



# Hallam Happenings

20 August 2026

Term 3/#3

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Hallam Primary School has a zero tolerance approach to child abuse.

*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we work and live, the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.*



Dear Hallam Primary School Community,

It has been another busy fortnight here at Hallam Primary School. Our Wakakirri students performed on stage at Frankston Arts Centre last Friday night. Ms Carey and I had the pleasure of being in the audience and what a show we put on. It was amazing to see the result of the hard work put in by our students and staff.

## First Aid

Our school has a new First Aid Officer. If your child is taking any medications (either long term or short term) please come into the office to speak with Alix. She will take all the necessary details. We are now tracking First Aid incidents on Compass. You will no longer receive paper forms coming home. If there is a serious injury, Alix will give you a call. Very soon, the Compass entry will have a parent notification attached so you will see that your child has been seen in sickbay. If you get one, there is no need to panic. If we haven't called you, it means they are ok.

## Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey is now live. Details were posted on Compass this week. Please ensure you pass on your feedback so we can keep doing the things that are working well and can make changes to make 2027 and beyond even better. Your opinion matters to us!

## Events

All school events go onto Compass and are available to be viewed in the Compass calendar. We are also putting events on the electronic sign and in the newsletter calendar every fortnight. Keep a look out for the exciting upcoming events.

## Book Character Day

Book Character Day is my favourite event of the school year. Our parade will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. I have been sewing my costume so I am ready, and I cannot wait to see all the wonderful student costumes.

Stay safe and well. 'Till next time,

Laura Sammut  
Principal



**Professional photos from  
Wakakirri can be accessed  
through the following QR code -**

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Password: **Guardian**

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the 2026 Waka Album

**Thank you to our parent  
helpers who assisted with  
packing our Milk and  
Muffin orders.**

# PET OWNERSHIP INCURSION

6TH AUGUST 2026

On 6 August, our Year 1 and 2 students welcomed some very special guests for a Pet Ownership Incursion. Students learned how to care for dogs responsibly, and most importantly, how to recognise a dog's different moods by observing its tail, body language and behaviour.



The instructor also taught students three safe steps for approaching and patting a dog:

1. Stand at a safe distance and ask the owner for permission to pat their dog.
2. If the owner agrees, gently hold out a closed fist near the dog's nose so it can sniff and become familiar with your scent.
3. Move calmly to the dog's side and gently pat its back.

Year 1&2 students had a wonderful time meeting and gently patting the Golden Retriever.

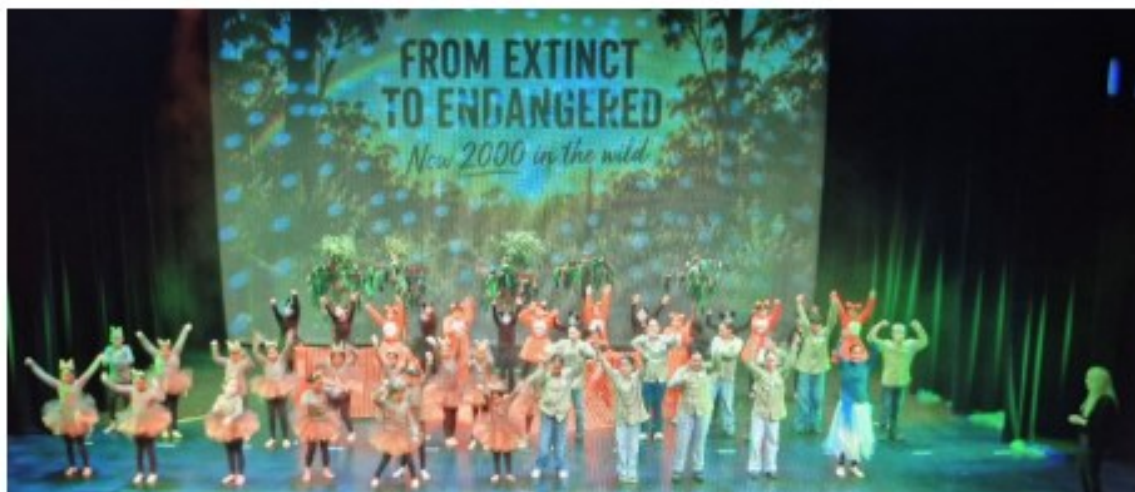






## Wakakirri 2026

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 44 Hallam Primary School students went to Frankston Art Centre to perform in the Wakakirri Story-Dance National Festival. The students did a fabulous job performing as foxes, bandicoots, cats, loggers and conservationists in our item called 'From Endangered to Thriving, Eastern Barred Bandicoots Inspire Us'.







We received the Wakakirri Best Public Speakers Award, Storytelling Award, Ensemble Award for overall performance and Production Award for sets, props and costumes.

A big thank you to the Hallam PS staff for helping and supporting our Wakakirri journey.

We would also like to thank Mindy Ahrens for her wonderful face painting of the cats, bandicoots and cats.



# What's happening in STEM?

## Sometimes slimy

Year 1 and Year 2 students worked together to explore what happens when solids and liquids are mixed. They investigated what happens when cornflour is combined with water, shared and compared their observations, and discovered that the properties of a mixture can change depending on the amount of each material used.

### Just add water

#### Question

What happens when **cornflour** and **water** are mixed together?

#### Equipment

- 1 tablespoon
- ½ cup water in a cup
- ¼ cup cornflour
- 1 mixing bowl
- 1 mixing spoon



#### Activity steps



1 Put the cornflour into the mixing bowl.



2 Add one tablespoon of water to the bowl.



3 Mix together with the mixing spoon.



4 Think of words to describe the mixture.



5 Add the rest of the water to the bowl.



6 Mix until smooth.



7 Think of words to describe the new mixture.







# BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY!

As part of our Children's Book Week celebrations, students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on **Friday 28th August**.

We will hold a Book Character Parade at **9:10am** on the netball court.

Families are welcome to attend.





# DADS AND LADS AFTERNOON

FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026  
2:45-3:30PM

As part of our Fathers' Day celebrations, classrooms will be open for dads and other special lads to visit and complete activities with students.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**



**Students must remain at school until 3:30pm**

## Term 3 Calendar

| MONDAY                                                      | TUESDAY                                                                       | WEDNESDAY                                                      | THURSDAY                                                                                              | FRIDAY                                                                                             | SAT | SUN |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 17                                                          | 18<br>Playgroup                                                               | 19                                                             | 20<br>School Tour 4pm<br>(by appointment)                                                             | 21                                                                                                 | 22  | 23  |
| 24                                                          | 25<br>Playgroup<br>Year 1 and 2<br>Melbourne Zoo<br>Excursion                 | 26                                                             | 27                                                                                                    | 28<br>Book Week Parade<br>9:10am<br>Families welcome to<br>attend                                  | 29  | 30  |
| 31                                                          | 1 <b>SEPT</b><br>Playgroup                                                    | 2<br>Prep students<br>Science Open<br>Afternoon 3:30-4pm       | 3                                                                                                     | 4<br>Father's Day Stall<br><br>Dads and Lads<br>Afternoon 2:45-<br>3:30pm<br>No Assembly           | 5   | 6   |
| 7<br>Prep Chesterfield<br>Farm<br>Excursion                 | 8<br>Playgroup<br>Year 5/6 Gala Day<br>School Tour 9:15am<br>(by appointment) | 9<br>Year 1 & 2 students<br>Science Open<br>Afternoon 3:30-4pm | 10                                                                                                    | 11<br>Prep—Year 2<br>Fun Sports day                                                                | 12  | 13  |
| 14<br>Year 3+ 4 Swimming<br>Program<br>Divisional Athletics | 15<br>Playgroup<br>Year 3+ 4 Swimming<br>Program                              | 16<br>Divisional Athletics<br>Year 3+ 4 Swimming<br>Program    | 17<br>Free Dress Day<br>Footy Colours -<br>Gold coin donation<br><br>Year 3+ 4<br>Swimming<br>Program | 18<br>Year 3+ 4 Swimming<br>Program<br><br><b>End Term 3—<br/>2:30pm finish</b><br><br>No Assembly | 19  | 20  |
| 21                                                          | 22                                                                            | 23                                                             | 24                                                                                                    | 25                                                                                                 | 26  | 27  |
| 28                                                          | 29                                                                            | 30                                                             | 1                                                                                                     | 2                                                                                                  | 3   | 4   |

**School Holidays**

## Term 4 Calendar

| MONDAY                               | TUESDAY        | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                                 | SAT | SUN |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 5 <b>OCT</b><br><br>First day Term 4 | 6<br>Playgroup | 7         | 8        | 9<br>Gleneagles Cup<br>Year 4 students | 10  | 11  |



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SHOWBAGS

182 KIDDS RD, DOVETON

# DOVETON SHOW

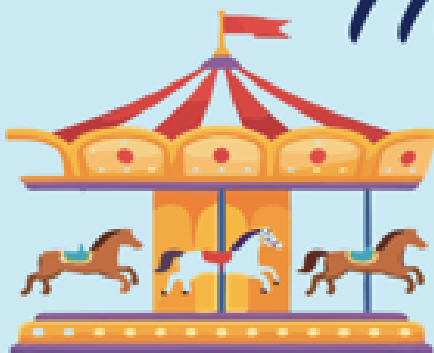
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SUNDAY 20th  
SEPTEMBER



10 AM - 4 PM

*Thank you*



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# COLOUR JOEY the COCKATOO and WIN!

CHILDREN  
AGED  
**0-12**  
YEARS



## YOUR DETAILS

CHILD'S FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE (please select):

☐ 0-4 years ☐ 5-8 years ☐ 9-12 years

SCHOOL / KINDERGARTEN /  
EARLY LEARNING CENTRE (optional):  
\_\_\_\_\_

## HOW TO ENTER

- 1 Colour Joey the Cockatoo.
- 2 Take a photo or scan of your artwork.
- 3 Email your entry to [info@dovetonshow.org.au](mailto:info@dovetonshow.org.au)

Include your child's first name,  
age and school / kindergarten  
(optional).

☆ Great prizes to be won!

☆ Winners announced at  
the Doveton Show and  
contacted using the details  
provided with their entry.

☆ Winning artwork may  
be displayed at the Show!

ENTRIES CLOSE:

**11 SEPTEMBER 2026**

[www.dovetonshow.org.au](http://www.dovetonshow.org.au)





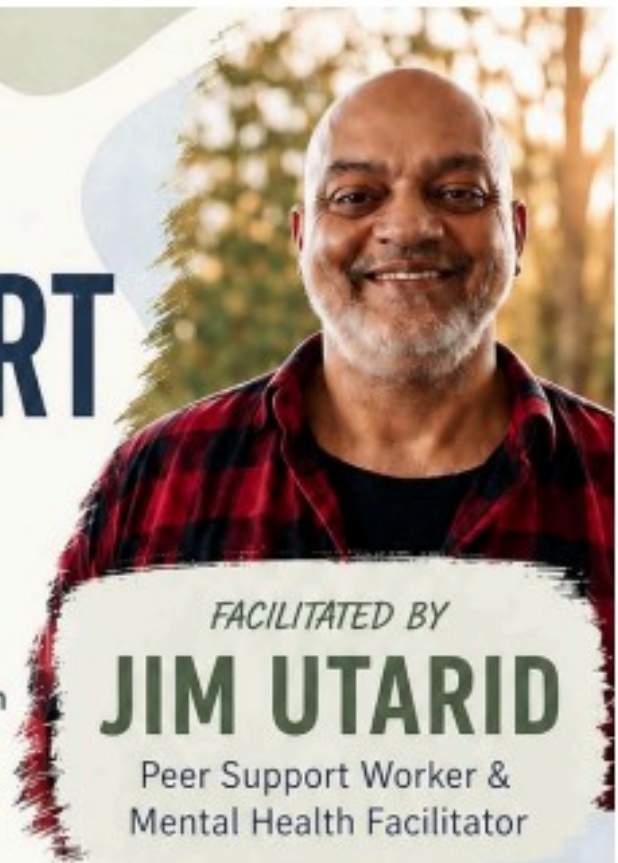


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OF MEN 23**

# JUMP START

*A safe space for  
fathers and men.*

A relaxed support space for fathers and men to talk, connect, and build practical tools for wellbeing.



*FACILITATED BY*

**JIM UTARID**

Peer Support Worker &  
Mental Health Facilitator



**WHEN  
THURSDAY  
NIGHTS**

**7:00PM - 9:00PM**



**PROGRAM  
AUGUST -  
DECEMBER 2026**

**5 MONTHLY SESSIONS**



**WHO IT'S FOR  
FATHERS, MEN,  
SONS, BROTHERS  
AND MATES**

**ALL WELCOME**



## **JIM'S CREDENTIALS & EXPERIENCE**

- ✓ Post Graduate Diploma in Psychology
- ✓ Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology & Sociology)
- ✓ 10+ years facilitating mental health support groups (OCD, Depression, BPD)
- ✓ Trauma Informed Care, Motivational Interviewing, Crisis Intervention & more
- ✓ Works with multicultural communities including Aboriginal, Afghan, African, Indian, and Australians

*Extensive experience in peer support, outreach, group facilitation and one-on-one support.*



## **CURRENT ROLE**

Jim currently works in the Adolescent Intensive Management (AIM) Team at The Austin, Heidelberg, providing outreach and 1:1 support to youth aged 12-25.



## **FREE TO JOIN!**

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and grow together.



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Tuesday 25 Aug 2026  
10:30AM – 3:00PM



Arthur Wren Hall,  
Hampton Park



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# BREAKFAST & KICK-A-BALL

**For all dads, grandfathers and their children.  
Bring your kids along to have a yummy pancake breakfast  
and join in on fun soccer/AFL activities.**

When: Saturday 22 August 2026  
9:00am - 11:00am

Where: Warneet Recreation Reserve  
2 Gilgandra Street, Warneet

RSVP: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLPMT>

Please bring hats, sunscreen & water  
for you and your children.  
Cereals and toast provided  
(incl. gluten & lactose free)



# COASTAL VILLAGES

## DADS' GROUP



# August Activities for dads & kids in Casey

AUGUST

**07**

7.00 PM

*The Meetup  
men's group*



AUGUST

**09**

10.00 AM - 11.30 AM

*Plant a Tree  
With Your Children*



AUGUST

**15**

10.00 AM - 11.30 AM

*Gardening Together*



AUGUST

**21**

7.00 PM

*The Meetup  
men's group*



AUGUST

**22**

9.00 AM - 11.00 AM

*Breakfast &  
kick-a-ball fun*



AUGUST

**22**

9.30 AM - 11.00 AM

*First-time Dads  
Community Catch-up*



AUGUST

**24**

6.30 PM - 7.00 PM

*Blokes & Bubs  
Evening story & play time*



AUGUST

**25**

7.30 PM

*Forum for Men  
& Fathers*



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**Dads Matter**  
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## An illustration of five men of different ages and ethnicities sitting around a table, eating and talking. The men are diverse in age and ethnicity, representing a multicultural group. They are all smiling and engaged in conversation. The table is set with several bowls of food, including what appears to be rice and vegetables. The background features large green leaves, suggesting an indoor plant or a natural setting. The overall tone is positive and inclusive.



**Join us for a free buffet dinner,  
hear from the panel and  
share your thoughts.**

## A FREE EVENT



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