HAWKER HEADLINES

21 OCTOBER 2026

FROM MR ETHERIDGE

Welcome back, everyone, to Term 4! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing break. I have now almost fully recovered from the Dockers' Grand Final defeat and am looking forward to what promises to be a very busy and exciting term!

Make a Move is in full swing, with students working collaboratively to create items for our Christmas Concert. This week, we also have our Indonesian/Music Assembly, which will showcase two of the wonderful specialist programs we offer here at Hawker Park. A big thank you to Mrs Subotic and Ibu McAdam for all their hard work in bringing this event together.

On Friday, our Interschool Athletics team will head to Goollelal Primary School to represent Hawker Park and give their very best. We wish all our competitors the best of luck!

Next week, we commence two weeks of swimming lessons. Please ensure all clothing, towels, goggles and other belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name to help avoid lost items.

Last week, students commenced my Principal's Reading Challenge, and it has been wonderful to already be handing out icy poles to some of our weekly winners. Keep up the great reading, everyone!

As we begin planning for 2027, please remember to let us know if your child will not be returning next year or if you are aware of any new families planning to join Hawker Park. This information is extremely helpful as we work through our enrolments, staffing and class structures for next year.

Finally, I know our wonderful P&C is busy planning several activities for this term. I'd like to thank them in advance for the time and effort they put into supporting our school community. Their contribution is always greatly appreciated.

We have plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks, and I hope everyone enjoys a fantastic Term 4!

SMART GLASSES BAN

From Monday 12 October, smart glasses are banned from Hawker Park Primary School grounds and from school events.

This ban applies to students, staff, parents, carers, visitors and contractors.

On 22 September 2026, the Director General of the Department of Education issued a CEO Instruction that bans smart glasses on any government school premises or at any school organised event or activity.

Smart glasses are wearable devices that incorporate technology traditionally associated with mobile phones and computers into eyewear. Many smart glasses can:

- take photographs
- record audio and video
- make and receive calls
- access the internet
- use artificial intelligence applications
- connect to other devices using wireless technology.

Smart glasses are becoming more accessible and widely used. This has raised public concern about privacy, wellbeing and safety in school environments, including from the eSafety Commission.

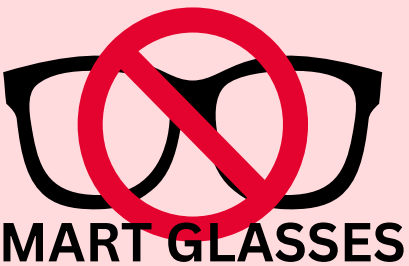
Every student, staff member, parent and carer has the right to be safe in our school. This instruction helps us to maintain a safe, appropriate and effective learning environment.

Exemptions are permitted for school-approved medical, accessibility or assistive technology purposes, or for educational programs specifically authorised by the principal.

We ask for your help to ensure these items stay at home.

Further information on this technology, and other online safety resources for parents, is available via the eSafety Commission website.

Thank you for your support to keep our students and school community safe.



DID YOU KNOW?

- The Hawker Hub is not for students to use the toilets out of school hours. Students may only use the Hawker Hub if accompanied by a staff member.

- It is important to regularly check the Compass app for communications from Admin. All consents will be sent by Compass. Parents that do not submit consents in a timely manner are often holding up processes for the school.

SCHOOL PROCESSES

This term we will start planning for next year with the Department of Education requesting anticipated enrolment numbers.

If you know you are leaving the school for 2027 or you know anyone coming, please contact the school on 9422 2000.

The above does not apply to the current year 6 students or Kindergarten students already enrolled for 2027.

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance programs

If your child is entering Year 7, 9, 10 or 11 in 2028, applications for Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance programs are now open.

These exceptional academic, arts and languages programs are available at select public secondary schools. This includes a fully selective academic school and an arts college.

Your child will learn alongside like-minded peers and follow an extended curriculum designed specifically for their needs, delivered by teachers with expert skills and knowledge.

Information about the programs, study options for metro and regional students, and upcoming parent information evenings can be found at the website www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented.

Applications close 6 pm Friday 5 February 2027. Late applications are not accepted.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming Lessons - Everything you need to know!

Reminder that in week 3 and week 4, students will be attending swimming lessons.

DATES: 26 October to 6 November, inclusive

SESSION TIMES:
Session One - 9:20am-10:00am - EC1, TA1 and TA5
Session Two - 10:05am-10:45am - TA6, TA7 and TA9
Session Three - 10:50am-11:30am - TA3 and TA4

COST: $40.00 after P&C subsidy.

Hawker Park Primary School
BSB: 066 040
Account Number: 1990 7814

To help everyone prepare for a fun and successful swimming program, here is a quick guide to being prepared.

IN-TERM SWIMMING LESSONS

Week 3 (26-30 October) & Week 4 (2-6 November)

WHAT TO WEAR

BATHERS ON under your full school uniform.

Separate top and bottoms work best.

Thongs or slides to change into. *School shoes must be worn to and from school.*



GENERAL INFO



RECESS

No formal recess. Students will have a break with their classroom teacher when they arrive back after swimming.



LUNCH

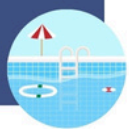
Lunch break will be held at the normal time throughout the swimming program.

PARENT ATTENDANCE

Families are welcome to attend and watch swimming lessons.

However, unless your child has specific needs that require your support, we kindly ask that parents and carers consider not attending the first couple of lessons, particularly for our younger students.
Having parents nearby can sometimes make it a little more difficult for children to settle into their lessons, become comfortable with their instructor and adjust to the swimming routine.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



SWIMMING LESSONS

WHAT TO BRING

- Towel
- School jacket for over bathers
- Goggles
- Dry underwear
- School shoes for use at school
- Thongs to change into for the pool
- Bag for wet clothes

HINTS

- **Label everything!** Every item needs your childs name on it.
- Practice getting bathers off, drying and putting clothes back on, especially for our younger students.



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9:20am to 10:00am
EC1, TA1 and TA5

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TA6, TA7 and TA9

SESSION THREE
10:50am to 11:30am
TA3 and TA4

NO PHOTOS OR VIDEOS PERMITTED.



A NOTE FROM THE P&C

Term 4 has all the fun!

Canteen Halloween special
The canteen will be selling some spooky cupcakes on Friday 30 October.

Kids' Neon Disco
Save the date!!!
Friday, 13 November 2026
4-5:15pm (K-Y2) and 5:30-7pm (Y3-Y6).
Links for ticket purchase and hot food preorder will open soon.

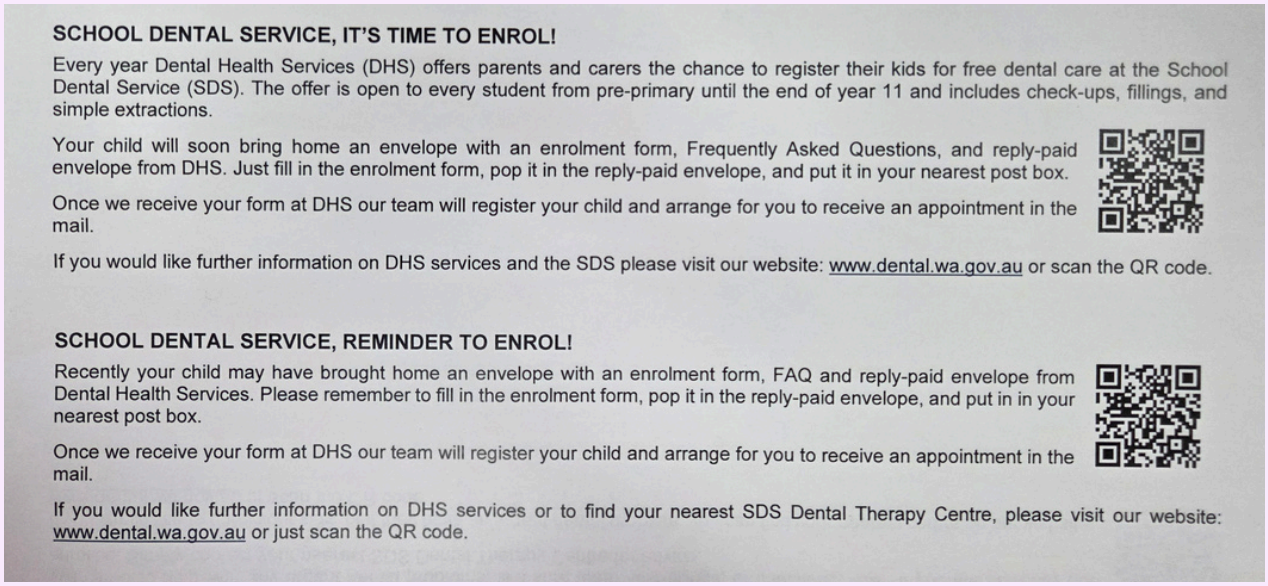
Colour run – date and time to be confirmed.

Upcoming P&C meeting: 27 October at 6pm at the hub.

Have any questions, or suggestions on which events the P&C could run? Or questions, and ideas on what we can invest in? Get in touch: hawkerparkpandc@outlook.com.

Or do you think you might have a little time to get more engaged in 2027?
We are always open to one-off volunteers or additional P&C members.
It's a great way to meet new people and get more involved in our school community.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE



SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE, IT'S TIME TO ENROL!

Every year Dental Health Services (DHS) offers parents and carers the chance to register their kids for free dental care at the School Dental Service (SDS). The offer is open to every student from pre-primary until the end of year 11 and includes check-ups, fillings, and simple extractions.

Your child will soon bring home an envelope with an enrolment form, Frequently Asked Questions, and reply-paid envelope from DHS. Just fill in the enrolment form, pop it in the reply-paid envelope, and put it in your nearest post box.

Once we receive your form at DHS our team will register your child and arrange for you to receive an appointment in the mail.

If you would like further information on DHS services and the SDS please visit our website: www.dental.wa.gov.au or scan the QR code.

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If you would like further information on DHS services or to find your nearest SDS Dental Therapy Centre, please visit our website: www.dental.wa.gov.au or just scan the QR code.

Letters must be posted by Parents. Admin cannot post on your behalf.

SAVER PLUS

About the program

Saver Plus is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services and ANZ. The program is delivered in WA by The Smith Family.

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

Saver Plus financial literacy program

TERM PLANNER

Term 4

Week 3:
26-30 Oct - Swimming all week
27 Oct - P&C meeting 6pm Hawker Hub

Week 4:
2-6 Nov - Swimming all week
3 Nov - Early Learners 9am-10.30am

Week 5:
10 Nov - Make a move
11 Nov - Year 5 Warwick senior high buzz day
12 Nov - Assembly TA1
13 Nov - Class rep meeting 8.35am Hawker Hub
13 Nov - P&C neon disco



TERM DATES 2026

Term 4: (10 WEEK TERM)
Monday 12 October to Thursday 17 December

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2026

Term 4 break:
Friday 18 December to Sunday 31 January 2027

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DATES 2026

Term 4:
Monday 12 October and Friday 18 December

***Please note - students do not attend school these days ***

TERM 4 PLANNER – provisional

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	26-Oct	27-Oct	28-Oct	29-Oct	30-Oct
		P&C meeting 6pm Hawker Hub	K1		
	Swimming lessons all week				
Week 4	2-Nov	3-Nov	4-Nov	5-Nov	6-Nov
	Swimming lessons all week				
		Early Learners 9.00am-10.30am			
Week 5	9-Nov	10-Nov	11-Nov	12-Nov	13-Nov
		Make a move	K1 Year 5 Buzz day WSHS	Assembly TA1	P&C Neon Disco Class rep meeting
Week 6	16-Nov	17-Nov	18-Nov	19-Nov	20-Nov
	School leader nominations open (2027)	Early Learners 9.00am-10.30am Make a move		World Philosophy day	
Week 7	23-Nov	24-Nov	25-Nov	26-Nov	27-Nov
		P&C meeting 6pm Hawker Hub	K1 Board meeting	Cleaners & gardeners breakfast Helpers acknowledgement	
Week 8	30-Nov	1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec
		Early Learners 9.00am-10.30am Make a move	Kindy 2027 Orientation		
Week 9	7-Dec	8-Dec	9-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec
		Make a move	K1		
Week 10	14-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	18-Dec
		Graduation Ceremony 8:30am	Christmas Concert 6pm	Class picnics	Staff development day
	Term 1, 2027 - Students commence on Monday 1st February 2027				

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



About Kids Volleyball

Kids Volley clinics are great for fun and fitness. Targeting kids aged 5-12, sessions are designed to improve movement, coordination and basic volleyball skills.

Register here

Programme Info

- Thursdays 15th October - 3rd December 2026
- Greenwood College
- 3:45pm-4:45pm
- $120

JOIN TODAY!

For more information email peter.fitzgerald@education.wa.edu.au

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AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR









Is this your daughter?

Girls thrive and have fun while learning to sing, dance and perform.
The AGC inspires excellence and develops future-ready young women.

Join us at our
NOVEMBER OPEN DAY!

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

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Football Futures Foundation

Come & Try

SORRENTO FOOTBALL CLUB

all abilities SOCCER

Suitable for children with disability, developmental delays and other barriers that may hinder them from accessing mainstream football.



for 6-13 year olds

We're exploring bringing the iLeague — a fun, non-competitive soccer program where every child belongs — to Sorrento FC. Register your interest today and help make it happen!



Send your expression of interest to:
Kaye Harnwell
harnwell@iinet.net.au

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Program Overview

The i-League is a club-based program delivered by Football Futures Foundation in partnership with local football clubs across Perth metro, as well as regional and remote communities.

Football Futures Foundation works closely with each participating club to embed the program within the club structure, meaning players register as official club members, wear their club uniforms, train regularly with their team, and play weekend matches against other participating clubs throughout the soccer season. I.

The i-League provides a supported, inclusive environment where children can build confidence, skills and a sense of belonging within a community club setting. From the i-League, participants can transition into Equal Footingball, Football Futures Foundation's club-based program for players aged 13+ through to adults. Equal Footingball offers four divisions based on skill level and support needs, ensuring a clear and inclusive pathway for players to continue participating in football long-term.

★★★★★

5 OUT OF 5

Overall rating of Football Futures soccer sessions

95%

Are likely to recommend Football Futures programs

> I was very impressed with how professionally the morning was run. The coach learning all the kids names and inspiring them to learn the new skills. My son wants to play soccer but this morning has really cemented in his mind a love of the game.

> How the coaches spoke to the children about inclusion and kindness brought tears to my eyes.

> Your strength-based focus and emphasis on teamwork, supporting each other and fun, is how all football coaches should be.