



Gang Gang

Warrandyte High School

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Once again Melbourne has turned on the cold weather to welcome the start of Term 3. In this edition of Gang Gang I would like to offer a much

warmer welcome to a number of new staff who have recently joined us and also welcome back a returning member of staff. With warmth and a little sadness I am also farewelling a few staff members whose family commitments or career paths are taking them elsewhere.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome to our school Michelle Kennedy, who is replacing Kathryn Ball. Kathryn has taken Family Leave for the birth of her first child. Austin William Terrence Ball was born on July 15 weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces. We congratulate his proud parents Kathryn and Tim and wish them and young Austin joy and happiness for the future. Welcome also to Tim Jones who is replacing Clare Rayner while she is on Long Service Leave for seven weeks. Paul Gorman joined us at the end of last term to replace Anita Petrik. Anita will be returning at the start of 2016. Welcome back to Dave Kahukiwa. Dave has had a very unlucky run health-wise this year and he will be making a graduated return to Warrandyte High School over the next few weeks. It is great to see Dave back on his feet and we are all looking forward to having him back at school.

Farewell to Lucy Hooke, who has been with us in the role of Integration Aide for the past four years. Lucy will be leaving us at the end of this month and we wish her all the best for the future. We are also farewelling Pamela Dunstall whose career path is taking her to another school. Pamela has been a teacher at Warrandyte High School for the past twelve years, holding a number of significant positions including Year Level and Sub-School Leadership, and for the past three years she has been Assistant Principal. Her contributions to the school over these twelve years have been immense, and in particular, over the past three years, her incredible work ethic and dedication has been invaluable to the success of the educational journey we are all undertaking. We will all miss her dearly and we wish her all the best and every success into the future. The process of finding Pamela's replacement is taking

place over the next few weeks and I will be introducing our new Assistant Principal to the school community in our next edition of Gang Gang.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student's level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student's identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and

program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school principal, Dr Stephen Parkin on 9844 2749 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3— Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see:

http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419

Dr Stephen Parkin
Principal

Diary Dates

JULY

Friday June 26

Principal's Assemblies

Tuesday 28 July

Cameron Smith Shield Rugby

Tuesday 28 July

Year 9 (2016) Course Counselling - 12:30-12:50

Tuesday 28 July

Year 11 (2016) Course Counselling – Period 5&6

Thursday 30 July

Australian Maths Competition – Period 1 – 4

Friday 31 July

Cooper Cronk Cup – Years 9 & 10

AUGUST

Monday 3 August

Music and Writer's Camp begins

Wednesday 5 August

Music and Writer's Camp concludes

Wednesday 5 August

Music concert – 6:30pm

Thursday 27 August

The Addams Family opening night 6.30pm

Friday 28 August

The Addams Family performance 7.30pm

Saturday 29 August

The Addams Family matinee 1.30pm

Saturday 29 August

The Addams Family closing night 7.30pm

Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin

Assistant Principal: Pamela Dunstall

School Captains:

Jessie Thomas-Connor, Hugh Prescott

From the Principal

Course Counselling and Subject Selection

Planning for 2016 is just about to kick off at Warrandyte High School. In the upcoming weeks all students at Years 9-12 will have at least one, one-on-one counselling session with a member of the senior school counselling team. Some big decisions need to be made, with electives for Years 9 and 10 (2016) and VCE subjects for Years 10, 11 and 12 (2016) being selected as well as Tertiary courses for departing Year 12s being explored. The process of subject and course selection is a joint one between the school, the student and parents. To assist in this there are a number of parent information evenings over the next couple of weeks to explain the process of subject and course selection. The first one, for Year 11 (2016), was held last Thursday. It was great to see so many parents there to support their children in the decisions being made. Please check the Compass calendar for more information on upcoming information night dates and times. Parents are also more than welcome to join in the course counselling sessions. Appointments can be made for these by contacting Careers Leader Martin Yates on 9844 2749 or via email at careers@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

Changes in Compass

Some of you may have noticed that a new tab has appeared at the top of your child's Compass profile. The 'Analytics' section of Compass is gradually being populated with data that will be helpful for parents to view their child's ongoing progress. Currently, students who sat their NAPLAN at Warrandyte High School from 2010 will have their data available in this section.

Uniform

Towards the end of last term the uniform around the school had made a significant improvement. Unfortunately with the start of the new term the extra hoodies and other non-uniform items are starting to creep back in. Parents and students are reminded that hoodies are not school uniform and uniform passes will not be issued for students wearing these types of jumpers. Students wearing inappropriate uniform will have the item confiscated. If you have further questions about the school uniform policy please contact your child's level leader.

Farewell

As some of you may already know, this week marks the end of my time at Warrandyte High School. When I started at Warrandyte in 2004 I was a beginning teacher and certainly had a lot to learn!

Over the years I have been able to take on a number of different roles in the school including Year Level Leader, Head of Senior School and finally Assistant Principal, which I have been doing for the past three years. I have many fond memories of my time at Warrandyte, with some of the highlights being the five Kakadu trips and other numerous camps I have attended, the successful (and not so successful) sporting teams I have coached and the house sports where I would pretty much do anything to make sure Stiggant won if no one was looking! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Warrandyte with the students, teachers and other members of the school community becoming a major part of my life. I have really loved seeing the students grow from Year 7s with uniforms just a touch too big, to the young adults that leave the school at the end of Year 12 with big plans and dreams. I have especially loved catching up with past students to talk about the successes they have experienced.

I would like to thank the parents, students and staff for all their support over the last 11.5 years and when the bell goes at 3:20pm on Friday I know I will also be extremely sad to go, but I am looking forward to the new challenges that I will face at my new school.

Pamela Dunstall
Assistant Principal

International Homestay Families Needed

Warrandyte High School

**241-247 Heidelberg-Warrandyte road,
Warrandyte, 3113**

Would you or someone you know be interested in sharing your home with an international student? We are currently looking for homestay families for newly arrived secondary school international students both male and female. Host families must have Working With Children Checks for all adults in the household and the student must have their own bedroom.

The current rate for payment is \$280 per week, which includes three meals a day, seven days a week. If you are interested we would love to hear from you!

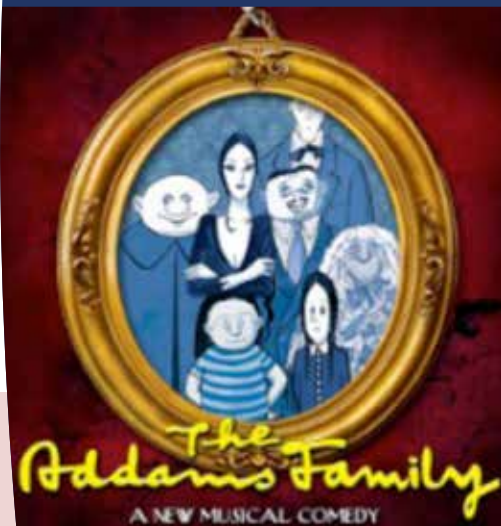


Parent Opinion Survey

Once again it's time for the annual Parent Opinion Survey. This is a vitally important source of parent feedback which significantly impacts on future planning and improvement strategies. The survey is confidential and designed to protect the identity of individual respondents.

The number of parents we can survey each year is dictated by the Department of Education and it is critical that we receive back from our parents a statistically significant number of responses. If you are one of our randomly selected families who receive a survey please take the time to fill in the survey and return it to school. The survey will take you no longer than 20 minutes to complete and must be returned to the school before Friday 31st July 2015.

We greatly appreciate your assistance with this, if you have any questions please call the General Office on 9844 2749.



Production

Production rehearsals are coming along nicely with the rehearsal over the holidays paying off. Thank you to Jo and Meg Hambleton who are managing our costuming. They have already started searching shops and sewing costumes. The Production Captains are doing a great job with Chloe organising the fundraiser BBQ at Warrandyte IGA on Saturday and Kyle organising Friday's performance and the Principal's assembly.

We are now calling for students to sign up for back stage, ushering and other front of house roles. If any students are interested please write your name down on the list in the Theatre Foyer.

Set building we also start this week. Thank you to one of our science teachers Mat Steed who will assist the team. There will be a team meeting on Thursday at 6pm in the Theatre.

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant

House Tally

How is your House going? If you're in Stiggant then you are currently on top but Michel needs help!



Kidproof

Year 8 students recently participated in a Social Netiquette Program conducted by Kidproof. Content covered in the workshops included: social networking, face to face and online friends, potential tricks predators may use to gain their trust and sexting. The following statements from students are a snapshot of what they learnt on the day:

'Never trust someone you don't know online because they could be someone dangerous.'

'Be careful with what you put online as it can never truly be deleted.'

'To always be careful with what kind of photos I post in Instagram or other social networks.'

'If it isn't helpful, inspiring, necessary or kind then you shouldn't post it.'

'Don't give out personal information and if something seems fishy then it probably is.'

Broderick Ashmole
Year 8 Level Leader

Get your production tickets fast ... I think I've got the lead role



Library News

This term is a very exciting term in the library because we have lots of activities and events organised to celebrate 'Book Week'. Children's Book Week officially runs from 22 - 28 August but we spread the celebrations over several weeks. The theme of Book Week this year is 'Books light up our world'. Students should keep their eyes on the Compass newsfeed and on the Gang Gang for details of events. Here a few things we have on offer:

Melbourne Writer's Festival Excursion

On Tuesday 25 August we will be travelling into Federation Square to attend the Melbourne Writer's Festival School's program. This excursion is open to 20 students from Year's 7 - 12 and at this point in time there are only 3 spaces left! Students have the opportunity to hear writers such as Hannah Kent (Burial Rites - Year 12 text) and Abdi Aden a refugee from Somalia, talk about their lives and approaches to writing. To secure one of the last three spots students should come to the library front desk. The cost of the excursion is \$16.00 and a MYKI card.

The Great Warrandyte Bake Off

For the third year running we are holding our cake decorating competition. Students are to decorate a cake inspired by a favourite book. Fabulous prizes of movie tickets, iTunes cards and book vouchers can be won. Decorated cakes are to be brought to the library by recess on Monday August

17. Cakes should have the entry form, which is available from the library desk, attached to them. Check out the library TV noticeboard for inspiration or go to <http://www.pinterest.com/jste0057/book-cakes/>. Here are some entries from previous years:

New Books

Every week we have new books coming in to the library, these can be found on the table by the comfy chairs or on our 'Blind Date with a Book' stand. These 'blind date' books are wrapped in brown paper and only have three word clues on them as to what they are about. Borrow a book, take it home and unwrap it for a surprise adventure!

Lunchtime Activities

Many students enjoy coming into the library at lunchtimes to play computer games, board games and card games. Students can also knit, crochet or make other craft projects. Look out for new offerings over the coming weeks as the library begins to transform lunchtimes into MakerSpaces. If you want to learn more about the MakerSpace movement type MakerSpace into your favourite search engine and see what is happening on libraries around the world. (For example: https://www.pinterest.com/cari_young/library-makerspaces/)

To help us in our transformation we would like your help. If you have any ideas or suggestions of things we could make at lunchtime... let us know... or if you have skill you could teach others we would love to hear from you. We would also like to start a Lego collection, so if you have any old Lego a donation to the library would be greatly appreciated.

Judy Steel
Library Leader



KEYS PLEASE

What could be more rewarding than supervising your son or daughter on their learner permit so they can become a safer driver?

Many parents might add "and what could be more challenging?"

Do you remember your own learning to drive experience?

This week at school, your son or daughter will be taking part in a VicRoads Keys Please session. Whether or not they already have their Ls, this session tells them everything they need to know about making the most of the learner driver period.

Parents and carers have an important role in helping their young people develop the skills and attitudes they need to become safer drivers. You should feel like a sports coach (not a driving instructor) and there are two resources to help you.

The VicRoads Learner Kit given to all successful learner permit applicants contains the booklet Guide for Supervising Drivers that is essential reading – make sure you ask your son or daughter to pass it on! The second resource is the online Lessons from the Road resource.

Lessons from the Road features eight videos. The videos showcase the emotions and real life issues in learning to drive. They help you work through the four stages

required to help learners achieve their goals. Lessons from the Road is easy to use and can be accessed on the VicRoads website at vicroads.vic.gov.au and search "Lessons from the Road".

When your student attends the Keys Please session they will be encouraged to discuss the information they have received and to watch Lessons from the Road at home with you.

Please ask them about the Keys Please session and make sure that you watch the videos together. It won't take long and it will help you through the process of learning to drive as well as information for keeping new solo drivers safe.

Research shows that learners who gain experience with parents have about 20% lower crash and traffic offence rates once they are licensed than learners who only take professional lessons. Research also shows that on average learners who gain an average of 120 hours of supervised on-road experience in all conditions have a 30% lower risk of crashing after getting a licence. VicRoads strongly recommends watching Lessons from the Road. Helping your son or daughter to be a safer driver is the one Rewards Program you can't afford to miss out on!

Christena Gazeas
Humanities Leader

Food Technology

As Year 11 students learn about the Tools of the 21st century section of their curriculum, Ms Lamb will be demonstrating the uses of the Thermomix. Some of the recipes she will be making will include:

Vegetable stock paste, Mushroom risotto, Focaccia, Fruit sorbet (strawberry and mango)

These recipes will include herbs and vegetables from the Kitchen Garden.

Suzanne Martin
Food Assistant

Hello Everyone

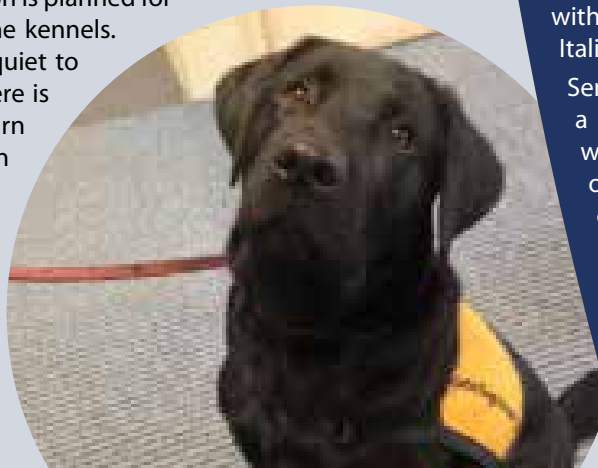
Since my last article a lot has happened. I experienced a temporary home while Jill was away for a week and I am now at the Guide Dog Centre for an operation on my sore elbows.

I went into the centre on Monday June 20, two days before my operation, so that I could become accustomed to my new home. My operation is planned for Wednesday June 22, with a 6 week recovery in the kennels.

After surgery it is very important that I am kept quiet to look after my leg so that it will heal. After that there is a further 6 week rehab period where I hope to return to Jill's place and hence school. This will depend on what the rehab plan is and whether it is suitable for my recovery.

I will miss everyone and hope to return as soon as I can.

Quinn
Trainee Guide Dog



LOTE News

2015 has definitely started on the right foot in the LOTE faculty at Warrandyte High.

Our beautiful Year 7 cohort includes many students who have already studied Italian in primary school therefore their input in the LOTE classroom has been a very positive and stimulating example for all the other students to follow.

The LOTE faculty is very proud of all those students in Year 8 who in the course of Term 2 came religiously once a week, to rehearse their poem in preparation for the Swinburne University Poetry Competition which was held in June.

Our students competed against many schools across Victoria and did extremely well. Congratulations go to all the participants for their efforts. A special mention goes to Alicia Alvarez, Alexis Bucciacchio, Piper Davis, Nicholas Dodds and Skye Gedye who all obtained High Distinctions. I am also very proud to announce that James Hellings of 8.3 came first among the four winners of the Competition. What a fantastic achievement for James in recognition of his effort and dedication!

Most of the students in our Year 9 elective class participated in the Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition which was held in June. The competition was organized by Melbourne University and all our students worked very hard and are to be congratulated for their efforts. Amie and Jasmine Grisold obtained High Distinctions and were among the few non Italian students who achieved such excellent results. What a fantastic achievement. Our Year 9 students are also getting ready for their August excursion to the Migration Museum for a very interesting workshop followed by a treasure hunt along Lygon Street. At the end of the treasure hunt, they will enjoy a succulent Italian lunch in one of the many Italian restaurants in Lygon Street. The challenge will be ordering their food in Italian with the help of a fully-fledged Italian waiter.

Semester two promises to be a very eventful term as well, with the year 7's & 8's going on a very special excursion to celebrate Italian Culture Day in Melbourne, in October.

Antonella Bitta
LOTE teacher

Well Done Greer

Recently Greer Wade of Year 10 toured the USA & Canada with her family as a senior chorister with The Australian Children's Choir. The choir participated in an exciting international music collaboration in Washington DC with choirs from all around the world.

They also had the honour of performing in prestigious venues including The John F Kennedy Performing Arts Centre, Arlington National Cemetery and Strathmore Hall.

Well done Greer and thank you for sharing your photos and experiences with us.



Community Voice



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Warrandyte Cricket Club 2015/16 Junior registration day

When: 25 July

Time: 9am-12pm

Where: Warrandyte Cricket Club rooms, Taroona Ave.

Registration of current and new players (boys and girls) are now open for:

- under 10's
- under 12's
- under 14's
- under 16's

New players will receive a WCC cricket club cap and will be required to purchase a WCC shirt (@ \$25.00) Personalised hoodies can also be purchased @ \$55.00.

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The Cricket season begins early October, 2015 and we are urgently seeking expressions of interest / commitment from prospective players with the view to reviving the rich history of our women's teams of the past. We are planning to enter, into competition, an open age team (aged 15 years and above) and urgently need an indication from locals who fancy their ability with bat and ball.

Younger girls will be welcome for basic coaching and, depending on numbers available, may have the opportunity to participate in mid-week match play.

Experienced coaches

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Matches will be played on Sunday afternoons with practice sessions arranged mid-week.

Having Fun!

That's the name of the game, so come and join in, form a team and enjoy the camaraderie on and off the field and centred on our magnificent new club room facilities.

For enquiries contact:

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