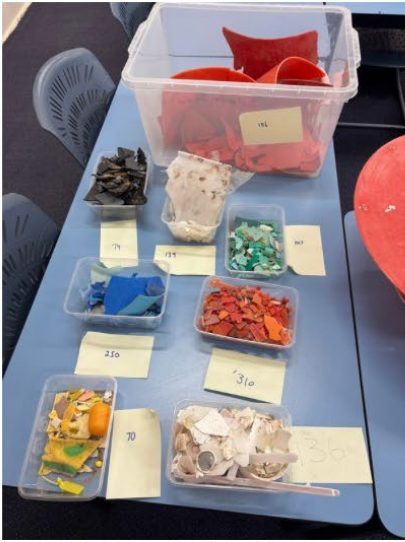
Colleen does incredible work through Beach Patrol Australia, a citizen science program that monitors and records the marine debris washing up on beaches across the country. After hearing about the enormity of the problem and the voluntary work people are doing to clean up our beaches and stop the pollution at the source, students had the opportunity to sort through and catalogue all the marine debris Colleen had recently collected.

We weighed, sorted and counted everything from fishing rope and plastic bottles that have travelled from across the world, to red necks from cray pots (the plastic rings that break down into microplastics on our beaches) and hundreds and hundreds of tiny pieces of hard plastic in various stages of degradation. All of this sorting work contributes to the data collection that helps researchers identify patterns in marine debris and, hopefully, find solutions.

Colleen also shared the beautiful jewellery she makes from some of the marine debris she collects, inspiring us to think about how we might transform the plastic we sorted today into something new.

This visit was highlight in units of work for Year 8 English and Year 9 Humanities investigating the issue of plastic pollution. The Year 8s will be drawing on everything they learned today as they write persuasive podcasts as their assessment pieces over the coming weeks. A big thank you to Colleen for coming and bringing this learning to life!





**Think global, act local!**



# NATURE COLLAGE



Students in Prep 1 Art explored a variety of colours, textures and shapes from nature.





## School Wide Positive Behaviour Expectations



Next week our behaviour focus continues to be:  
**RESPECT IN THE CORRIDORS AND THE YARD**

This includes:

Being friendly and inclusive

Being considerate of those around you

Using an inside voice in the corridor

Walking when inside and keeping hands to self

Moving safely and only using spaces that are available to be used

Using school equipment appropriately

Congratulations to the following students for receiving nominations  
for demonstrating resilience and being open minded:



Eva, Charlie, Phoenix B, Cooper S, Darcy, Harrison R,  
Liana, Kaiden, Jonah, Hayley, Qilbi



State Schools' Relief (SSR) is proud to announce that the Victorian State Government has partnered with SSR once again to deliver the Glasses for Kids (GFK) program between 2024 and 2027. GFK aims to remove vision impairment as a potential barrier to educational engagement by ensuring that eligible students are supported to fully participate in education from their early years. GFK aims to visit 770 primary and specialist schools and target up to 108,000 Prep - Year 3 students for initial vision screening during the program. If required, comprehensive eye testing and glasses will be provided to participating students at no cost.

Scan the QR code and watch the Glasses for Kids video here



For more information, please contact us today!

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Information for Families





# VTAC & Student Youth Allowance Information Evening

Parents/Carers and students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend a free information evening designed to support planning for life after school.

The evening will feature:

- A VTAC presentation covering tertiary applications, key dates, course preferences, scholarships and common mistakes
- A Student Youth Allowance presentation by Sinclair Wilson, explaining eligibility, parental income tests and financial support for regional students
- An expo before and after the presentations, with opportunities to speak directly with universities, tertiary providers, VTAC, Sinclair Wilson & the South West TAFE jobs & Skills centre

**Date: Wednesday 17 June**

**Time: 6:00pm arrival | 6:15pm start**

**Location: Emmanuel College Warrnambool, 140 Botanic Rd, Warrnambool Victoria 3280. The presentation will be in The Stage, enter off Ardlie Street**

Free event – registration required.





# Understanding Youth Gaming to Gambling

## A Workshop for Parents and Carers

In today's digital landscape, the lines between gaming and gambling are increasingly blurred, posing new challenges for young people. Features like "loot boxes" mechanics in video games introduce elements of chance that closely resemble gambling. These features can lead to significant health, financial, and social consequences.

This free workshop aims to equip parents and carers with the knowledge and tools to understand and address these emerging issues. By fostering open conversations and awareness, we can work together to minimize potential harms associated with underage gambling.

### Key topics covered

- **Understanding the Intersection of Gaming and Gambling:** Insights into how gambling mechanisms are integrated into video games and their impact on young people
- **Recognising Signs of Gambling Harm:** Identifying behavioural indicators that may suggest a young person is experiencing gambling-related issues
- **Strategies for Prevention:** Practical tips on how to discuss gambling with young people and promote healthy attitudes towards gaming and betting
- **Support Resources:** Information on where to seek professional advice and support for gambling-related concerns

**Date:** Wednesday 17 June  
**Time:** 6.00pm  
**Location:** Online (Microsoft Teams)  
**Cost:** Free

### Why attend?

As a parent or carer, your influence is crucial in shaping young people's attitudes towards gaming and gambling. By understanding the risks and learning effective communication strategies, you can help prevent gambling harm and support healthier choices.

### How to register

Please scan the QR code to secure your spot.

For additional information or assistance, contact us on (03) 5226 5900.



**MELI** meli.org.au

### About Meli's Gambler's Help Team

Meli's Gambler's Help Team is dedicated to providing support and education to individuals and communities affected by gambling. Our mission is to promote responsible gambling practices and reduce the impact of gambling-related harm through community engagement and tailored programs.

## Canteen Menu – 2026

Mini Chicken Wrap -	\$2.50
Chicken Mini Muffin Pizza	\$2.00
Ham, Cheese Mini Muffin Pizza	\$2.00
Ham, Cheese, Pineapple Mini Muffin Pizza	\$2.00
Egg and Bacon Muffin	\$3.50
Hash Browns	\$1.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Toastie	\$2.00
Party Pies / Sausage Rolls	\$2.00
Homemade Slices / Muffins / Banana Bread	\$1.50
Homemade Biscuits	\$0.80
Truffles	\$2.00
Banana bread - (gluten free) must be pre-ordered	\$3.50
Brunch Pies	
Angel Bay Light Beef Burgers with Salad - must be pre ordered	\$6.50
85gm Canteen Approved Chicken Burger with Salad- must be pre ordered	\$6.50
Salad Roll or Sandwich with or without Meat	\$6.50
Salad Tubs with or without Meat	\$6.50
Sandwiches - selected fillings eg: egg & lettuce / ham & pickles (must be pre ordered)	\$3.50
Veggie Burger with lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cheese, mayo on a wholemeal roll	\$6.50
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap - with lettuce, tomato, mayo and cheese – must be pre ordered	\$6.50
Dino Nuggets & Wedges	\$4.50
<b>Meat Pie</b>	\$5.00
(gluten free) Party pies	\$3.50
(gluten free) Sausage rolls	\$4.00
(gluten free) Pie	\$8.00

*While canteen staff will take all reasonable precautions to prevent the cross-contact of gluten free and gluten containing food products, it is important to be aware that we cannot guarantee that any item prepared and served from our canteen is going to be completely free of allergens.*

## Drinks

Water – 600 ml	\$2.00
Nippy's Milk – 250 ml – Strawberry, Honeycomb, Chocolate, Coffee	\$2.50
Fresha Juice – 250 ml - Apple or Apple & Blackcurrant or Orange	\$2.50
Nippy's Milk – 375 ml – Strawberry, Honeycomb, Chocolate, Coffee, Banana	\$3.70
Fresha Juice – 500 ml - Apple & Blackcurrant or Orange	\$3.70
<b>Frozen Yoghurt or Icy Poles – break 2 only</b>	
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
<b>Chips</b>	
Chips (28 g) - Honey Soy or Sea Salt or Salt & Vinegar (gluten free)	\$1.50
Snaps (28 g) (gluten free)	\$1.50