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Warrandyte High School

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From the Assistant Principal

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

Friday 14 October

Year 12 Celebration Day

Monday 17 October

Year 8 English ALP commences

Tuesday 18 October

Music Concert 7:00pm

Thursday 20 October

VET Rec Kinglake Adventure Day

Friday 21 October

Year 7 EMR Boys Basketball

Friday 21 October

Year 8 English ALP concludes

Sunday 23 October

Working Bee

Monday 24 October

NEVR Year 7 Boys Volleyball

Wednesday 26 October

VCE Exams begin

Thursday 27 October

Art Show



Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin

Assistant Principal: Joseph Caruana

School Captains:

Tylar Findlay and Ben Willis

Please note that the day before Cup Day (Monday 31 October) is a Curriculum Day. Students are not to attend school on this day as there will be no classes and no supervision available. All staff will be taking part in professional development activities aligned with the new Victorian Curriculum.

Working Bee

Our working bee primarily focusing on our annual art show is happening Sunday October 23, 10am – 12 Noon with a barbeque to follow! We would love to see you if you can make it. For catering purposes, we would really appreciate it if you could register your availability and intention to attend via an email to the school.

YEAR 12 English Exam Preparation Tips

What can students do to fully prepare for their English exam? Here are 3 hot tips:

1. Read, reread and re-reread all of the set texts. All the students who I have taught over the years who have received a study score in the 40s had one thing in common – they had all reread each of their texts, cover to cover, at least 3-4 times! In order to receive a high result, it is essential to

know each of the texts inside and out. One reading alone cannot achieve the necessary level of analysis that will be required to score an 8, 9 or 10 out of 10.

2. Memorise quotes – it is essential to memorise around 30-40 quotes from each of the texts. Planning to write on the play, Medea? Then in addition to memorising dialogue, stage directions should also be memorised as they too reveal a lot about the author's intention. The best, most elegant quotes are often the very short quotes that get embedded into your own sentences

3. With Part C of the exam, (Language Analysis / Using Language to Persuade), always ensure you are writing about the author's intended effect. Use impressive verbs to achieve this. For example, "The repetition of the word "hungry" invites the view that....." or "The saddened facial expression of the child, strengthens the idea that....." Use a highlighter and highlight every instance where you are talking about the intended effect of the writer/cartoonist...etc..... If you have not highlighted around 70% of your piece, then you have not sufficiently completed this task!

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Library News

At the end of last term about 15 boys participated in the Boys Book Talk Pizza Lunch. It was a great opportunity to share some delicious food and some interesting and enjoyable books. Some of the popular books were Curious incident of the dog in the night-time, the Artemis Fowl series and novels by authors such as Vince Flynn, Lee Childs and Matthew Reilly. A special thanks to Mr Yates for sharing his reading adventures and inspiring our boys in their reading.

Rotary Club Dinner

On Tuesday 6th September Nic Dodds, Martin Tomich and Bardia Firoozi attended the Warrandyte and Donvale rotary club dinner to deliver a presentation on their use of the 3D

printer. All three students spoke confidently about what they had been making and Martin's description of his forays into programming kept the audience entertained. Thanks to these students for all their work in the Makerspace during the year.

Rock your Socks off

We had some wonderful entries into our Rock your Socks Off competition and they have been hanging from the library clothesline for the past few weeks for everyone to enjoy. Congratulations to India Robinson for her wonderful Alice in Wonderland entries. Other notable entries were from Layla Edsell, Josephine Preston, Emma Dodds, Luka Holcombe, Hope Watts and Brooke Turner.

Judy Steel
Library Leader



Six Weeks in China!

The Victorian Young Leaders to China Program! On October 4, the participants of this life changing experience, 13 Year 9 students, returned to Melbourne after spending six weeks in China! The students had a fantastic time; they participated in a plethora of exciting activities and immersed themselves significantly in Chinese culture.

Departing Melbourne on August 24, for the first fortnight the students travelled to various Chinese cities including Beijing, Nanjing and Xi'an. Fellow staff member, Grace Johnstone, joined me in accompanying our Victorian Young Leaders. We stayed in hotels during the first two weeks and explored timeless wonders including The Great Wall in Beijing, the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses in Xi'an and the Confucius Temple in Nanjing.

Attending classes at our sister school in Suzhou was next with each of us living with a Chinese homestay family. This took place during weeks 3 and 4 of our unforgettable experience. I got to teach classes at our sister school and indeed our Year 9 students lived the life of being a student at our sister school. Classes started at 7.45am and ended at 4.45pm. 45 students in a class! What an experience! Many students have made life long connections with their homestay families- how lovely, no?

Living the life of a university student is the experience which our Year 9 students embraced during week 5 and 6. Indeed we stayed in dormitories at the Dushu Lake Higher Education Town, still in Suzhou, the

home city of our sister school. Each day our students participated in a plethora of classes and activities all aimed at further Chinese culture immersion. Opportunities included participating in traditional wood-engraving activities, silk embroidery, 3D printing activities and performing live to a packed all Chinese theatre audience at the Suzhou Community Gala Show!

Our life changing experience culminated with a few days in Shanghai before leaving China after 6 full weeks! Opportunities like these don't come along often and we certainly like making them available at Warrandyte High School.

Joe Caruana
Assistant Principal



I hope you all had a nice term holidays because I did.

You remember me mentioning that I wasn't too keen on getting onto trains. Well, I have conquered that fear. I travelled from Ringwood Station to Southern Cross and then onto Bendigo. There was a false start at Ringwood Station but from then on I walked on to trains like I had been doing it all my life. At Southern Cross Station it was very busy with humans and trains but it didn't worry me. I was the talk of the carriage but I lay quietly during the two hours to Bendigo.

In Bendigo we did a lot of sightseeing which included a lot of walking. I went into small shopping centres, shops, the Grand Stupa and other areas. I stayed in a small house with a front and back garden which I enjoyed running around in.

I have been going to Ringwood Square quite frequently and last weekend we walked along past the businesses on Maroondah Highway. The staff at Freedom Furniture wanted to pat me but as I was in training patting was not allowed.

My next concern is to overcome the worry of other dogs and open stairs. The iron steps at the back of the North Ringwood shops have me stumped. I have gone up them a few times but I am not keen. I need to work hard at overcoming this worry as it is essential for becoming a Guide Dog.

Next month I have a city walk scheduled and at the end of November I turn 1 year old.

Please come and visit me.

Love Nerida



ARE YOU READY? A BUSHFIRE EXPERIENCE!



A SCENARIO EVENT WITH A DIFFERENCE
How will you cope when your world becomes unpredictable? How will you recover?

THURSDAY 27 OCT

WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY CHURCH
57 YARRA STREET 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Be Ready Warrandyte
Living with Bushfire Risk

 **Warrandyte Community Association Inc.**



Going to Uni for the first time in 2017?

Scholarship coming soon.

Applications are invited from eligible students in the local district attending university for the first time in 2017.

Drop into the Warrandyte **Community Bank**® Branch at 144 Yarra Street, Warrandyte or phone 9844 2233 for more information or visit bendigobank.com.au/scholarships.



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Warrandyte Historical Society

presents

The Diary Duo

An evening talk about the early days of the Warrandyte Diary.



THE EARLY DAYS
Cliff Green & Jock Macneish



The Warrandyte Diary has played a pivotal role in the history of Warrandyte. It started in 1970 as a 12 page newsletter and celebrates its 500th edition in September 2016.

Come and hear about its early days and modest beginning and how it has become the Diary we all know and love today with-

Cliff Green— founder, writer, editor, mentor, and trustee.

Jock Macneish—cartoonist, contributor, mentor and trustee.

The talk will be held in the Balcony Room, The Grand Hotel, Yarra Street, Warrandyte 3113

7.15pm for 7.30pm
Thursday 20 October, 2016

A light supper and chat will follow at the museum.

For catering purposes please email info@whsoc.org.au or phone 9844 3086 by 14 October if attending.



Salvo FETE

Sat 22nd October 9:00am-2:00pm
FEATURING:

- ▶ CAR BOOT STALLS
- ▶ FABULOUS FOOD
- ▶ JUMPING CASTLE
- ▶ CONTINUOUS LIVE MUSIC
- ▶ FANTASTIC FACE PAINTING
- ▶ CHILDRENS CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
- ▶ MEGA MARKET (NEW & PRE-LOVED GOODS) \$2 entry



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