


**Principal's Newsletter Report**

**Friday 18th of September 2026**

It is hard to believe that the last day of this busy term is upon us!

**Term three finished with a sharply contested Year 7 students versus teachers netball match in the Stadium yesterday,** with much spectator barracking and a tied 6-6 result. The Year 7's proved to be tough competitors, and the school holidays will have arrived at the right time for many members of the staff team, I think.

**I'm very excited to announce that a series of new playground equipment pieces will be installed at our school** over the upcoming summer holidays, ready for use from the beginning of the 2027 school year. Students were surveyed earlier in the term about colour combinations for this equipment and our school colours - navy blue and light blue – were the popular choice. I am really grateful for the financial support of GPG via the Hawkesdale Township Grant Program to purchase and instal this equipment, and to the tireless efforts of our Parents and Friends team in raising funds to cover the remaining cost of this project. A particular thanks to Caroline McRae for her dedicated work in championing the application for GPG funding – thank you!

**Our new equipment will consist of a 4.1m tall lunar net, several challenging monkey bars and a series of connected climbing agility frames** – perfect for building balance, coordination, climbing skills, teamwork, communication and a sense of adventure! I have attached a diagram for our new playground equipment in this newsletter and will be planning the physical installation of this equipment with the supplier company next term. Our new equipment will be placed along the northern boundary of the school oval, close to the roadway that leads down to our indigenous garden and the F-1 Building.



HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE PARENTS AND FRIENDS

HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE

Thank you to everyone who supported the pie drive! We hope that you are all enjoying your pies and slices.
We raised $695 which will go towards the new playground.

If anyone has any issues with their pie order then please let us know. Thank you



CLARKE'S PIES

With the AFL Grand Final Day approaching we held our **annual Footy Colours Day** today at school, and many students and staff arrived at school today dressed in the colours of the team that they barrack for. A big thanks to the Student Senate team for organising this activity - always a fun way to finish term three.



**A big thanks to our Parents and Friends team for managing our pie drive fundraising activity this week**; pies were delivered to school on Wednesday, and I know that many families and staff will enjoy these over the upcoming holidays. This has been a successful fundraising event for our school, and thank you to all those in our school community who supported this.

**Our Parents and Friends team launched a second-hand uniform page on Facebook last 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.




**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 9th & 23 of October - 6th & 20th November, and 4th & 17th of December – and will be available in hard copy form at our local post office on these dates.

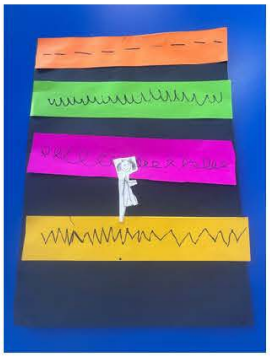
**Finally, I note that I will be on leave from 6th to 20th October**, and that Mr Webster will be our Acting Principal during this time.

**This has been yet another busy and productive term, and I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable fortnight of school holidays;** I look forward to seeing everybody back for the first day of term four – Monday 5th October 2026.

**Mr Ralph**
**Principal**








# Self portraits with rainbow lines

## Prep Grade 1 Art




# Week 10 - Sports Person Dress Up Day




Tyler & Hartley - Bull riders,Kaiden - AFL - Carlton Blues, Blake H/MFNC & Bulldogs. Logan Bulldogs - Rory Lobb. Hunter - MLB baseball player, Kenzie - Bronte Dixon - Football & Surfing, Xavier - Hawkesdale Cricket - favourite player - myself. Piper, Henry & Morgan - Hawkesdale/Macarthur Football/Netball Club. Ruben Love from The All Blacks, NZ Rugby. 🏉 Mrs Q - Adelaide Crows. 🫶🏽

# SSV Primary Basketball





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Well done to all our grade 5/6 students who competed at the basketball recently. They represented their school with great competition and respect for rules, team mates and the opposition sides.

# Hawkesdale P-12 College
# Student Wellbeing Referral Process

## Parent & Carer Concern

Please find below the process for discussing the wellbeing of your young person. We encourage you to follow the below process however also understand that there might be someone below that you feel most comfortable approaching and that is okay too.

**Coordinators:**

Primary: Melissa Davey

Yr 7: Tyna Lee

Yr 8: Jacob Gordon

Yr 9: Carlee Dart

Yr 10: Trish Butters

VCE: Paul Webster

**Primary Student**

**Please follow the below process:**

1. Contact the Classroom Teacher
2. If your concern is not resolved please contact the Primary Coordinator, Melissa Davey or the Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, Carlee Dart
3. If you continue to have concerns please contact John Ralph, Paul Webster, Trish Butters from the leadership team.

**Alternatively, you can also ask to speak directly with our School Chaplain.**

**Secondary Student:**

**Please follow the below process:**

1. Contact the Year Level Coordinator
2. If your concern is not resolved please contact the Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, Carlee Dart
3. If you continue to have concerns please contact John Ralph, Paul Webster, Trish Butters from the leadership team.

**Alternatively, you can also ask to speak directly with our School Chaplain or our School Nurse.**

**Leadership Team:**

John Ralph
Principal

Mr Webster
Assistant Principal

Trish Butters
Disability Inclusion Leader

Carlee Dart
Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

If needed the Wellbeing Team will discuss how to best support the needs of the student and their family. They will continue to communicate with the family about these needs. Students may be referred to or supported by staff below or an outside agency:

**Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader**
**Carlee Dart**

**Role:** To implement a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing.

**Available:** Monday - Friday

**Secondary School Nurse**
**Tracy Crispe**

**Role:** To provide health promotion activities and health information. Provide individual student health consultations and referrals.

**Available:** Monday & Thursday

**School Chaplain**
**Felicity Lowery**

**Role:** To provide pastoral care for the whole school community.

**Available:** Wednesday

**Mental Health Practitioner (MHP)**
**Cindy Jenkinson-Clarke**

**Role:** All student referrals to the MHP are made via the School Wellbeing Team. Parental consent for students under 18 years of age must be obtained,

The MHP works with **secondary** students experiencing mild to moderate mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression, or referrals relating to stress, peer connectedness, emotion regulation, body image, loss and grief, trauma and identity. This is short term, brief intervention.

**Referal from Wellbeing Team required**

**Making Contact:**

Please contact staff via **Compass** or by **phoning the school front office**. Office staff will then direct your call and leave a message with the relevant staff member.

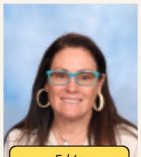
# Hawkesdale P-12 College
# Student Wellbeing
# 2026

Our teachers and the wellbeing team are here to support students to cope with the stress and emotions of daily life. Looking after student wellbeing is important to us as when students are feeling emotionally healthy they can be fully present with their family, friends and community. They can be the best version of themselves and most importantly learn. We aim to support students to feel safe and be happy to come to school. Please contact staff via Compass or by calling the front office.

**PRIMARY CLASS TEACHERS**


F/1: Melissa Davey


2/3/4: Diane Brown & Jacob Gordon


5/6: Rebecca Whitehead

**YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS**


Primary: Melissa Davey


Year 7: Tyna Lee


Year 8: Jacob Gordon


Year 9: Carlee Dart


Year 10: Trish Butters


VCE: Paul Webster

**WELLBEING TEAM**


**Carlee Dart** Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

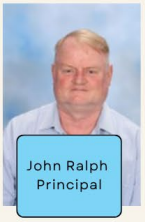

**Felicity Lowery** School Chaplan

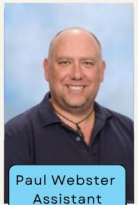

**Tracy Crispe** Secondary School Nurse


**Cindy Jenkinson- Clarke** Secondary Mental Health Practitioner

The wellbeing team are always here to support students in whatever way we can. We are here to help all students whether they are feeling upset or frustrated, just want to talk to someone or need some space. We can offer or organise short term counselling and support, either at school or using external support.

**LEADERSHIP TEAM**


John Ralph Principal


Paul Webster Assistant Principal


Trish Butters Disability Inclusion Leader

## In this edition of SchoolTV - SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS

Sibling relationships are often a child's first and longest-lasting social connection. These bonds can offer companionship, support and opportunities to develop important life skills such as empathy, negotiation and conflict resolution. However, like all close relationships, sibling dynamics can be complex. Differences in temperament, age, needs and parental attention can all contribute to tension or rivalry. It's not uncommon for children to compete for attention, especially during times of change or stress.

As a parent or caregiver, your role in shaping the tone of sibling relationships is vital. Creating a home environment that celebrates each child's unique strengths and avoids direct comparisons helps reduce rivalry and fosters mutual respect.

By listening without judgement, teaching emotional regulation, and supporting each child's individuality, you can create a family culture where siblings feel secure and valued. This edition of SchoolTV offers insights to support young people in developing positive, lasting sibling bonds that can remain strong well into adulthood.

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 **Sibling Relationships** edition of SchoolTV

https://hawkesdalecol.vic.schooltv.me/newsletter/sibling-relationships-au





# A SPECIAL REPORT: Smartphone Readiness Quiz

Deciding when a child is ready for their first smartphone can be a challenging parenting decision. Readiness is not just about age. It also depends on a child's maturity, self-regulation, judgement and ability to manage the responsibilities of being connected online.

The **Smartphone Readiness Quiz** is designed for parents to complete with their child, encouraging important conversations while exploring the key skills that support safe and responsible smartphone use.

Rather than providing a simple yes or no answer, the results highlight areas of strength and where further development may be helpful. Families are also guided through **suggested next steps**, including a **Family Smartphone Agreement** and practical guidance on **setting up parental controls** before introducing a smartphone.

We encourage you to complete the quiz together and use the results as a starting point for ongoing conversations about safe, responsible and healthy smartphone use.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

**If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.**

Here is the link to your special report:

https://hawkesdalecol.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-smartphone-readiness-quiz-au






# Library News

Spring has sprung around the school with lots of beautiful flowers starting to bloom, so this week Prep/1 students welcomed Spring with beautiful flower paintings in their library period. Sam has set up a great display of books in the library foyer too!!





















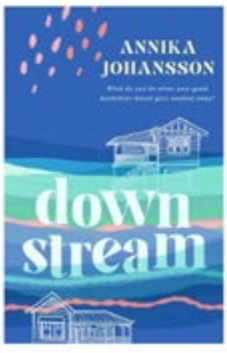


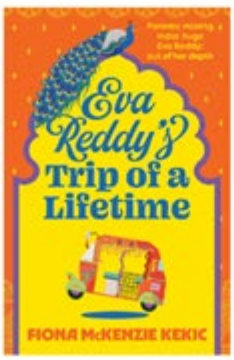







# Hawkesdale Community Book Club!!












**Wednesday Oct 7, 5pm in the college library**



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# Secondary Uniform at Hawkesdale College

School uniform is an important symbol of pride and belonging and is one of many measures that effectively connect students to their school and community. Student safety is vitally important, and with this in mind, students are required to wear school uniform so that they can be easily identified as members of our school while at school and taking part in off-site activities. Our school has a specified uniform policy that has been ratified by school council. All students are expected to be in full uniform, and to keep their uniform neat and tidy while at school. Please mark all clothing with names so that lost items can be returned.

## What do you need?

A school sports top that is to be worn for all P.E and Sport lessons.

A polo top (short or long sleeve) with school logo

A rugby jumper and or a soft shell jacket with school logo

Shoes that are all black

White or navy socks

Summer dress

Navy shorts

Navy/Grey/Black pants

Winter skirt

Leggings and bike shorts are not suitable options.

**Students out of school uniform will require a signed note or email from home.**

Summer or Winter uniform can be worn throughout the year.

Please contact the front office for information about ordering new uniform







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## What do you need?

A school sports top that is to be worn for all P.E and Sport lessons - optional for grades F-3

A polo top (short or long sleeve) with school logo

A rugby jumper and or a soft shell jacket with school logo

Summer dress (primary version)
Navy shorts
Navy pants

Shoes that are all black

White or Navy socks









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SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD

HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE

## Online Uniform Service

www.spartanschoolworld.com.au

## WELCOME TO SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD






The Hawkesdale P-12 College uniform range is now available online at:

www.spartanschoolworld.com.au

Select Hawkesdale P-12 College from the "FIND MY SCHOOL" list of schools.

**Place your order.**

Choose weekly delivery to school or home/private address.

### 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

**Customer Service**

**1800 815 557**

# VICTORIAN SCHOOLS

## 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

Need Help? Please contact us at:
onlineorders@spartanss.com.au

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Good quality uniforms at great prices!

# SECOND HAND UNIFORM PAGE is now live!

**ACCESSIBLE VIA THIS LINK**

https://www.facebook.com/share/g/19MCmPyVx1/?mibextid=wwXIfr

Start adding your items for sale or looking for a bargain!






Do you have any old computer hard drives, laptops, radios or other electrical equipment?

If so, the Hawkesdale preschool would love to have it to pull apart!

The children have been practicing their fine motor skills by using screw drivers and are wanting more equipment to dismantle.

So, if you have any electrical junk lying around at home, please feel free to drop it off at the front door of the centre.

Thanks,

Jo Bone






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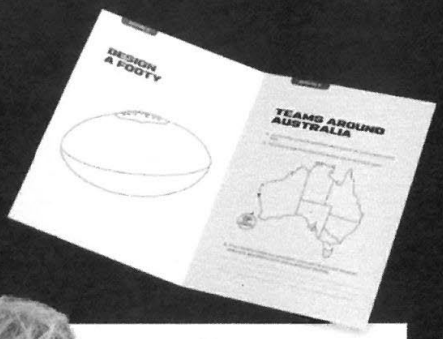


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**4-7 YEAR OLDS***

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.





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**7-12 YEAR OLDS**

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

# WARRNAMBOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND

## 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Reid Oval, Warrnambool

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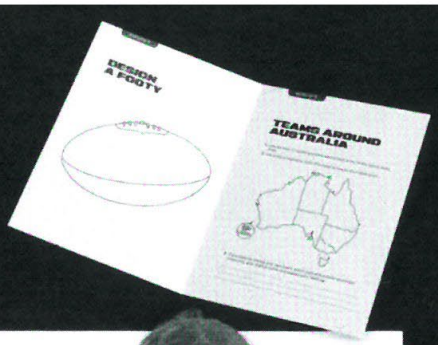


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# WARRNAMBOOL ALL GIRLS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

## OCTOBER 1ST | 9AM-3PM

Reid Oval, Warrnambool

4-7 YEAR OLDS

7-12 YEAR OLDS

**DISCOUNTED PROGRAM!**