

**Principal Newsletter Report**  
**Friday 20th June 2025**



**Excitement is certainly building as we get ever-closer to the Hawkesdale Big Freeze event on Sunday June 22.** The large glass donation jars at the front office have generated lots of discussion and laughter amongst students and staff, and a final tally will have happened at recess this morning to sort out which three teachers will slide into the freezing waters of the Hawkesdale Pool. While I was an early contender for a Sunday swim, Mr Walker, Mr Gordon, Ms Roney and Mr Webster have all outstripped me over the past few days, and it looks like I will be able to safely watch proceedings poolside rather than from in the water! This event supports the work of FightMND in looking after Australians living with motor neurone disease and funding research to drive progress towards a cure for this disease. The inaugural Big Freeze at the Hawkesdale Swimming Pool is being held in the memory of Graham 'Tiny' Densley, a local identity and past bus driver for our school, and who passed away in early 2023 from MND.

**There will be a lot happening in our township on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, between midday and 3pm.** The Hawkesdale Big Freeze will start at the pool at midday, while a car display involving several car clubs will be happening in Dawson Street; there will be face painting and donuts, music with Mr M Adventures, a BBQ at the Memorial Hall and much more - Hawkesdale will be the place to be on Sunday!



**Our Year 9-10 ADVANCE students have enjoyed three days of campfires and camping in the Lake Monibeong area this week,** along the coastal Great South West Walk between Nelson and Cape Bridgewater. This a beautiful and windswept part of our coastline, and students have experienced sunshine, rain showers, freezing mornings and clear starry nights. Outdoor education provides great life learning opportunities for our students, and I appreciate the efforts of Mr Jarrad, Mr Prentice and Ms Whitehead in looking after the safety and learning of our students while away.

**Our School Strategic Review will get underway once again on Wednesday 25th June,** with several local Principals, our Senior Education Improvement Leader, a DET Reviewer, school leadership staff and Elise Dell as our School Council President working together to develop a school improvement plan for the next five years. Classroom observations will be a theme on next Wednesday, and classes from F to Year 12 will have visitors making walkthroughs to observe and provide feedback about teaching and learning at our school. There will be an opportunity for members of our parent community to take part in fieldwork workshops at school on Thursday July 03; these workshops will be led by our visiting Principals and Reviewers, and will be a chance to provide feedback about you value about our school, and how you would like to see our school develop and improve into the future. I'm organising the fieldwork schedule at the moment and will communicate times early next week.



Our Student Voice Team has been busily organising another fabulous end of term activity for all students – a Be Yourself Day, on which students can dress up in a way that represents who they are, and what matters to them. Recognising diversity and inclusion in schools is a fundamental underpinning of DET values and policy, and our school is always seeking ways in which to bring this to life in all that we say and do. I am looking forward to our Be Yourself Day, and to finishing this most hectic of terms in a positive and inclusive manner.

The Hawkesdale Family Services Centre pie drive is in its last week, 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 mail box in the reception area at the Centre by 26<sup>th</sup> June. Orders will be available for collection from the Hawkesdale Family Services Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The pies, sausage rolls and slice on offer are always delicious – please support this fundraiser!



Please note that upcoming written student reports will feature a change to the way in which mathematics is reported. **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, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.** Students will not be required at school for classes on this day. Staff have started to write student reports this week, and final reports for this semester will be released to Compass after Wednesday July 02.

Finally, I would note that a number of students have been bringing blankets to school over the past week to keep warm while in classes, and that these items are becoming a distraction to learning and attentiveness. Every classroom in our school is heated and welcoming, and there is absolutely no need for blankets to be brought to school; teaching staff will be reinforcing this expectation, and it would be great if families could help with this expectation as well.

Have a great weekend everyone – no doubt I will see lots of families at the Hawkesdale Big Freeze event on Sunday!

Mr Ralph  
Principal



Hawkesdale's

**BIG  
FREEZE**

**This Sunday!!**

**@ Hawkesdale  
Pool, 12-3pm**

**\$5 entry**



## Final Tallies

Mr Walker: \$415.45

Mr Gordon: \$295.85

Ms Roney: \$293.10

Mr Ralph: \$287.25

Mr Webster: \$158.50

Ms White: \$25.60







## MidWest winter sports - Mortlake







**MidWest  
winter  
sports -  
Mortlake**







## Year 9/10 Printmaking

Year 9 and 10 students have been creating dry-point prints using recycled tetra-pak plates. Aden used watercolour paints to highlight the old tractor in his design.



Liana created a detailed drypoint titled "Crown of Thorns" which shows excellent use of the medium.



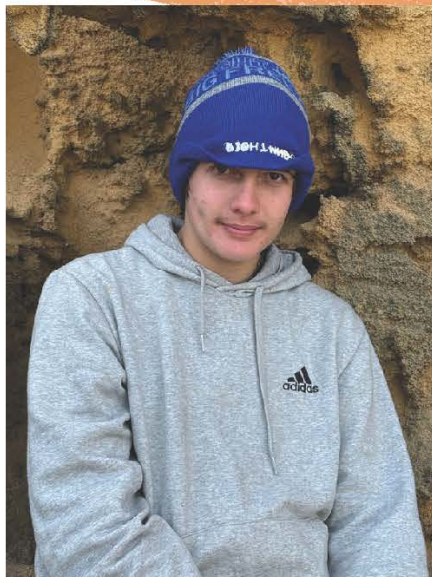
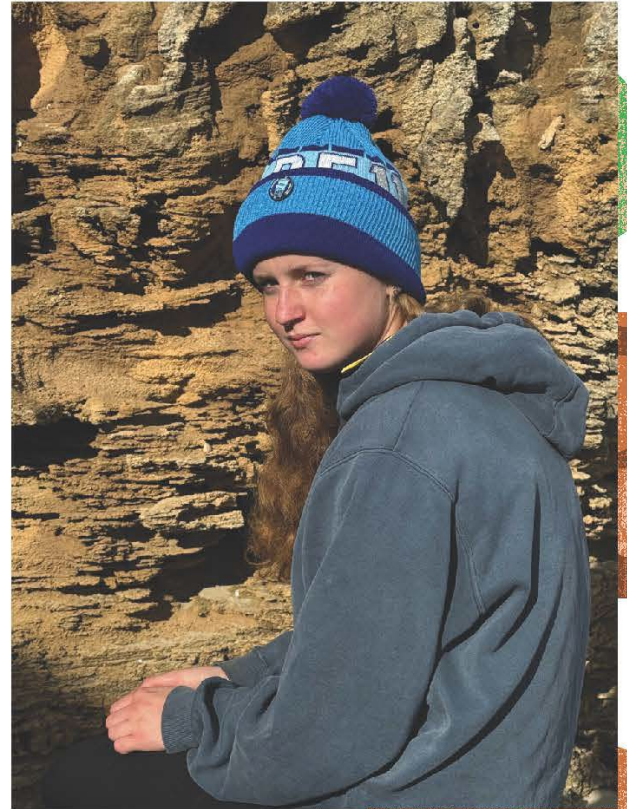
Thanks to Charlotte Todd's mother for her generous donation of matt and foam board to the Art department!

Year 3/4/5 may be using these materials for their habitat dioramas and they are always useful for printmaking and model-making.

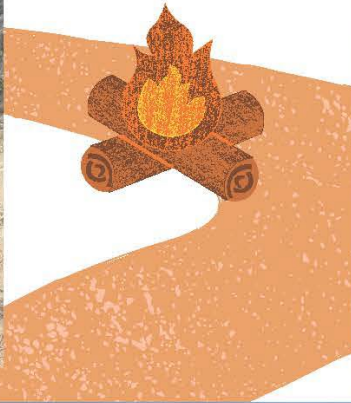








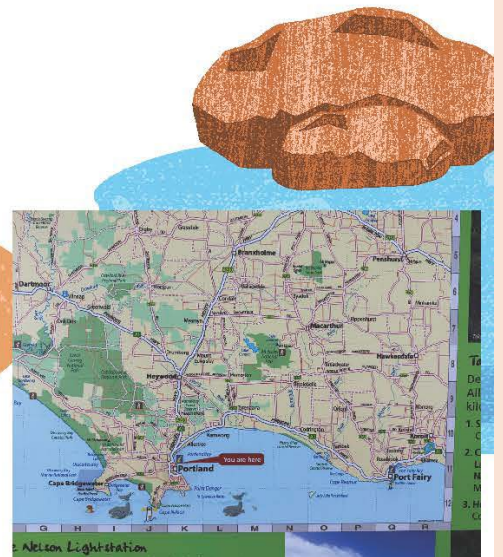
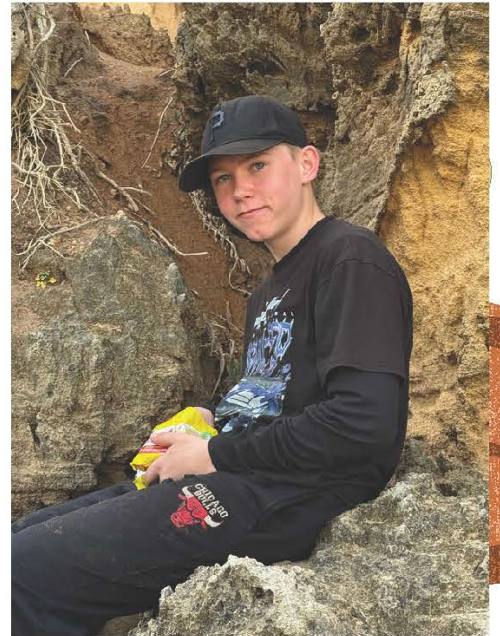








WHAT A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR OUR YEAR 9/10 ADVANCE STUDENTS THIS WEEK FOR THEIR WINTER CAMP TO WHAT MR JARRAD CALLS LAKE MOMBEONG AND I CALL LAKE MONIBEONG (BOTH ARE RIGHT 🤖♀️). FOR ME, 2025 MARKS ABOUT 20 YEARS OF HEADING OUT ON THE GREAT OCEAN WALK, THE GREAT SOUTH WEST WALK, OR BIKE TRAILS WITH MR JARRAD FOR BUSHWALKS AND BIKE RIDES IN ALL SORTS OF CONDITIONS. LONG LIVE THESE KINDS OF CHARACTER BUILDING DAYS... FOR THE GROWN UPS AND FOR THE 'GROWING UPS'.



OUR SW VICTORIA 'LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL'

HARBOUR LIGHTS - THE BEST POST GSWW CAMP NOURISHMENT



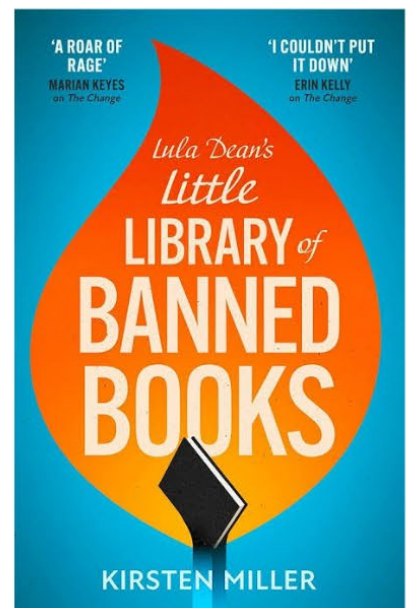
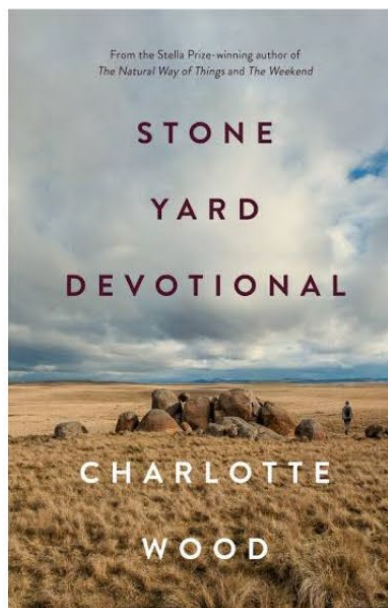
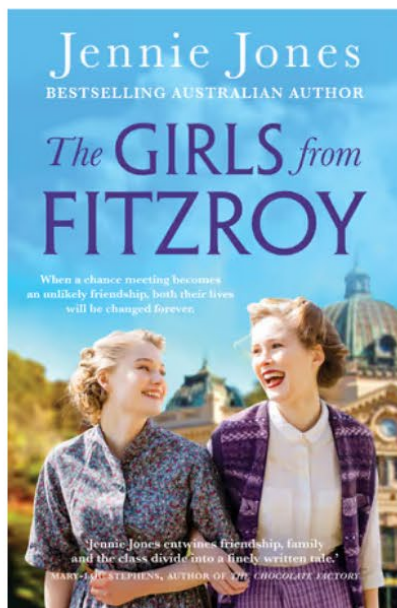


# Hawkesdale Community Book Club

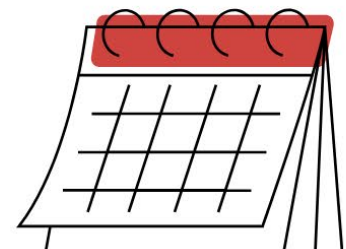
With the school holidays approaching, we have chosen three books for our upcoming book club meeting on Tuesday July 22. Come along and join the fun! You don't need to have read all the books - or even any of them! New members and children are welcome 😊



Join here



**Save the date: Tuesday  
July 22, 5-6pm in the  
college library**





# Library Update

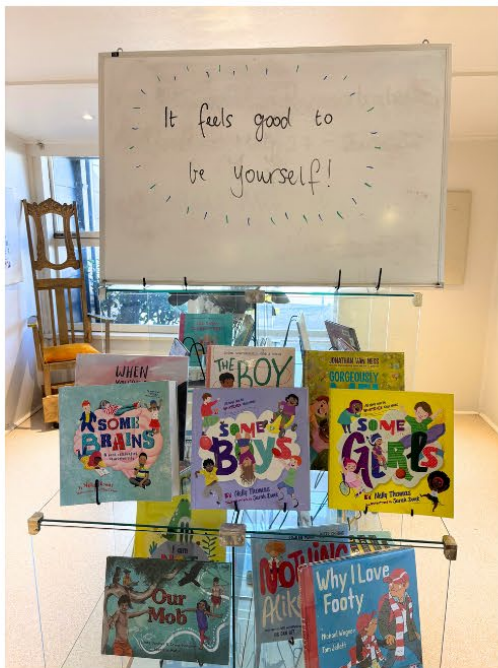
There is a fabulous new display in the library foyer this week with books for our Be Yourself Day on the last day of term - books about kids who love sports, interesting people, First Nations stories, neurodiversity, LGBTQIA+, farming and more... there is something for everyone! Come and check it out!

## Be Yourself Day!

**DRESS UP AS WHAT  
MAKES YOU**

**YOU!**

*Friday 4 July*





STUDENT VOICE PRESENTS

# Be Yourself Day!



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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!*





**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
Vegie 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



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:
<b>2 PACK – 'Lunch' sized pies</b>			
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		
<b>SPECIALTY - Pies 2 Pack</b>			
Chunky beef-	\$12		
Lamb and Rosemary	\$12		
Satay Chicken	\$12		
<b>2 PACK- 'Lunch' size Fruit Pies</b>			
Apple Pie	\$10		
Apricot Pie	\$10		
<b>2 PACK- Pasties</b>			
Traditional Pasties	\$10		
Old Style Pasties	\$10		
Vegetarian Pasties	\$10		
<b>2 PACK- Sausage Rolls</b>			
Sausage Rolls	\$8		
Cheese and Bacon Rolls	\$9		
Sub-Total:			

Products:	Price:	Quantity Required:	Total:
<b>FAMILY - Sized Products:</b>			
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		
<b>6 PACK - Party Sized Products:</b>			
Party Pie	\$12		
Party Pastie	\$12		
Party Sausage Roll	\$12		
<b>2 PACK- Slices</b>			
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 **26<sup>th</sup> of June** to the mail box in the reception area at the centre

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

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

Total amount included: \_\_\_\_\_