



Principal's Newsletter Report

Friday 29th August 2025

During this week we hosted a visit by Karen Foster, our Moyne Shire Mayor. Karen met with our senior school leaders and was keen to hear feedback from students about ways in which life in the Moyne Shire could be improved. We discussed roads, public transport, access to TAFE and university and employment opportunities, as well as aspirations and plans for the future. Our students have been fortunate to speak with representatives from all tiers of local, State and Federal government over the twelve months, and it has been pleasing to note the positive feedback that Karen, Roma and Dan have passed on to me about our school and school leaders.

This week marked the successful conclusion of a year-long Child Safe audit, which examined in detail the policies, processes and communication strategies that our school has in place to keep our students safe. While this audit was a lot of work, it also provided me with some valuable insights about our school as the acting and now substantive Principal. Our Child Safe auditor was very complimentary of our school, and it is worth highlighting her feedback:

I'd like to thank you and the staff at Hawkesdale P-12 College for all of your hard work during the Compliance Assessment. Your positive approach, strong attention to detail, and responsiveness throughout the process was very much appreciated. Your school demonstrated an array of strategies that are clearly embedded into the daily practices at your school to promote cultural safety and student empowerment. You should be incredibly proud of your school's performance during this process.

A reminder to families that our annual Parents and Friends Pie Drive has commenced, with all orders and money due back to school by Wednesday 10th September. The Pie Drive is always a strong fundraising activity for our school and is a good chance to stock up your freezer with delicious savoury pies, dessert pies, sausage rolls and packs of slice. Order forms were sent home with students last week - please contact the office if a form did not make it home to you, or if you would like additional forms. There are several hampers on display in the admin area of the school, full of prizes for people who make a significant contribution to the Pie Drive fundraising effort.

The Parents and Friends Father's Day Stall will also be happening at school on Thursday 4th September, with primary students purchasing gifts after recess, and secondary students over lunchtime. Gifts will cost \$2-\$10 per item, and there will be a wide variety of great gifts to purchase for the significant males in the lives of our students.

Please note that three pupil free days were approved by School Council at our August meeting this week:

- **Tuesday 16th September** - Parent-Teacher-Student interviews, 11am to 7pm
- **Thursday 13th November** - whole-staff professional development day, with a focus on Protective Intervention Training
- **Wednesday 17th December and Thursday 18th December** - time in lieu catch-up days for staff planning days for 2026

Tuesday 16th December (Picnic Day) will be the last day at school for primary and Year 7-9 students in 2025, while **Friday 19th December** will be the last day for staff in 2025.

Our school is currently conducting the annual Parent-Caregiver-Guardian Opinion Survey, and is seeking your feedback about our school. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school and to target school planning and improvement strategies. All families are invited to participate in the survey. **The survey will be open online from Thursday August 28, and will conclude on Friday September 19.** Please check the Compass newsfeed for the survey link and PIN number required to access the survey portal, and please let me know if you are having trouble accessing the survey at home. **An important reminder – only one survey should be completed per household!**

Our annual Safe Tree Program audit occurred earlier this term, with all of the trees on the school property once again assessed for health, structure and potential hazards. Eight high priority trees were identified in the audit, and pruning of these trees will occur on Monday 15th September. We are always working to make sure that the treed landscape of our school is picturesque, safe and tidy, and I am grateful for the yearly assistance we receive from the Victorian Schools Building Authority for this program.

Finally, I will be taking personal leave for all of the week beginning Monday 1st September ; Mr Webster will be our Acting Principal in my absence, while Mrs Butters will be our Acting AP, and Mrs Dart will once again be our Acting Learning Specialist for this time.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Ralph

Principal.



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WHAT YOU
NEED

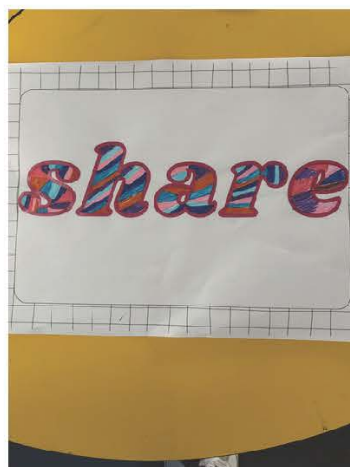
Prep, Grade 1 & 2 Art

Students decorated posters of our values when working and sharing equipment at school.

Ways we can share is by taking turns.

We can show being patient by learning to wait calmly.

Taking only what we need means others can use equipment too, showing that we can get along and cooperate.



Monday 25th Aug. 2025

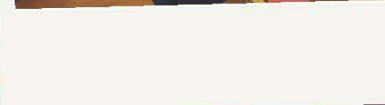


BE FIT, BE WELL
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



ALEXANDRA
VINEY -
OLYMPIC
ATHLETE -
SCHOOL VISIT





GRADE 6 BUDDIES

GRADE 6 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN VERY KEEN TO EXPLORE WAYS TO CHALLENGE THEIR LITTLE BUDDIES WITH FUN ACTIVITIES THAT BUILD TRUST, FURTHER DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS AND BRING A SENSE OF FUN, CREATIVITY AND ADVENTURE TO THEIR SESSIONS TOGETHER.



BUDDIES PENCIL ART ACTIVITY CREATED BY GRADE 6 BUDDIES



Hawkesdale Community Book Club

THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF CLEOPATRA AND FRANKENSTEIN

COCO MELLORS



Blue Sisters

'Captivating'
TESS GUNTY

'Richly textured'
ISABEL KAPLAN

'Gorgeous'
RAVEN LEILANI

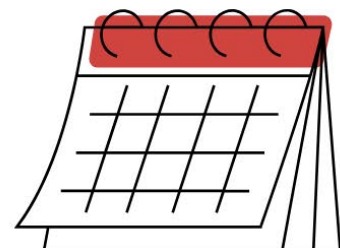
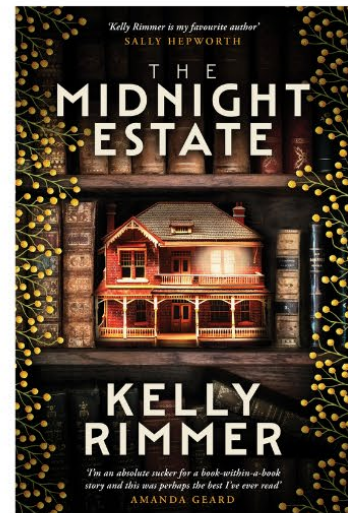
We will be reading and discussing 'Blue Sisters' by Coco Mellors for our upcoming September book club. Come along and join the fun! New members and children are welcome 🌟😊

**Save the date: Tuesday
Sept 16, 5-6pm in the
college library**

Join the book club
discussion here:



October book:



Library News



New display:



Congrats to Kylla and Finley for winning our book worm competition last week for Book Week! They both correctly guessed that there were 100 worms in the jar 🐛





Student Voice invites you
to join in for ...



Sports Colours Day



19th of September -
the last day of term!



Come dressed in the colours of your favourite
footy/sports team for a gold coin donation! All
funds raised will go towards our term 4 disco!!





AmbulanceVictoria



Join the Hawkesdale CERT

Become a trained First Responder and make a difference in your community

Your care and compassion could make a difference in an emergency.

Ambulance Victoria's Hawkesdale Team is looking for community-minded people with an interest in patient care to join our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

CERTs are dispatched at the same time as paramedics and are trained to provide advanced first aid.

To be eligible:

- Be over 18 years of age
- Be available for at least 20 hours of on-call work a month
- Have a current driver's licence
- Be willing to undergo driving history and police checks
- Participate in ongoing vocational training

Visit our local information sessions:

 Hawkesdale Recreation Reserve

 **Saturday 16th August**

 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

 Hawkesdale CERT Station, 33 Austin Street

 **Sunday 24th August**

 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

 **Sunday 31st August**

 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

For more information contact:

Shane Hammond 0422 202 666

Carly Elliott 0402 046 009

www.ambulance.vic.gov.au





Warrnambool Theatre Company
Presents



By Miles Franklin
Adapted by Kendall Feaver

September 10 - 14th
Lighthouse Theatre, Warrnambool
Tickets at LighthouseTheatre.com.au



Kiwanis

WARRNAMBOOL

Kids need Kiwanis



Musical production of

SLEEPING BEAUTY



EMMANUEL CENTRE

WARRNAMBOOL

TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

11.00- 12.20

TICKETS \$20

COAST FM
3YB FM



Scan here to book

<https://www.trybooking.com/1447352>

kiwanisclubofwarrnambool@gmail.com



August Ordinary Council Meeting 2025

Ordinary Council Meeting outcomes:

Officers reports

Item 2.1 Year end finance report – June 2025
Councillors voted unanimously to receive

Item 2.2 Monthly finance report – July 2025
Councillors voted unanimously to receive

Item 2.3 Municipal Association of Victoria
State Council motions
Councillors voted unanimously to endorse

Item 2.4 Intention to declare public highway -
Carriageway easement extension off Crothers
Lane, Grassmere
Councillors voted unanimously to adopt

Item 2.5 Chief Executive Officer Employment
and Remuneration Advisory Committee
Councillors voted unanimously to endorse

Item 2.6 Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism -
MOU and Membership
Councillors voted unanimously to renew

Item 2.7 Active Transport Strategy - Koroit,
Mortlake and Wangoom
Councillors voted unanimously to adopt

Councillors' items

Item 3.2 Cr Doukas notice of motion to
rescind
Councillors voted 4/2 against rescinding its
decision on 22 July 2025.

Council Grants available

Council has a number of grants available to
community, business and creatives.

Community Assistance Fund

Round 1 of the Moyne Shire Community
Assistance Fund (2025–2026) is now open for
applications.

With funding for projects under \$3000 that
require no applicant contribution to projects
over \$3000 that require a \$1:\$1 contribution,
any not-for-profit community groups can
apply.

Youth-led Community Assistance Fund

We're also excited to announce a new Youth-
led grants stream to support innovative,
youth-driven projects that are designed by
young people, for young people in the Moyne
Shire region.

These grants aim to empower youth aged
16–25 to lead activities that improve skills,
increase opportunities, and promote
wellbeing among their peers.

Guidelines and a link to the grant application
portal for both the community and youth-led
grants can be found at:

[www.moyne.vic.gov.au/communityass-
tancefund](http://www.moyne.vic.gov.au/communityassistancefund)

Business Facade Improvement Fund

Council's annual Business Facade
Improvement Program is now open with
grants of up to \$5000 available on a \$1:\$1 basis
for eligible businesses across the shire.

The work must improve the building and
street face by doing more than maintenance.

Head to www.moyne.vic.gov.au/facade to find
out more and how to apply!

Creative Change Grants

Got a bold idea? Want to push boundaries,
explore untested ideas or collaborate in new
ways? Our new Creative Change Grants offer
up to \$5,000 to help local creatives:

- Research, experiment, innovate
- Broaden or diversify their practice
- Connect across disciplines and industries
- Promote original and expansive thinking

Open to individuals, sole traders, collectives,
not-for-profits and businesses.

Learn more and apply:

[www.moyne.vic.gov.au/creativechange-
grants](http://www.moyne.vic.gov.au/creativechange-grants)

Message from the Mayor

Council is still standing firm against the State Government's new Emergency Services Volunteer Fund (ESVF) levy that is about to come into effect.

Rates notices will be landing in letterboxes over the coming weeks providing all of us with the first real understanding of how the levy will impact us.

Councillors know it places a disproportionate financial burden on rural communities, the agricultural sector and associated manufacturing industries. But its impacts will be felt right across our rural communities.

Council has urged the government to reassess the ESVF Levy to find a more equitable solution so that the additional financial burden is shared as evenly as possible across all Victorians.

I hear from our community that the lack of detail from the State Government is leading to confusion and anxiety. Council also wants confirmation that levy funds raised in our region will be returned to our region in time for the busy fire season ahead.

Eligible primary producers will be exempt from the levy for the next 12 months, however we also expect that the ESVF levy will have an undue impact on others in the community apart from farmers. Rural residents who are remote from services and

facilities and business owners affected by the downturn in agricultural sector spending will also see significant increases in the levy on their next rates notice.

Councillors will continue to speak out against the new levy and will support the ongoing efforts of regional advocacy bodies such as the South West Vic Alliance, the Municipal Association of Victoria, and Rural Councils Victoria.

In other news, Council's Project Management Office continues planning for stage 3 of the Koroit Township Renewal project. Keep an eye on our Engage Moyne website (engage.moyne.vic.gov.au) for the latest news, where you can subscribe for updates to stay informed.

Finally, the announcement that Moyne Shire has secured \$5 million in funding from the Federal Government toward replacing Port Fairy's ageing Gipps Street bridge was welcome news.

Given this project was beyond Moyne's financial capacity to fund, this was a great outcome for all Moyne Shire ratepayers. We'll be undertaking comprehensive community engagement throughout the project and you can expect to hear more about this soon.

Cr Karen Foster
Moyne Shire Mayor

Snap Send Solve

Moyne Shire is making it easier to report problems with Snap Send Solve!

Report an issue while you're on the go, without the need for a phone call or email and we'll get on to solving it

You can report:

Dumped rubbish, damaged footpaths, broken playground equipment, potholes, missed bin collection and much more

You can report it directly to Council using the Snap Send Solve app (downloadable for iOS and Android devices) or from our website.

It's a quick and easy way to report an issue while you're on the go without the need for a phone call or email.

Just snap a photo of the problem, and the issue is sent directly to us.

www.moyne.vic.gov.au/Contact-us



Snap



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Solve

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 g) - Honey Soy or Sea Salt or Salt & Vinegar (gluten free) \$1.40
- Snaps (28 g) (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 Enchilada	\$6.00

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

Canteen Menu – 2025 term 3

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 Toastie \$1.80
- Party Pies / Sausage Rolls \$3.00
- 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



CLARKE'S PIES

Pie Drive Order Form

Organisation: **HAWKESDALE P-12 COLLEGE** Name: _____

Student Name _____

Ph: _____



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:			

Payment Details

Payment Method: Cash/Credit Card type: Visa/Master

Card Number _____

Expiry Date _____ CVC _____

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 **Hawkesdale P-12** at the same time!

Please return orders and money by

**Wednesday 10th
September 2025**

Orders will be available for pick-up on

**Wednesday 17th
September 2025, from
2.30pm**

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

Total amount included: _____