

Principal's Newsletter

The Class of 2026

On Wednesday, we celebrated a significant milestone as our Year 12 students completed their final official Unit 4 classes in both traditional VCE and VCE Vocational Major. Our Year 12 Celebration Day was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the contribution these students have made to Hawkesdale P12 College and to wish them well as they prepare for their next chapter.

The day began with breakfast, and I would like to thank Leanne, Narelle and Dom for their work in making this happen. During the morning, Year 12 students visited the primary classrooms to say their farewells, which was a lovely opportunity to connect with younger students, reflect on their time at the school and discuss their future ambitions.

At first break, students and staff enjoyed morning tea together before the Class of 2026 took charge of the BBQ lunch during second break, alongside Mr Kingston and other staff. Thank you to our Year 12s for bringing plenty of fun and enthusiasm to the day and doing so in such a respectful manner.

We finished the day with a special assembly to formally farewell the Class of 2026. Thank you to Loralie, Rach and Blake for sharing their thoughts and reflections, and a special acknowledgement to Narelle for her support in planning and supervising the day.



It was a memorable occasion and a fitting way to celebrate our graduating students. We are proud of what they have achieved and the role they have played in our school community, and we wish each of them every success as they move into the next stage of their lives.

Invitations for our Year 12 Graduation Dinner have gone home to Year 12 families this week, and tickets are now available to purchase online. Families are encouraged to check Compass and their emails for the booking link and further details.

The Graduation Dinner will be held on **Wednesday 18th November at Hawkesdale Memorial Hall**. We look forward to coming together with our Year 12 students, families and staff to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2026.

Green Print Project, Indigenous Garden and Ecolink Track Opening

A reminder that we will officially open our **Green Print Project, Indigenous Garden and Ecolink Track on Monday 26th October, from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm**.



The opening will include a Welcome to Country, ribbon cutting, a short walk along the Ecolink Track and the event will conclude with a launch video being played in the library. This has been a significant project for our school, creating valuable opportunities for students to connect with the environment, learn about Indigenous perspectives and care for our local landscape.

I warmly invite members of our school community to join us as we officially open this wonderful space and celebrate the work that has gone into bringing the project to life, and I thank Mr Gordon for leading this initiative.

Sports Updates

Congratulations to all our students who represented Hawkesdale P12 College at the Regional Athletics in Ballarat on Thursday 9th October. It was a successful day, and we were proud to see our students compete with determination, support one another and give their best. Thank you to Joe, Shannon and Sam for their support and supervision on the day.



Some outstanding individual and team results included:

- **Blake** – 1st in the Under 16 Boys Discus with a throw of 27.08 m, qualifying for the State Championships, and 3rd in the Under 16 Boys Triple Jump.
- **Addisyn** – 3rd in the Under 16 Girls 200 m.
- **JP** – 3rd in the Under 15 Boys High Jump, achieving a personal best of 163 cm.
- **Addisyn, Caity, Tiori and Jaira** – 2nd in the Girls 4 × 100 m Relay.

Congratulations to Blake on qualifying for state and well done to all our competitors on their achievements.

Our primary students also took part in the Primary Regional Athletics last week, with Hartley once again representing our school with pride in the Triple Jump. Well done, Hartley!

On the staff front, congratulations to Jaryd Prentice and Joe Kingston, who both recently took part in the Melbourne Marathon. Completing a marathon is an outstanding achievement, and we congratulate them on their efforts.

Year 9 Budj Bim Excursion

Our Year 9 students recently enjoyed an excursion to Budj Bim, providing a valuable opportunity to engage with this significant cultural and environmental landscape and deepen their understanding of Aboriginal history, culture and connection to Country.

Thank you to Tyna and Narelle for their support in organising and facilitating the excursion. Experiences such as these provide learning opportunities beyond the classroom and help bring our curriculum to life.



Improving Our School Grounds

A big thank you to the team at McLeod Trees for their work on our school grounds this week.

Following our recent tree audit, completed as part of the Safe Tree Program, the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) approved a number of high-priority tree works. These works have now been undertaken, improving the appearance of our grounds while, more importantly, helping to maintain a safer environment for our students and staff.



It is great to see our grounds looking so good, and I appreciate the work involved in maintaining a safe and welcoming school environment.

Mental Health Month – Headspace Visit

October is Mental Health Month, providing an important reminder to look after our own wellbeing and support those around us.

On Tuesday 20th October, we welcomed Headspace to the school. Their team spent time in the canteen engaging with students through fun activities, sharing information and providing giveaways, helping to promote positive conversations about mental health and wellbeing.

It was great to see so many students and staff getting involved and embracing the opportunity. Thank you to Tracy and our Wellbeing Team for organising the visit and helping to make student and staff wellbeing a priority at Hawkesdale P12 College.

As we move further into Term 4, there is plenty happening across the school. Thank you to our staff, students, families and wider community for the continued support and commitment that make Hawkesdale such a great place to learn and work.

Paul Webster-Acting Principal

School Wide Positive Behaviour Expectations



Congratulations to the following students who have recieved nominations for being Responsible in week 1 & 2:

Bailey, Aiden, Indy, Jack, Liana, Samuel, Shelby S, Tyler L, Jesse, Destinee, Danika, Caity, Svea



Next week our focus will be:

RESILIENCE

Using positive Strategies to deal with problems and being open minded







Reinforcing Positive Behaviours

We encourage students to follow our behaviour expectations and develop positive learning habits by giving positive feedback and positve rewards on Compass. In Primary classes teachers give out reward cards which then allow students to purchase prizes from the SWPBS rewards cabinet. In secondary classes, students are nominated by teachers for displaying the positive behaviours and go in the draw to win canteen vouchers at each weeks assembly.

Reinforcing good behaviour helps students practice and learn these behaviours easily.

Respect Responsibility Resilience



HAWKESDALE COLLEGE
STUDENTS INVITE YOU

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



NOV 11

2026

LEST WE FORGET

TO A COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION
AT THE HAWKESDALE MEMORIAL

GATHERING FROM 10.30
FOR A 10.45 START

ONE MINUTE SILENCE WILL BE OBSERVED AT 11.00

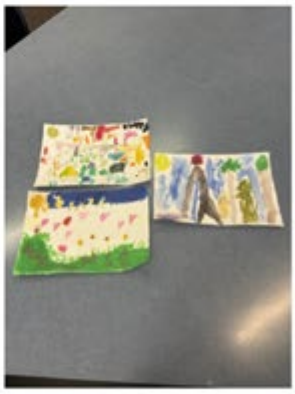
WRRNAMBOOL SHOW ARTWORK

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PREP 1 STUDENTS WHO WILL HAVE THEIR ARTWORK DISPLAYED AT THE WARRNAMBOOL SHOW

Charlie Grade 1, Harrison Prep, Ivy Grade 1, Destiny Grade 1, Freya Prep, Mack Grade 1, Taylah Prep, and Nash Grade 1.







HANDS ON LEARNING

A program supported by Save the Children

Over the past two years, Hands on Learning students have been instrumental in the development and construction of our Indigenous garden. Through their hard work and practical skills, they have helped create a welcoming space for the whole school community.

From preparing garden beds and caring for the surrounds to installing new information signs, students have demonstrated teamwork, problem-solving and pride in their work. The garden is a place to gather, reflect and learn, and their contribution will be enjoyed for years to come.













Ahead of the official opening of the Indigenous garden and multipurpose track next Monday, the students' final jobs have been installing the new information signs and constructing and installing a beautiful timber bench seat.

A special thank you to Mr Gordon, who has done a fantastic job creating the new information signs and guiding us along the way. They are a wonderful finishing touch and will help everyone learn more about the garden.

The bench has involved a range of hands-on skills, from preparing and shaping the timber to assembling the seat and installing its supports. These photos capture the care and effort behind the finished result.













Congratulations to all the Hands on Learning students who have contributed over the past two years. You have helped build something meaningful and lasting for our school community.

Shannon

Hawkesdale CFA truck and volunteer firefighters Kerry and Krystal visited the P/1 class this week













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Thank you Kerry and Krystal!

Congratulations Class of 2026

Following a very colourful 2 weeks of end of school dress ups, Wednesday was the last day of school for our year 12 students.

Mr Quinno and Mr Prentice cooked a yummy egg and bacon breakfast for everyone followed by lots of morning festivities including bubbles, silly string and water bombs! Of course, this meant a big clean up was in order.

The year 12s spent some time with our primary classes, sharing their favourite memories, words of advice and plans for next year and beyond, before a shared morning tea with staff.

After a busy afternoon of opening time capsules from the start of the year, writing thank you notes to staff and cooking a BBQ for the school, we met together for a special final assembly where they were applauded as we read through the roll one final time.

It was a big day with lots of emotions, but overall we are so proud of how the students conducted themselves.

We are looking forward to formally celebrating with them and their families at their graduation after exams are finished!



















SCHOOL TV

FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

IN THIS EDITION OF SCHOOLTV - THE 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 wellbeing team 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





SCHOOL TV

FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

IN THIS EDITION OF SCHOOLTV - THE IMPORTANCE OF STORYTELLING & READING ALOUD

A Special Report: - The Importance of Storytelling & Reading Aloud

Stories play an important role in how young children learn about language, relationships and the world around them. During the early years, reading aloud and sharing stories helps build vocabulary, strengthen communication skills and spark imagination, while also creating valuable opportunities for connection and bonding.

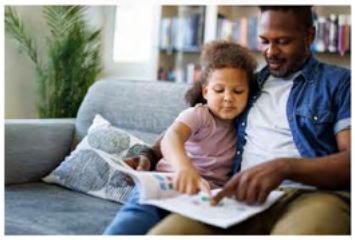
Storytelling is about more than learning to read. Stories help children understand emotions, explore different perspectives and develop empathy and curiosity. Whether through books, family stories or cultural traditions, these shared experiences can support confidence, belonging and a lifelong love of learning.

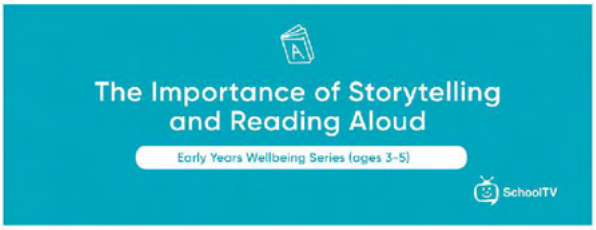
We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

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-eyws-importance-storytelling-reading-aloud-au



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Hawkesdale Racecourse Reserve
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Sunday October 25th
11AM TEE OFF
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Golf Stuff for Sale
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Bag of 10 $10
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10 Tees $2
Good for your game, kind to the planet!
Brosnan Balls
DISTANCE
3 Pack $10
Longer distance. Great value.
Slot line Balls
TOUR SOFT
3 for $10
Soft feel. Great performance.
No cash?... no problem!
BSB: 063-533 (Comm Bank)
Acc No: 10770581
Account name:
Hawkesdale Racecourse Reserve


Hawkesdale Golf Club
Hawkesdale Racecourse Reserve
100 YEARS Celebration Day
Price List
Sausage in bread (with onion) $3
Mixed sandwich plate $5
Soft drink $3
Water $2
Tea/coffee
Gold coin donation
Fresh scone with jam and cream $3
RAFFLE
Raffle tickets 3 for $5 or $2 each
No cash?... no problem!
BSB: 063-533 (Comm Bank)
Acc No: 10770581
Account name:
Hawkesdale Racecourse Reserve



HAWKESDALE
Swimming Pool

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 4th November 2026
Hawkesdale Memorial Hall
at 7:30pm

Our pool is run by a very small committee of community volunteers. We are always looking for more members to keep this facility going year after year. Please feel free to contact the pool via Facebook or email if you are interested in finding out more about the committee.

Contact Melissa Davey: hawkesdalepool@gmail.com

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