



## **Principal's Report**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Our school hosted Hands On Learning induction training on Wednesday of this week**, with eleven incoming HOL artisan teachers from across the district learning about their new roles in our HOL Shed. It was very pleasing to have been asked to host this training and is a great recognition of the productive and purposeful way that we do things in HOL at the Hawkesdale P12 College. A big thanks to Shannon for her involvement in this day, including a tour of the projects that our HOL students have completed at school over the past few years.

**A reminder that Voluntary Curriculum Contributions can be made at any time to the office;** these voluntary payments provide much-needed funds to extend the learning and extra-curricular opportunities that we offer to our students, and assist to cover the cost of activities such as swimming programs, sporting events, cooking in the Food Studies Room, additional library resources, incursions and classroom supplies. P-6, 7-10 and VCE Voluntary Curriculum Contributions letters were sent home to families at the end of 2024 with booklist packs. While families cannot include voluntary contributions to a payment plan, camps and excursions, PTV bus charges and uniform garments are all items that can be added. Sandra is always happy to have a conversation about setting up payments and payments plans, and can be contacted via the school office.

**I'm looking forward to our annual Year 5-12 House Swimming Sports happening next week, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.** This is always a fun day of swimming, competition and house colours, and I would encourage students to continue to take part in lunchtime swim training leading up to the sports. The weather on the day of the sports will be warm and sunny, and it is important that students remain SunSmart throughout the day – wearing hats, applying sunscreen and keeping well hydrated. I do not want any sunburnt students as a result of the sports; it will be an expectation that students wear t-shirts or their school polo tops while waiting to compete in the pool, and one-piece swimwear for female students is highly recommended.



**Please note that the Mid West Complex interschool swimming carnival will be held at the Mortlake Pool on Tuesday February 18 for students who progress on from our House swimming sports.** There is not a lot of time between these two events, but Mr Kingston and Mr Webb will be working hard to have our interschool swim squad organised by Monday February 17; please be aware that permission notes for MWC swimmers will be handed to students after our House swimming Sports, and will be available online via Compass as well – it's vital that consent to attend the MWC carnival is given once these notes arrive home.

**Primary swimming classes with Jayson Lamb's Splash Factory began this week, and will finish next week on Thursday, February 13.** Learning to swim is an important exercise, recreation and survival skill, and students have been enjoying the chance to get into the cool waters of the Hawkesdale Pool on the many hot days that we have experienced so far this year.

**Year 11 and 12 students are taking part in the Teen Mental Health program during term one, conducted by our School Nurse and Mental Health Practitioner.** Sessions are designed to give students the skills to recognise if someone in their peer group or family is not travelling well in terms of wellbeing, and to support them in seeking support; this is a valuable life skill to develop and will be covered with other year levels across 2025.

**A reminder that students new and returning have access to a wide range of inexpensive uniform items at our school,** including our new, comfortable and everyday shorts and rugby tops. When you add Year 6 class hoodies and Year 12 rugby and polo tops to this mix, everyone in our school should be able to find items of uniform that both fit and suit them. Bronya is always happy to fit and sell uniform items from the Front Office, and to assist parents with ordering online items; please make contact on 55607225 if you would like to find out more about uniform items, or visit the Front Office to try on and purchase garments. Students have started off the year really well wearing correct uniform, and it is important that this continues as the year unfolds.

A reminder to students and families that **the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban** that requires students who bring mobiles phones to school to have them switched off and securely stored away during school hours. The Department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2025 school year, and we have been working hard as a school to make sure that this happening. The goal of this statewide Mobile Phone Policy is to make sure that schools can provide a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions, and opportunities for students to interact with each other face-to-face without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause. I would ask once again for the support of all families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.



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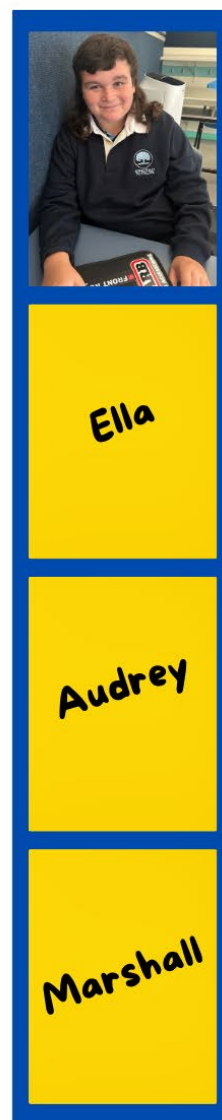
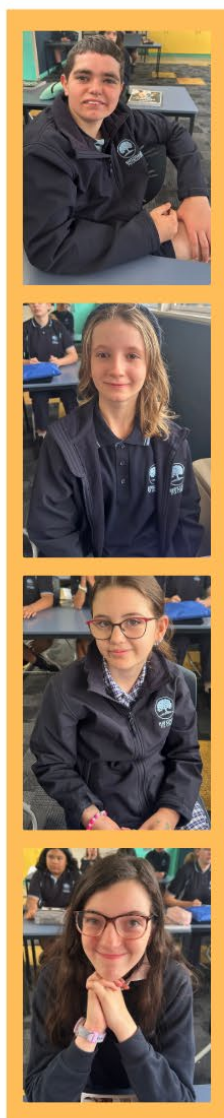
School Council positions typically run for two years, and several positions are due to become vacant in March of this year. With this in mind, **we are starting our annual School Council election process on Friday February 14**, with several parent and one student position available for nomination. Being a member of school council gives you the opportunity to support great outcomes for students at our school, and to become involved in the key duties of a Council – overseeing school finances, working on school policies, being on sub-committees that take action around school operations, and developing plans for the future. **I would encourage parents to consider nominating for one of the vacant positions available this year, and for secondary students to consider nominating for the vacant student position as well.** More information about the nomination process will be included in the next newsletter.

Have a great weekend everyone!

**Mr Ralph  
Principal**

# Introducing the Year 7 class of 2025!!

Welcome to Hawkesdale to our new and returning Year 7s!! It has been a great first few weeks settling in, meeting their coordinator, Mr Gordon, new teachers and getting to know each other. We are excited to watch you all grow and mature ❤️





# P- 2 WEEK 2

Week 2 has been a busy one in the P-2 room. We started Sounds-Write this week and the Preps have begun to learn how to write their first words.

We have been participating in swimming lessons at the Hawkesdale Pool.

We have been learning to use kind words when talking to each other, to share toys and equipment in the classroom and to all pitch in and help during pack up time.







# Grade 3/4/5 Swimming





# YEAR 7 FOOD

IN OUR FIRST PRAC  
LESSON WE  
PRACTISED OUR KNIFE  
SKILLS AND PREPARED  
A DELICIOUS FRUIT  
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# Meet Our New Staff

## Mr Jarad Hoeksema

I have worked in the HOL program with Shannon for the past 3 years. This year I'm transitioning to teaching PDT alongside Megan two days per week. I live in Koroit with my partner and two boys Jack and Miles.



## Mr Tristan Walker

Mr Walker joined us on a casual basis in 2024 and is joining us again this year in a full time capacity. He will be teaching secondary maths and science.



## Mr Jaryd Prentice

A big welcome to Mr Prentice who joins us from Melbourne and is teaching secondary Maths and Science.



## Michelle Lehmann

Michelle worked in a casual role in 2024 and is joining us again this year as a part time education support staff member. She will be supporting in the office and in the P-2 room.



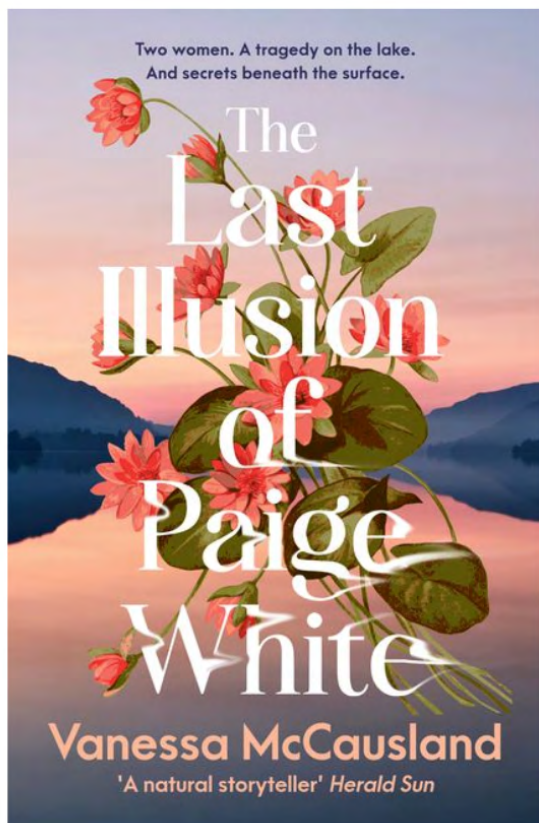
## Mark Trussler

Mark is a furniture maker by trade and worked with Shannon and HOL in term 2 of last year while Jarad was on leave. He will be joining us this year as our Hands on Learning Artisan teacher.





# Hawkesdale Community Book Club



Paige White kayaked across the lake each morning at dawn. Someone was watching her. Many someones watched her online. But was anyone with her the day she was found?

Paige White's beautiful life is documented closely for her thousands of followers: lakeside picnics with her daughter, sunny afternoons in the family van, and romantic dinners with her husband. So when she posts an ominous image, and her body is shortly after discovered in the lake, everyone immediately wonders - suicide or foul play?

Paige finds herself suspended in a strange, idyllic place that resembles her most 'liked' Instagram post, forced to watch as life continues without her.

When Paige's death makes national news, Jane Masters, a journalist who was close to Paige in childhood, reluctantly travels home. Struggling with the morality of covering her friend's death, Jane will confront the town she left behind and the dark undercurrents that she's always known run underneath.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Join us on Feb 24  
from 5-6pm in the  
college library for a  
cuppa and a chat.  
Kids welcome!**



Join the chat here



## Upcoming Book Club Reads

- The Inheritance by Kate Haron
- The Golden Thread by Tea Cooper
- The Writing Class by Esther Campion
- The Venice Hotel by Tess Woods



STUDENT/S NAME: .....

I/We wish to order ..... copies of the 2024 Anthology @ \$12.00 per copy.

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I/We have included payment (please tick payment method) of \$.....

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**2025 CAREERS EXPO**

Presented by the Neil Porter Legacy & Warrnambool and District Careers Teachers Association

**9.30am - 3.10pm**  
Open to school groups

**5.30pm - 7.00pm**  
Open to students, their families and the public

**This is a free event.**

**TUESDAY 4TH MARCH**

@ the Warrnambool Greyhound Racing Club's Wannon Function Centre

Discover new careers & pathways

Interactive activities & competitions  
Win a iPhone and iPods!

Connect with local businesses

Arrange work experience opportunities

**Comments from 2024 attendees:**

I definitely recommend the careers expo. Everyone was so nice and welcoming to their stalls and it really showed me many different opportunities.

The expo gave me a much bigger look into what I want to do after school and I really appreciate the expo for helping me see new careers.

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## Hawkesdale Hall Fleece Show

The Annual Fleece Show will be held on Saturday  
22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025.



If you have recently shorn your sheep and would like to donate a fleece to be judged on the day, please leave it at the hall or Post Office before judging on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

We will once again be having a pet fleece section for the pet lambs.



There will be a cake stall on the Saturday morning and artwork from the Hawkesdale P12 College will be on display from 9am to 12 noon.

All money raised goes to the upkeep of the Hawkesdale Memorial Hall.

Any queries please contact Cheryl on 55607272

## 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
<b>Frozen Yoghurt or Icy Poles – lunchtime only</b>	
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
<b>Chips</b>	
Chips (28 gms) - Honey Soy or Sea Salt or Salt & Vinegar (gluten free)	\$1.40
Snaps (28 gms) (gluten free)	\$1.40

## LUNCH TIME SPECIAL

Monday	Hot Dogs Baked Potatoes	\$3.00 \$6.00
Tuesday	Quiche Lorraine (with wedges & salad)	\$4.00 \$6.00
Wednesday	Homemade Pizza	\$3.00
Thursday	Enchiladas	\$6.00
Friday	Chicken Parma Burger	\$6.00



## HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE



### Canteen Menu - 2025

#### 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	\$1.80
Toastie	\$3.00
Party Pies / Sausage Rolls	\$1.80
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	\$4.50