



Principal's Report Friday, March 13

I was very pleased to see during this week that our **Planned Maintenance Program** has accelerated across the school, with new aluminium windows in place, timber decking blasted and re-sealed, a drainage system installed along the length of the Stadium, and vegetation clearing around the Stadium – even the Tea House received a pressure wash in preparation for fresh coats of paint next week.



The Man Cave program will return to our school next week, and I would strongly encourage families to attend the evening keynote session at school on Tuesday 18th March, starting at 7pm in our College Library. The Man Cave program is designed to build emotional resilience and healthier relationships amongst young males, and to explore concepts of masculinity in modern-day society. The Parent Keynote will be interactive and interesting and will provide lots of practical advice about how families can best support their sons and daughters as they navigate the challenges of adolescence.

A reminder that **our annual Open Night will be happening on Tuesday 25th March, 7pm-9pm**, starting from the College Library. Open Night is always a great chance for Year 5 and 6 students to think about life in Year 7 at our school, to meet some of our secondary teachers, and to try out some fun cooking, PE, design and science activities. Students and families from surrounding primary schools will also be attending, so this is also a good opportunity to meet other potential members of our 2025 Year 7 group. Open Night is always busy and enjoyable, and I'm looking forward to seeing lots of families – new and existing – at this event. Please refer to the flyer in the newsletter for more information about this event. **Don't forget also that will be holding a Welcome Back to School BBQ at 5pm prior to our Open Night, and that families new and existing are very welcome to attend!**

Next week is national Cultural Diversity Week – a great chance to reflect on the multicultural nature of modern Australian society, and the shared contribution that people of all nations have made to create the country that we live in today. Multiculturalism is a core part of the Victorian population, with over 30% of people living in our state being born overseas, and with over 290 languages spoken. In Victorian government schools over 36% of students enrolled are from language backgrounds other than English; at our school, a wide range of different languages other than English are spoken at home, including Afrikaans, Danish, Bisaya, Ilokano, Tagalog and Samoan. For schools, this is a time to celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional custodians of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world. **Harmony Week - Everyone Belongs** is also celebrated next week in conjunction with Cultural Diversity Week and recognises diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Students will be involved in a range of activities next week to celebrate identity, harmony and inclusivity.



NAPLAN testing began for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 this week, and I have been pleased to note the way in which students have been approaching these online assessments. NAPLAN test results help us to make good decisions about future teaching need and are a great way for students to see learning improvement over time; results will be made known to schools in term two, and individual results booklets will be made available to families once this happens. NAPLAN testing will also continue on into next week.

The **Secondary School Immunisation Program** is up and running for 2025, and during the course of the year students in years 7 and 10 will receive free vaccinations to better protect them from preventable diseases. I note this year that the following vaccinations will be administered at school:

- HPV vaccine in Year 7
- diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine in Year 7
- meningococcal A, B, C, W, Y vaccine in Year 10



The paper consent card system that families are familiar with from past years has been replaced in 2025 with a digital app called the Vivato Parent Portal; the portal can be used to create a medical profile for individual students, and to provide vaccination consent for specific vaccines to be administered. The QR code required to initially register online can be found by scrolling down to the last page of the Parent Information 2025 pdf, which was placed on the Compass Newsfeed yesterday for all families to access. Please contact the school if you are having any difficulty downloading the app or giving vaccination consent, and please note that **Year 7 and 10 vaccination day will be on Wednesday April 30, in the second week of Term 2.** Moyne Shire Council will once again coordinate and administer the vaccination program throughout the year.

A reminder that our end of term Parent-Teacher-Student Conversation Day will be happening on Thursday, April 3, from 11am to 7pm. Interviews will be held at school, and will follow on from interim reports being sent home in the previous week. Interviews are a valuable chance to start a conversation about how students are working and behaving in their class subjects, and to discuss ways that students can improve their learning. While this is a School Council designated pupil free day, students are of course very welcome to be part of this conversation. Bookings for our Parent-Teacher-Student Conversation Day are now open on Compass, and I would encourage families to start making bookings if they have not already done so.

Have a great weekend everyone ...

Mr Ralph

Principal



HAWKESDALE P12
COLLEGE

Parent-Teacher-Student Conversations - Semester 1 Interim Reports
Student Free Day
Thursday, 03 April 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held at school on Thursday, 03 April 2025 in order to have conversations about student achievement, effort and behaviour as noted on Semester 1 interim reports, which will be available on Compass prior to the conversation day. These meetings are a vital part of the learning partnership between parents, students, and teachers; they provide feedback about how students are progressing in their learning at this early stage of the school year and are a great chance to discuss ways in which this learning can be improved upon or extended as the year continues. We certainly encourage as many families as possible to take part in these conversations, and for students to add their voices to the conversation also.

Interviews will run from 11.00 am to 7.00 pm. Students are absolutely encouraged to attend with their families so that they can play an active part in the conversation about their learning progress, quality of work completed, and strategies for future learning improvement.

Conversations will be held either face to face or by telephone. If you are not present at the allotted time for your session, then the teacher will contact you by telephone. Please ensure that you are available to take the call and, as the teacher may be ringing you from a private mobile, be aware that it will present as an unknown number.

All parent-teacher interview bookings will be managed within Compass by logging on to the Parent Portal and following the prompts via your child/children's photo/icon to make interview bookings. Please let office staff know if you have misplaced your Compass log in details, or if you have any questions about the interview booking system, and we will quickly help out with getting you online and successfully booked for interviews.

Teaching staff will also be able to request specific interviews using the Compass system, which will appear on-screen when you follow your child/children's photo/icon to make interview bookings. Bookings for interviews using Compass have opened today, and bookings can be made up to 9am on Thursday, 03 April. Please note that Ms Vaughan, Mr Jarrad, Mr Hoeksema and Mrs Russell will not be available for interviews on this day. As per usual, interviews will last for 12 minutes, and with a 3 minute crossover time to travel to the next interview.

It is vital that interviews run to time so that the system operates smoothly; if more time is required, staff and parents should arrange another time to have a more in-depth discussion, either in person, over the telephone or via email.

If you would like to speak to a member of teaching staff but are unable to do so on the day of interviews, you are very welcome to make an appointment for a future time via the school as required. If there are any issues or queries regarding the upcoming parent-teacher interviews, please contact the office on 55607225.

Yours sincerely,

John Ralph
Principal



2025 Open Night & Community BBQ

Tuesday
March 25th



5 - 6.30pm - BBQ by the college
tennis courts

6.30 - 9pm - Open Night in the
college library

All current and prospective families are invited to join us for a community BBQ from 5-6.30pm, with Year 5 & 6 families welcome to stay on for our Year 7 Open Night from 6.30-9pm.

Meat and drinks provided. Please bring a salad to share!

Our school offers...

- ✓ Small class sizes, allowing students to experience individual attention.
- ✓ An inclusive and caring learning community in which student wellbeing is a priority and your child is known and valued as an individual.
- ✓ A full range of subject choices for VCE and VM (Vocational Major) allowing pathways into university, TAFE training, apprenticeships and employment.
- ✓ Targeted numeracy & literacy support through tutoring and Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy support programs and a wide range of wellbeing and learning support programs
- ✓ Authentic opportunities for student leadership and voice.
- ✓ An emphasis on active learning in a wide range of programs, including Physical Education and Sport, Art, Product Design Technology and Visual Communications, Food Studies, ADVANCE outdoor education, the Hawkesdale Volunteerism Program, Hands on Learning and a biannual school production.
- ✓ An extensive camps program that fosters teamwork, confidence and resilience.

Further information can be obtained by either contacting the school on 03 5560 7225, or by emailing to hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au



Respect

Responsibility



Resilience



SchoolTV

In this edition of SchoolTV - CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Cultural diversity encompasses the variety of cultures, beliefs, and traditions present globally, contributing to a rich tapestry of human experiences and perspectives. By valuing every child's cultural background, we enable them to excel in all facets of life. Nurturing an environment of curiosity, open-mindedness, and respect for all cultures, will not only promote unity but a deeper appreciation of the nuances that distinguish us.

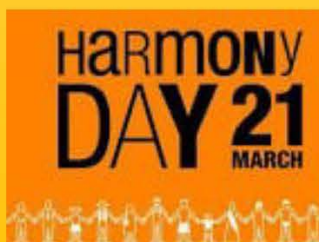
Inclusion is about more than just words; it's about fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance for every child, regardless of their cultural background. When children and adolescents feel seen and valued for who they are, they can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Valuing and understanding cultural diversity, helps our communities benefit from a wealth of perspectives and experiences, enhancing our collective capacity for empathy and innovation.

As parents and adult carers, instilling an appreciation for cultural diversity is vital to equip young people with the tools they need to navigate an increasingly interconnected world. Through leading by example and showing that kindness and understanding knows no boundaries, we can encourage them to embrace multiculturalism. This will not only prepare young people for personal success, but also for contributing to a world that views diversity as a strength. Through collective efforts, we can help pave the way for a more accepting and vibrant future.

This is a perfect edition to share as we approach Harmony Week which recognizes our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

Here is the link to the **Cultural Diversity** edition of SchoolTV

<https://hawkesdalecol.vic.schooltv.me/newsletter/cultural-diversity-au>



Did you Know?



Headspace offers free and confidential Australian services to help support a young person's mental health and wellbeing.

Options include:

- * Join a weekly text based chat with other parents
- * Phone or chat with a family clinician
- * Complete parenting e-learning modules
- * Build a toolkit of mental health resources

For more information and answers to frequently asked questions please visit:

<https://headspace.org.au/online-and-phone-support/parents/>

Wednesday 19th March

Year 8,9,10 Students



The Man Cave is Back.....

The year 8,9,10 boys will spend the day engaged in workshops with facilitators addressing teenage boy challenges and mental health.

Girls on the Go.....

The year 8,9,10 girls will spend the day engaged in a range of activities to build team work, focus on mindfulness, identity and unpack body image.



Dont forget:



The Man Cave Parent Information Session is on this Tuesday (18th) at 7pm in the school library.
(See flyer with more information)

You can expect to hear about:

- How rigid masculinity impacts the **mental health** of boys
- **Insights** into the world of young men and the challenges they're facing
- **Practical tools** and mindsets for engaging boys at home

You will be offered **resources** that you can access at home, in your own time.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided.



Our boys were involved in student workshops in **2023** and **2024** with The Man Cave and the feedback from them was overwhelmingly positive.

This year, The Man Cave will be delivering two further sessions to boys in years 8, 9 and 10 on 19th March and 7th May.

This parent keynote session will reflect the messages delivered to the boys in these sessions.

the man cave

Empowering boys to become great men

The Man Cave Parent Keynote Presentation

What: The Man Cave is Australia's leading preventative mental health charity for teenage boys and their communities. Their highly trained facilitators will be at school to offer insights into the world of our young men and the challenges they're facing.

When: Tuesday 18th March @ 7pm

Who: Parents, carers and guardians of all students (not only boys)

Where: Hawkesdale P12 College, Library

The Man Cave Parent Keynote presentation is an interactive session designed to provide practical insights and tools to the parents of young men. The Man Cave receive copious requests from parents asking for guidance on supporting their sons, so have put this presentation together to meet that need.

The session will be a blend of presentation, group discussion and Q&A, aiming to normalise parenting challenges that many are experiencing and offering actionable take aways.



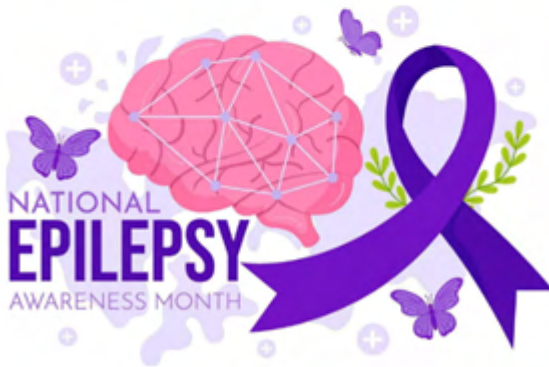
LINK UP WITH WHEATLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WICHITA – KANSAS

ON FRIDAY THE 14TH OF MARCH THE GRADE SIXES HAD A ZOOM MEETUP WITH WICHITA WE SHARED SOME COOL FACTS ABOUT AUSTRALIA AND THEY TOLD US SOME ABOUT THEM SELVES THEY SHOWED US A PICTURE OF THE ORIGINAL PIZZA HUT WHICH IS NOW A MUSEUM THERE WAS ALSO A FUNNY MOMENT WHERE THEY ASKED IF DROP BEARS WERE REAL WHICH WE HAD TO TELL THEM THAT THEY AREN'T REAL AND ARE JUST A MYTH.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Made by Student Voice



What's Epilepsy?

Epilepsy is a long-term brain condition where a person has repeated seizures.

How can we help?

We are hosting a fundraiser and will give all the donations to the Epilepsy Foundation. We will wear purple as purple represents Epilepsy Awareness.

MARCH 26



Gold coin donation to
dress up in purple!



**WEAR
PURPLE**

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DOLLY DAY

ASSEMBLY



LED BY STUDENT VOICE AT 10AM IN THE
STADIUM
(NO END OF SCHOOL ASSEMBLY)

FAMILIES ARE INVITED (WHOLE DAY)

COFFEE WITH THE GIRLS
(HELD AT RECESS)

BLUE MILKSHAKES (FOR KIDS)

BLUE COFFEE (FOR ADULTS)



COFFEE WITH THE GIRLS



APRIL
4TH





DOLLY DAY **COLOUR RUN**



WHERE?

**COLOUR RUN FROM 11.15AM
SCHOOL FOOTBALL OVAL**

WEAR

**STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR
SCHOOL UNIFORM TO
SCHOOL AND BRING A
SPARE CHANGE OF
CLOTHES FOR THE
COLOUR RUN INCLUDING
A WHITE T-SHIRT**



**APRIL
4TH**

**FAMILIES ARE
INVITED
(WHOLE DAY)**

**BBQ FUNDRAISER
FOR DOLLY'S DREAM
AT LUNCHTIME RUN
BY PARENTS AND
FRIENDS**



**HAWKESDALE
P12 COLLEGE**
2024 YEARBOOK
 A great historical record of the year. Relive and reminisce about the camps, excursions, the study, and the good times with your friends. Limited copies available. Contact the office for further information.
 ✓ Photos of friends and good times, memories to keep.
 FOR MORE INFORMATION
 CONTACT US
 At the office. 55607225

We are now taking orders for the **2024** School Magazine.

Please fill in the form below or phone the College 55607225

The Magazine is due to arrive very early 2025

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HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE - SCHOOL MAGAZINE - 2024

STUDENT/S NAME:

PARENT NAME:

I/We wish to order copies of the 2024 School Magazine @ \$36.00 per copy. If you need the magazine to be mailed to you please write the address below or email the college on hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au with your address and add \$6.00 postage per magazine to the total cost.

ADDRESS:

Payment methods available: ☐ CASH ☐ DIRECT DEPOSIT ☐ EFTOS ☐ CREDIT CARD (see below)

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

HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE – 2024 SCHOOL MAGAZINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

(Please note all credit card information will be destroyed after payment has been processed)

Card No.:

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Careers Night for Parents

Parents are the main source of career advice for teenagers. Are you ready to have career conversations with your children? This evening will give tips on helping your child:

- understand study and work options
- find and do what they enjoy
- define what a successful career is
- choose the right career for the right reasons

Port Fairy Surf Lifesaving Club's Education Centre



Wednesday April 2

6.00 - 7.30PM



PRESENTED BY MICHAEL ABSALOM

Michael isn't your average careers practitioner. As well as being an expert in his field, he's had over 40 jobs! Michael will give practical and non-biased advice throughout this entertaining session

- Students are most welcome, and encouraged, to attend
- Representatives from further education, schools and industry will speak and answer your questions

Venue provided by



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District

Register here





GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

HAWKESDALE AUSKICK CENTRE

Starting: April 29th and finishes on July 1st

LOCATION: Hawkesdale College Oval

DAY & TIME: Tuesdays, 3:45pm - 4:45pm

10 WEEK PROGRAM - \$ 85, Open to all Children aged 5 - 12

ALL WELCOME

Further information Contact Centre Coordinator



REGISTER USING THE QR CODE



For any Enquires
Contact: jono.box@afl.com.au

CHOOSE YOUR

FOOTY ADVENTURE REGISTER TODAY!



PLAY

Register to any Auskick, Superkick, or School Holiday Program
before SUNDAY 30th MARCH 5.00 PM

GO into the DRAW to win a
Signed Geelong Cats Playing Jumper



4-12 year olds



Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.



8-12 year olds



Level up your footy with skills and modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies alike.



VISIT [PLAY.AFL](https://play.afl.com.au)



A FREE WEBINAR

Digital media literacy & safety

Supporting Primary & Secondary students

Join us for an exclusive webinar featuring two of Australia's leading experts in youth wellbeing and cybersafety as they provide invaluable insights into how to support young people navigate the online world safely and responsibly.

This webinar is **Part I of a two-part series**. In this session, topics include:

- New Social Media Regulations
- Cyberbullying
- Exposure to Hate Speech
- Online Safety and Fraud

Suitable for: Parents, grandparents, carers, educators, school leaders.



Online, Wednesday
19 March, 2025
7.00 pm



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Renowned child and adolescent psychologist, Michael has years of experience working with young people and families and was Chair for the Cybersafety Committee.



Susan McLean

As Australia's foremost cybersafety expert and founder of Cyber Safety Solutions, Susan will offer proactive strategies to help keep young people safe.



Don't miss out.
FREE event.
Scan to register.

Hawkesdale Hall Fleece Show

The Annual Fleece Show will be held on Saturday 22nd 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 21st 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



WILLATOOK HALL

COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday 23rd March 2pm

Please bring a plate to share

All welcome.

ALSO

Willatook Hall Committee

AGM 2025

to elect a new committee

APRIL 8TH 7.30pm

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 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

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
Vegie 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	