

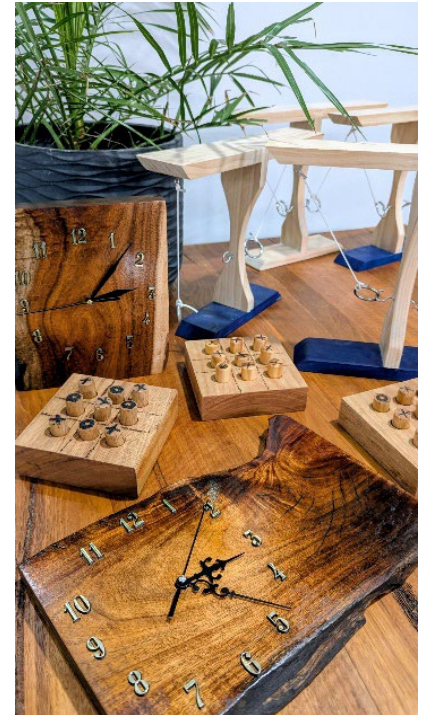


Principals Report

Friday 19th June 2026

There is some excellent woodwork on display in our college foyer once again. Our Hands on Learning students have been creating analogue clocks using finally sanded recycled timber and integrated electronics; I know that these will be valued items when they make their way home. Our Year 8 students have been applying their timber joining and finishing skills to create a range of games and activities. The level of craftsmanship in these projects is high - well done Shannon, Mark, and Jarad!

There have been a lot of visitors to our Year F-1 and Year 2-4 classes this week, with visiting Regional staff observing Phonics Plus lessons and providing training to extend the great literacy teaching that is happening in these year levels. Mrs Davey has been busily ordering extra resources to complement the teaching and learning that occurs during the daily two-hour literacy block, and it has been great to see new televisions and collections of mini whiteboards making their way into our primary classrooms.



have gone about sitting exams this week.

It has certainly been a very busy week of exams and assessment at our school. Congratulations to our Year 11 and 12 students who completed GAT and rehearsal English exams at the Lutheran Hall during the week and to our Year 9 and 10 students who completed English and mathematics exams at the Memorial Hall. This is excellent practice for end of year written VCE exams into the future and I have been impressed with the conscientious way that our students

Families may have noted media releases earlier this week from the Department of Education outlining changes to the way in which technology will be used in schools. From 2027 onwards secondary school students will be required to have planned device-free learning time daily, while primary students will be restricted to a 90-minute daily cap for technology use in Years 3-6 and minimal use of technology for Year F-2 students. These changes aim to better balance the way in which students learn in Victorian schools and recognise that technology is just one of the many ways that students can engage with learning and express their knowledge. I will provide more information to our school community about this reform when more detail becomes available.

With the final week of Term 2 rapidly approaching I would warmly welcome families to attend our end of term assembly on Friday, 26th June. Our afternoon assembly will take place in the stadium between 1:20pm and 1:40pm and will be followed by break two, with school finishing on this day at 2:30 pm and buses departing at this time. Our college canteen will be open on this day, although the range of food available during break two will be limited and the canteen will close at 2 pm. Students who wish to purchase lunch are encouraged to place a lunch order for the final day of this term.



HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE
PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Pearson's Nursery Plant Drive Fundraiser

Pearson's are running a school plant drive where 20% of all purchases will be donated back to the school.

Order forms will be sent home with students. Spare forms available from the office.

Please return order forms before Thursday 25th June. Delivery date to be confirmed but it will not be in the school holiday.

All money raised will go towards purchasing new playground equipment.

Any queries please see the office or email: carolinemcare27@outlook.com

HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE

Our Parents and Friends team are currently running a Pearsons Nursery Plant Drive fundraiser, with all monies raised contributing towards the purchase of new playground equipment. Please note that the last day to return order forms is Thursday 25th June, and that spare forms are available through the front office of our school. Plant deliveries will occur after the upcoming school holidays.

Semester one reports will be added to student Compass dashboards on Monday of next week and can be accessed under the Reports tab. Reports will look a little different this semester and will not feature full descriptive comments as a result of the timing of term two stop work bans. Families have the opportunity to contact staff at school via a phone call or a Compass email to discuss student learning outcomes and work habits noted in these reports.

A reminder that the Hawkesdale Big Freeze event will once again be held at the Hawkesdale Pool on Sunday 21st June, raising money for ongoing MD research. This is always a great day out, and I would encourage our school community to get involved and support this entertaining event. Please refer to the Hawkesdale Pool facebook page for further details ...

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.

Have a great weekend, everyone!

Mr. Ralph
Principal



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

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



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ES SUPPORT

BADMINTON

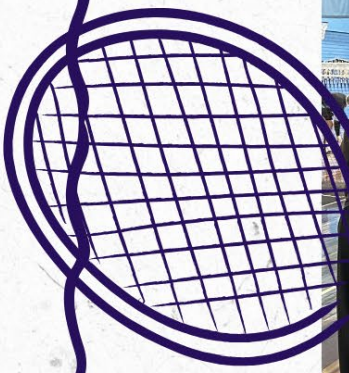
GREATER WESTERN REGION



Last week 2 senior teams travelled to Ballarat to compete in a Badminton tournament at the Ken Kay stadium. The boys were amazing and won 4 out of 5 games, and came 3rd overall out of the 10 schools competing from the Greater Western region.

The girls team played hard, and won 1 out of 3 matches.

* A great experience for all! *





BADMINTON

GREATER WESTERN REGION





Students in the primary grades learned about the food (sticky rice dumplings 粽子 zòng zǐzi), decorations (sachets fragrant pouch 香xiāng 包bāo) and fun activities (dragon boat races 龙lóng 舟zhōu) Chinese people do to celebrate during the Dragon boat festival (端duān 午wǔ 节jié).

HAPPY DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

**In 2026 this major celebration in
China takes place on Friday 19th
June.**

The Dragon Boat Festival is an ancient Chinese holiday that celebrates health, good luck, and community. It is famous for two main things: racing long, colorfully decorated boats shaped like dragons and eating sticky rice dumplings wrapped in leaves



Buddies Week 9 - Creating Animal Shelters



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From the Wellbeing Team

Our school cares about the safety and wellbeing of our students and their families.

Sometimes things at home or in a relationship are not OK or families can be worried about the wellbeing of their children or young people.

The Orange Door can help you to get the support you need, quickly and easily. It's free and you don't need a referral.

The Orange Door

The Orange Door can help families. They provide support for concerns with parenting, relationships, and family violence.

- The Orange Door is a free intake and assessment service for:
- families requiring support for their child or young person's wellbeing or development
- families needing parenting support
- young, isolated, or unsupported families
- individuals and families experiencing family violence
- adults using family violence
- young people using violence in the home.



If you contact The Orange Door, they can help by:

- working with you to identify the help and support you need
- supporting you with the wellbeing and development of your child or young person
- helping you make a safety plan if someone is making you feel unsafe
- connecting you to services that can help like counselling, accommodation, mental health and drug and alcohol services, parenting support groups, services for children, financial help, or legal assistance
- supporting you to access funding for basic living expenses and some other costs
- supporting you to change abusive or controlling behaviour.

Each Orange Door location across Victoria has their own phone number and email. Students and their families can also visit their local Orange Door in person for support, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm for support. No appointment is needed.

To find your local service, see: [The Orange Door – Support near you.](#)

How schools connect with The Orange Door

Our school might talk to a student and/or their family about The Orange Door. We might encourage them to contact their local Orange Door to get advice and help if needed.

Ideally, a student and/or their family will get in touch with The Orange Door to seek advice and support.

Sometimes, schools might make a referral to The Orange Door without the student or their family's knowledge or consent. Schools will do this if:

- Informing a student and/or family increases the risk to their safety or wellbeing
- not linking a student to support increases the risk of their safety and wellbeing.

You can learn more about: -

- The Orange Door and how they can help you and your family [here](#).
- how our school keeps our students safe by reading our School Policy on Child safety found on our school webpage: <https://www.hawkesdalecol.vic.edu.au/>



DON'T FORGET!

Parents vs Kids

Tuesday 23rd of June

3:40—5:00

School oval

Followed by food and
presentations!





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**HAWKESDALE
P12 COLLEGE**

Now open for Year 4 students.



OPTOMETRIST QUESTIONNAIRE

<p>Child's Details and Eye Health</p> <p>When was your child's last eye exam with an optometrist? <input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years <input type="checkbox"/> 4+ years</p> <p>Does your child wear glasses? if your child currently wears glasses, please attach their most current prescription if available.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Do you have any concerns about your child's vision or eyesight? if yes, please describe:</p> <p>Has your child ever had eye surgery or vision therapy, such as eye exercises or patching? if yes, please describe:</p>
<p>Family Eye Health</p> <p>Does anyone in the family have any of the following?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Amblyopia (lazy eye) <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperopia (far-sighted) <input type="checkbox"/> Astigmatism (blurred vision) <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strabismus (cross eye/s) <input type="checkbox"/> Myopia (near-sighted) <input type="checkbox"/> Nystagmus (rapid eye movement) <input type="checkbox"/> None/Unsure</p>
<p>Observations</p> <p>Please tick any of the following that you or your child's teacher has observed:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Blurred distance vision <input type="checkbox"/> Near blur/double vision <input type="checkbox"/> Squints or blinks excessively <input type="checkbox"/> Headaches</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tilts head <input type="checkbox"/> Avoids close work <input type="checkbox"/> Closes one eye/squints when reading <input type="checkbox"/> Red or watery eyes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eye turns in/out/up <input type="checkbox"/> Uses finger to read <input type="checkbox"/> Takes out small words when reading <input type="checkbox"/> Holds books too close</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Loses place when reading <input type="checkbox"/> Skips or re-reads lines <input type="checkbox"/> Reverses letters and numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Words move or run together</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Slow reading <input type="checkbox"/> Poor spelling <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>



GLASSES FOR KIDS IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL!

Your child is eligible to receive **FREE** vision screening, testing and glasses through the Glasses for Kids program—available to **Foundation (Prep) to Year 3** students. This service is provided at no cost and takes place at school.

How does the Glasses for Kids program work?

- GFK partners with qualified optometrists who will visit your child's school and offer your child initial vision screening and if required, further testing and glasses at no cost.

- All screening and testing sessions will be completed during school hours.

Who can participate?

- Primary Schools: Prep – Year 3 students.
- Specialist Schools: Students aged 5 to 10 years old.

How can my child be part of the program?

- Please complete the online consent form using the QR code. If preferred, simply complete the attached consent form and return it to your school by the due date.

Can children who currently wear glasses be part of GFK?

- Yes, they can. If their glasses are less than 12 months old, please provide a copy of their latest prescription if available.
- If your child is already under the care of another optometrist, please share any relevant information on the Optometrist Questionnaire.

What if my child is nonverbal or a non-English speaker?

- They can still participate; the optometrists we partner with have resources and techniques to work with nonverbal or non-English speaking students.

Do I have to complete a separate form for each child?

- Yes, each student must have a completed Consent Form.

How do I get the results for my child?

- Your child will receive a letter about their vision screening outcome to bring home at the conclusion of our visit.

What if my child needs glasses?

- If the optometrist prescribes glasses for your child, GFK will provide them at no cost.
- Your child will have the chance to choose their glasses and be fitted on the day.
- Your child will be given a letter telling you why the glasses have been prescribed.
- Glasses will be sent directly to the school 3-4 weeks after the visit.

Sign up today by scanning the QR code below

If preferred, you can also complete the attached consent form which must be returned to your school by the due date.



Need help? For more information, or if you have problems accessing the consent form please get in touch with us.
www.stateschoolsrelief.org.au | www.glassesforkids.com.au
info@glassesforkids.com.au | (03) 8769 8400



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	\$3.50
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
Meat Pie	\$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
Frozen Yoghurt or Icy Poles – break 2 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 g) - Honey Soy or Sea Salt or Salt & Vinegar (gluten free)	\$1.50
Snaps (28 g) (gluten free)	\$1.50