

Principal's Newsletter Report

Friday 11th September 2026



There are some more excellent student woodwork pieces on display in the foyer of our school this week, including a timber multi-guitar stand designed and built by Harrison, and a fishing rod stand planned and constructed by Samuel. These will be very functional and sturdy pieces of storage when they arrive home and are great examples of design pieces being created in the Year 9-10 Wood elective with Mr Hoeksema – well done!

As we move towards the final round of local football and netball, I note that **one of our students in still in contention for winning a finals game – Addisyn will play with the Hawkesdale-Macarthur B-Grade netball team this weekend at the Lake Bolac Recreation Reserve** – good luck Addisyn!



Our new foyer flag display arrived at school this week, and I am so pleased that we can display the Aboriginal, Australian and Torres Strait Islander flags together. National flags are visual symbols of our country's shared identity, values, history and unity, and it is important that they are displayed prominently in our school. Our Junior School Captains - Hunter and Logan – were very interested to have an up-close look at these new additions to our school.

A big thanks to families for attending parent-teacher-student conversations over the past two days. This is always a great chance to catch up on student achievement, effort, and behaviour; please refer to the latest interim reports on Compass for more information about how students are travelling at school at this point in the year.

As the end of Term 3 quickly approaches, please note that the last day of term – Friday 18th September – will finish at 2:20pm, with buses heading home from the school at this time. We will hold a whole-school assembly at 1:15pm on this day, with lots of awards to present and student achievements to recognise – families are very welcome to attend this assembly also. After the assembly we will move into break two, and parents at school are welcome to take their children home at this time – but please let Bronya know at the office if you are doing this. Please note also that the canteen will be open for general snacks and Year P-1 lunch orders in break one, but will not be open in break two on this day.

Our Parents and Friends team is launching a second-hand uniform page on Facebook this week – a great initiative designed to recycle and reuse uniform items and save costs to families at the same time. The page will act as a buy and sell group, allowing members to list items for sale and browse listings from other members – please refer to the flyer in this newsletter for further information, including the page access link.

The Moyne Shire has partnered with Warrnambool City Council and One Day Studios to deliver a series of FREE filmmaking workshops during the school holidays for young people aged 12 to 25. These workshops are designed to help participants develop their filmmaking skills and prepare for the upcoming Southwest Twenty Buck Film Festival, which will be launching soon. Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter for more information, including registration via a QR code.



Next week is the final week in which to complete the annual Parent-Caregiver-Guardian Opinion Survey, and we are seeking your feedback about our school before the survey concludes on Friday 18th September. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of family 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. Please check back through your Compass newsfeed for the survey link and PIN number required to access the survey portal, and let me know if you are having trouble accessing the survey at home. An important reminder – only one survey should be completed per household! We have only had 19 survey responses at this stage, and it would be useful to have some more so that the date is broadly representative of parent and guardian opinion.

A reminder again that our school newsletter will go from being published once a week to once a fortnight from the beginning of Term 4. Newsletters in term four will be published and distributed on Friday 9th & 23rd of October, Friday 6th & 20th of November, and Friday 4th & Thursday 17th of December, – and will be available in hard copy form at our local post office on these dates.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Mr Ralph
Principal

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In this edition of SchoolTV - IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTION

Strong, supportive connections play an important role in a young person's mental health, wellbeing and development. Feeling connected to family, friends, school and community can provide children and adolescents with a sense of belonging, security and acceptance, helping them feel valued and supported as they grow.

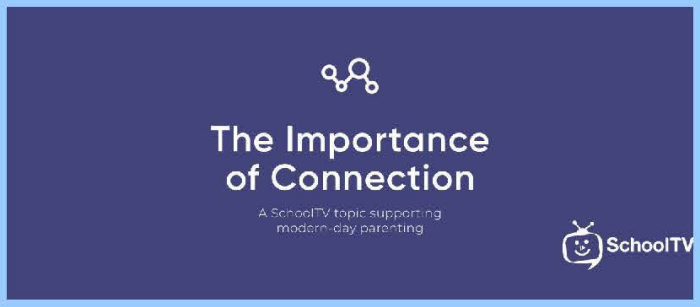
As young people navigate friendships, increasing independence, social pressures and the digital world, maintaining meaningful connections can sometimes become more challenging. Positive relationships and a strong sense of belonging can help protect against loneliness and isolation, while building resilience, confidence and emotional wellbeing.

This edition of SchoolTV explores the importance of connection and offers practical strategies to help strengthen relationships, foster belonging and ensure young people feel supported, understood and connected.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the **Importance of Connection** edition of SchoolTV

https://hawkesdalecol.vic.schooltv.me/newsletter/importance-connection-au



Travel Freeeeeeee

Free Public Transport - Youth Myki

Under 18s Travel Free

From 1 January 2026, all young people under 18 travel free on all Victorian public transport (trains, trams, and buses) across the state using a $5 Youth myki card.

Which services accept Youth myki

- Rail, tram, bus and coach public transport in myki areas (Metro Trains, Yarra Trams, metropolitan buses, and V/Line coaches)
- Rail, bus and coach public transport in non-myki areas
- V/Line trains outside the regional train network

Where to buy

At a staffed train station that sells Youth myki.

Register for a Youth myki by logging in and creating a myki account: https://transport.vic.gov.au/tickets-and-payments/myki

***Registered Youth mykis are replaced for free if they're lost, stolen, defective or expired.**

For more information visit this link:

https://transport.vic.gov.au/tickets-and-payments/myki/myki-types/youth





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State School Relief Vouchers

Orders using State School Relief Vouchers will need to be placed by phone. Please call our Customer Service line. You will need to provide details of your required items/sizes and have your voucher details ready.
Free Call: 1800 815 557

SHIPPING OPTIONS

School Delivery - Free
Weekly during school terms.
Orders received by Tuesday will be despatched on Wednesday

Please allow 4 - 5 days for delivery after despatch of your order.

Postage to private address
$12.50 per order.

An order confirmation email will be sent once your order is processed.

Contact Us:
onlineorders@spartanss.com.au
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END OF TERM UNIFORM DELIVERY INFORMATION

SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD

TERM 3 BREAK 2026

8 SEPT — **FINAL ORDERS**
need to be placed by Tuesday 8th Sept

11 SEPT — **FINAL DELIVERY TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 3**
Friday 11th Sept (approx ETA)
There is no uniform delivery to school in the last week of term.

BREAK — **HOLIDAY BREAK**
orders placed during the break will be held for despatch when school reopens

9 OCT — **FIRST DELIVERY TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 4**
Friday 9th Oct (approx ETA)

During the Holidays

SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD STORES
Trading as normal

HOME DELIVERY
Available as normal

CLICK & COLLECT
Available as normal

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