



Gang Gang

Warrandyte High School

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From the Principal

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

Friday 5 February

Principal's Assemblies

Monday 8 February

Year 10 Support Program

Tuesday 9 February

School Photo Day

Thursday 11 February

Year 10 & 11 Elevate program

Friday 12 February

Motivational Media – Free Dress Day

Tuesday 16 February

Swimming Sports

Thursday 18 February

Elevate Year 12 Program

Friday 19 February

Clans Day for Year 7 students



Welcome to 2016

I would like to welcome back all the families returning to Warrandyte High School in 2016 and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the families joining us for the first time this year. Last Friday, the first day for Year 7 students, I had the opportunity to speak with a number of Year 7 parents, some of whom were new to our school. It was lovely to share in such a special occasion with these parents and I look forward to further opportunities to meet with parents and members of our community throughout the year.

I would also like to welcome Mr Simon Andrew (Mathematics/PE) and Ms Wendy Tziotis (English) who are joining us this year, and Ms Cinzia Sakellaris, Ms Niki na Meadhra and Ms Petrik who have returned from leave. Ms Marion White has retired from teaching and Ms Natalie Manser and Mr Steve Griffin have taken up positions in other schools. As have Integration Aides, Ms Fiona Barnett, Ms Amanda Giblett and Ms Kate Heintze. We wish Marion, Natalie, Steve, Fiona, Amanda and Kate all the best for their future endeavours.

Building Teacher Capacity: Improving Practice and Achievement

The school's professional development focus continues to be Building Teacher Capacity to Improve Student Learning Outcomes, with professional development activities ongoing throughout the year. Our foci in the first half of the year are High Expectations & Authentic Relationships; Setting Challenging Tasks; Learning Intentions, Narrative & Pace; and Literacy & Numeracy.

VCE results 2015

I am very pleased to be able to congratulate the Year 12 class of 2015 on the excellent results they achieved. The final results were the culmination of much effort and commitment across a number of years, and reflect the contribution of staff and parents into the learning of the students. In particular, congratulations to Hugh Prescott, the 2015 Dux who achieved an ATAR score of 96.4. Also congratulations to the following students who achieved study scores of 40 or better, placing them in the top 8% of all students in that study.

Hugh Prescott (Mathematical Methods, Specialist Maths, Physics, Further maths, VET Interactive Digital Media), Aaron Closs (Maths Methods, Further Maths, Specialist Maths), Zoe Cooper (Maths Methods, Further Maths), Callum

Grant (Physical Education), Jules Jones (Further Maths, Maths methods, VET IDM), Holly Mulder (Further Maths), Jack Poole (Maths Methods, Specialist Maths, Further Maths), Maxine Price (Maths Methods, Specialists Maths), Will Purcell (Further Maths, Business Management), Cassie Roberts (Health and Human Development), Dani Sharpe (Health and Human Development), Kyle Turpin (Health and Human Development, Further Maths, Psychology), Connor Vernon (VET IDM), Stephanie Villani (Further Maths), Annie De Zwart (VET Sport and Recreation).

Warrandyte High School Awards Evening - 2015

Throughout each school year we are privileged to witness many outstanding achievements by our students in the pursuit of academic and artistic excellence, citizenship and sport. The Warrandyte High School Awards Evening held in December each year provides an opportunity for us to celebrate and give recognition to our students who have excelled throughout the year and it is also an occasion on which we can acknowledge and give thanks to those students who have taken on the responsibility of being our student leaders in the following year.

It is a formal evening held in our school theatre and it is a wonderful event. A full list of recipients is included later in this edition of Gang Gang. The evening would not be possible without the contributions of our award sponsors and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support of our students.

Stephen Parkin
Principal

Welcome to the new Year 7's and welcome back everyone else.



Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin

Assistant Principal: Joseph Caruana

School Captains:

Tylar Findlay and Ben Willis

School Captains' Valedictory Speech

The Valedictory Dinner held in December, after the final exams, was a gala event and the formal farewell to our Year 12 Class of 2015. I have included below, copies of the Captains' Speech from this event.

"So, I'd like to start by saying congratulations everyone! It's been a long exam period but I know all the hard work and dedication we've all put in will be worth it. I know I've had an incredible time here at Warrandyte and the general feeling from the whole year level is very much the same. The sense of community our year level shares is largely what made my time at Warrandyte as good as it has been. The memories and teachers and of course you all are something I will remember forever.

Obviously finishing Year 12 is a great achievement and we couldn't have done it without the love and support of all our teachers. There was an unbelievable effort by the teachers to make themselves available. Things like lunch time classes, after school classes and general one on ones with us students were greatly appreciated and just shows how much they want to see us succeed, so a big thank you to all the teachers.

Warrandyte has also provided us with many opportunities to excel academically, for example the Kwong Lee Dow program that I'm a part of, where I get to interact with other students at Melbourne University. Warrandyte has prepared a lot of us for a successful future, and whether it's those going to university or even the ones that have left chasing things like apprenticeships, everyone will take away valuable life lessons from Warrandyte.

I'm certainly glad that I chose Warrandyte back when I finished primary school, I could not have imagined spending these important years of my life anywhere else".

Hugh Prescott – School Captain 2015

"Over the last six years here at Warrandyte High School we have learned a lot. This year Mrs Manser taught us about the Creb cycle in the mitochondria. Mr Carozzi taught us the value of ukulele free silence. And Mr Sunjo, I thank him for his enthusiastic and entertaining approach towards teaching.

I don't know when I'll need to know Pythagoras theorem or the multiple realities that exist within Foe but I'm sure all of this knowledge will no doubt be valuable as we go forward in life. I think that the most important thing that we have learned over the last years is the value of friendship. Even though our friendship groups have changed people have come and then gone and then come back again since year 7, our year level is special because we are truly a family that has bonded through the hardest times in our 6 years at high school.

Not everyone went to Kakadu, but for me it was an experience that I will remember forever. On this 2 week camp we saw different sides to people. Being on the bus for such a long period of time with limited music supplied every one of us had certain songs drilled into our head and when we thought we had heard it all on the last night to the airport Dave played Paul Kelly's - Winter Coat which we had to sing to or should I say yell.

This year at school we have had to face SACs and

exams which caused some sleepless nights, but without the support from each other it would have made it so much more difficult.

The year ended with a bang "Celebration Day" it allowed our creative side to come out and I think it's accurate to say our year level definitely has personality and style when it comes to decorating school property.

Now it's come to an end, the stories, high school. And tonight will probably be the final time we are all in a room together unless there is another team SWAT grand final. Now it's time to say goodbye and go our own ways whether we decide to travel the world, go to university, or something we haven't worked out yet we will begin another adventure of our own. I hope we will take the memories that we've shared, whether good or bad and remember 2015, our final year as one of the best times in our lives".

Jessie Thomas-Connor – School Captain 2015

Asbestos Signage

As part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling has been installed at our school. The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school's asbestos register.

Prior to the placement of the labels, an independent contractor undertook an asbestos audit of the school. This is a regular cyclical practice which includes taking numerous samples of various materials throughout the school, most of which have been sampled in previous audits and been shown to be asbestos free. Following this sampling DEECD policy is now to place signage on all building entrances pending the results of the tests, which generally will be available to the school within a week or two. Upon negative results the signage will be removed, though due to a backlog this removal process could take up to 6 months. Previous audits have indicated that the only asbestos in the school is contained in fibre cement sheeting in a few of the older portable buildings.

Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition. The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe. Children's safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.

**Stephen Parkin
Principal**

Alexander

The 2015 School magazine, ALEXANDER, is still available. It is a wonderful collection of all the people, events, places and faces of the 2015 school year. If you have not yet picked up your copy from the General Office please do so or you may purchase a copy for \$26, from the General Office.

School Photos

School Photo day is Tuesday 9 February. This is always an exciting day. However, it is also very hectic with an extremely tight timeline to complete all the photos. Parents can help immeasurably on this day by ensuring that their children are in correct uniform. Please note that any student unwilling to wear their uniform in the correct manner will not be permitted to take part in the photo day. A gentle reminder: correct uniform includes our coloured hair and facial piercings policy.

There are three methods available to order photo packs:

- Place your order online prior to photo day using the unique web log-on code printed on your prepayment order form. Tick 'prepaid web order' on the order form and have your student hand it to our photographer on photo day.
- You can complete the prepayment order form and include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.
- You can choose to wait five working days then go online to view the images and create a package to suit.
- If you do not wish to purchase photos, please complete details printed in the 'pack selection' to advise 'no photos required' and have your student hand the envelope to the photographer on photo day.

The schedule for the day has changed from previous years, this year Year 12 is starting at 9am, Year 11 approximately starting 9.20, Year 10 approximately starting 9.45am, Year 9 approximately starting 10.05am, Year 8 approximately starting 11.10am and Year 7 approximately starting 11.45am.

**Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant**

2016 Immunisations

Only Year 7 students to receive vaccinations in 2016

Parents of older children may be aware that in previous years vaccinations were given to students in Years 7 to 10. However, the vaccine program for secondary students has been simplified this year so that all vaccines will only be offered to Year 7 students. This includes:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis combined vaccine (dTp) – one dose
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine - three doses
- Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine – one dose

Parents of Year 7 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return Part A regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Manningham Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school on 98442749 or by emailing whs@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au by 29 February 2016 if you do not want your contact details given to the Manningham Council.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

**Anne Brown
First Aid**

School Council Elections 2016—Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education & Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable

skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

In this issue of Gang Gang I have included a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations.

All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- consider standing for election to council this year
- be sure to vote in the elections.

Please contact me if you wish further information.

Warrandyte High School

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Warrandyte High School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Tuesday 16 February, 2016.

If an election is required the ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 8 March, 2016.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership Category	Term of Office	Number of Positions
Parent Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016 (Wednesday 9 March, 2016) to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018 (Wednesday 7 March, 2018)	4
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016 (Wednesday 9 March, 2016) to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2015 (Wednesday 7 March, 2018)	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

I would also like to welcome our school community to 2016! Our students have certainly settled in very well! This includes all of our returning students, our many new Year 7 students, our new International Students and our many new students who have joined us in all other year levels.

Correct, our International Student Program continues to expand. Currently we are pleased to welcome 12 international students.

Uniform

Overwhelmingly, we are exceedingly pleased with the way 2016 has commenced on the uniform front. A gentle reminder is always a good thing, and certainly for the benefit of the new members of our school community, I will ever so briefly touch on a few key points:

Facial piercings

Our uniform policy states that "Students are not to wear items of costume jewellery. A maximum of three small sleepers or studs (per ear) can be worn for pierced ears. Studs or sleepers are not permitted to be worn in any other visible part of the body including nose, eyebrows, tongue or cheek."

Coloured Hair and Fingernails

"Extremes in terms of hairstyles, hair colour and facial hair must be avoided at all times....." Nail polish will only be permitted if it is a clear, non coloured variety.

Inappropriate footwear

Students must wear black polishable lace ups or T-bars. Skate shoes and black runners are not permitted.

Fire Drill

On Tuesday February 2 we had a Bush Fire Drill. The Year 7s also participated in a relocation to our Shelter-In place which is the A Block. All went smoothly. As we are in bushfire season we indeed seized this early opportunity to ensure all of our students become familiar with our emergency management plan, especially our new students and new staff.

School procedures for the bushfire season



Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and via the Compass Parent Portal. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00pm the day before the potential closure.

Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. This will be done via a notice on the Compass Parent Portal Newsfeed, an email to families and through the

information message on our phone system.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and by checking the Compass Parent Portal regularly. If you do not know your Compass log in please contact the General Office on 9844 2749 who will be able to assist you with this.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- Talk to your child about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

Hoax phone calls to Victorian schools

I am writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days.

Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year.

Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please contact either myself or the Principal, Dr Stephen Parkin

Joe Caruana
Assistant Principal



Warrandyte Festival Banners

Four new Warrandyte High School Banners will appear along Yarra Street this year. The Art Department and Year 11 student Stephanie Mortlock designed and painted the banners at the end of 2015. The final lettering was completed this year. Members of the WHS community will recognize the source of the images. Thank you so much Stephanie for your creativity and diligence.

Designs for Colouring Page Competition

Middle school Art students (2015) were given the opportunity to create a page illustrating an aspect of Warrandyte's history. Judges from the Warrandyte Historical Society will choose three prize-winners early this year. Copies will be distributed to primary school students to complete with colour. Many of the line drawings are on display in the Theatre foyer.

Ms Dale
Art Teacher



Warrandyte High School - 2015 Awards

Congratulations to the following award recipients for 2015. These students were all acknowledged at our School Council Awards ceremony in December 2015. It is important that we celebrate their achievements and reward them for their commitment to success.

2015 Awards

AWARD	RECIPIENT
School Captains 2016	Tylar Finday and Ben Willis
SRC 2016	Damon Moorfoot
Music Captains 2016	Erin Theodore and Liam Foster
The Rotary Endeavour Award sponsored by The Rotary Club of Warrandyte/Donvale	Jules Jones
The Rotary Excellence Award sponsored by The Rotary Club of Warrandyte/Donvale	Aaron Closs
The Literary Prize sponsored by Warrandyte Market	William Purcell
The ANZAC Award sponsored by Warrandyte RSL	Nicholas Wade
The Kiwanis Award sponsored by The Kiwanis club of Doncaster/Templestowe	Tristan West
The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards sponsored by Australian Defence Force	Chloe Davies Elaine Burdett
The Blake Prize sponsored by Michael and Brenda Blake	Holly Mulder
The Artistic Excellence Award sponsored by Lions Club of Warrandyte	Kyle Turpin Morgan Storey
The Sports Award sponsored by Warrandyte High School	Taylor Padfield
The Lions Music Excellence Award sponsored by The Lions Club of Warrandyte	Jackson Price
The Jean-Pierre Lajoie Prize sponsored by Warrandyte Market	Nic Dodds
The Junior Technology Award sponsored by Hire A Hubby East Doncaster (Jason and Annabelle Pinder)	Roy Sisson
The Spirit of Warrandyte sponsored by Ryan Smith	Luke Killey
The DUX 2015 sponsored by Glennis Pitches	Hugh Prescott

Year Level Awards

Award	Recipient	Year in 2015
All Rounder	Chloe Wallace	7
Sports Person	Joel Richards	7
Excellence in the Arts	Caitlyn Bull	7
Academic Excellence	Matthew Thompson	7
Endeavour (Lane Bossard Award)	Zac Deacon	7
All Rounder	Greta Wallace	8
Sports Person	Shaun Price	8
Excellence in the Arts	Jemma Prescott	8
Academic Excellence	Gemma Raso & Grace Nassour	8
Endeavour	Nic Dodds	8
All Rounder	Brooke Turner	9
Sports Person	Tom Davis	9
Excellence in the Arts	Roy Sisson	9
Academic Excellence	Amie & Jasmine Grisold	9
Endeavour	Darcy Broad	9
All Rounder	Harry Bebbington	10
Sports Person	Cooper Goodman	10
Academic Excellence	April Synhur	10
Endeavour	Trevor Edwards	10
All Rounder	Josh McLean	11
Sports Person	Stefan Walder	11
Excellence in the Arts	Chloe Abela	11
Academic Excellence	Zaid Al Algawi	11
Endeavour	Amber Bayliss	11
Citizenship	Sarah Nassour	11
All Rounder	Stephanie Villani	12
Sports Person	Taylor Padfield	12
Excellence in the Arts	Kyle Turpin	12
Endeavour	Jules Jones	12
Citizenship	Jessie Thomas-Connor	12

Student accident insurance/Ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school

Parents/Guardians are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Parents/Guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Private property brought to school by students is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Jill Treeby
Business Manager



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



Congratulations Cooper Goodman

Cooper was selected and competed in the Pacific School Games in Adelaide last week in the 17U Baseball. There were over 4000 students from across Australia and The Pacific competing in various sports such as Soccer, Swimming, Diving, Table Tennis, Softball etc...

Teams competing in the baseball were: Victoria, South Australia, NSW, Queensland, Western Australia, India and ACT.

The finals top three positions came to a first ever 'count back' system. Indicating the close high standard of competing teams.

The team had a great tournament. The ended up in the Gold Medal play-off and came away with a Silver Medal. NSW won the tournament.

On an individual basis, Cooper won x2 MVP's in the game against India and in the first final against South Australia. He was also named in the All Stars Australian Squad for 2015.

As it was a school's event there was an educational day where the team went to The University of Adelaide and were given lectures by ASADA and Biomechanics experts.

Hello Everyone

My name is Nerida and I am your new Guide Dog puppy for 2016.

I was born at the Guide Dogs Victoria breeding centre on November 29 2015 which makes me 10 weeks old. I live with Jill Treeby and her family including Quinn, who you all know.

My name is Aboriginal and means either blossom or red water lily depending which state you come from. You pronounce my name Neh reeh dah.

I went along to my 10 week puppy class last Tuesday where all my brothers and sisters were. We wanted to play with each other but that wasn't allowed. We were there to learn commands like sit (which I know), stand, down and come. I must admit I was very good at all of that but a bit noisy. I just wanted to play.

The outcome of this puppy class means that I have homework to practise. I need to work on the commands I learnt so that when I go to my next puppy class in three weeks, I will be able to show off my expertise and be ready to learn more. Sitting is easy but standing and then going from a stand to down or a sit to down is a lot trickier.

Along with my puppy class I was required to attend the VET Clinic. I needed to have my 10 week injection so that I can mix with other dogs. The Vet also checked me all over to see if everything was okay. She said I had a very lovely shiny coat and my teeth were all okay. Jill and others reckon they are very sharp and they don't like it when I accidentally play too hard with my mouth. I am learning to only mouth my toys not humans. Quinn and I are great buddies because we play all the time. Really I play and Quinn puts up with my biting and jumping. However Quinn does like to play tug of war but I find I can't hang on for very long. When I get bigger Quinn might find he will have a stronger play mate and I may just be able to pull him along instead of the other way round.

I will be attending the Principal's assemblies on Friday to be introduced to all the students. I have already met a few and love having visitors. Please come and see me.

Love Nerida

Library News

And it has only been a week!

One week into the year and the library is already buzzing with excitement and energy; no easing into the new year here! The focus of our year will be on our developing Makerspace and thanks to Warrandyte Donvale Rotary Club our 3D printer has arrived. Library staff, Kathy Wain, Cheryl Hart and I, along with year 9 students Nic Dodds and Bardia Firoozi have this week undertaken a day's training in the operation and potential uses of our fabulous printer. Since then Nic and Bardia have been introducing this technology to small groups of students each lunchtime. Over the next few weeks the printer will become available for more students to use..... so keep an eye on Compass for details.

We also have several 'stations' set up for student use. Fancy some colouring, want to build something with Lego or play some good old fashioned board games...lunchtime in the library is the place to be. Our 'Reader's Café' will be launched in a couple of weeks and Duct tape activities are coming soon.

Books in all shapes and forms....

The graphic novel is gaining in popularity and we have a great collection which is growing all the time. New to the graphic novel collection: Steve Jobs' biography, Vincent Van Gough biography, Anzac stories and new Manga titles.

There is also a great range of picture books written for older readers as well as many new titles in our novel collection. Favourites I read over summer include:

- Carousel: four young people are trapped in a large shopping centre...Why can't they get out and what is happening in the world outside?
- Steel: a teenage girl on holiday in the Caribbean falls overboard whilst on a pleasure cruise and finds herself transported back in time on a pirate ship.
- In the skin of a monster: What do you do if your identical twin sister is a mass murderer? When every time any looks at you they see her... a monster in their eyes?

Don't forget we also have an e-Book platform and students can borrow straight to their computers once registered. Just go to: <http://warrandytehs.wheelers.co/> and sign and register.

If you need help visit the library desk.



Powerful Learning & Teaching Team: English, Humanities, ICT and Italian – NEWS

Such a long name for our newly formed Learning & Teaching Team but this group of teachers is taking it all in their stride. Robust and professionally stimulating discussion has been taking place in our meetings about how we can best improve the literacy outcomes of our students across all areas of the curriculum. Staff have already been including a number of well researched strategies in their lessons such as Writing Breaks, Do Now tasks and Exit Slips... just ask your son or daughter for details. These strategies focus on the concept of writing to learn and assist the student to clarify, reflect upon or question their understanding of what is being taught.

The new team structure provides staff with the opportunity to share strategies between subject areas and to support each other in our professional growth. It is early days yet and we look forward to bringing you more comprehensive reports from our team as the term progresses. (By then we may have come up with a shorter name!)

Judy Steel
PLTT & Library Leader

Ms White saw this Gang Gang whilst on an outing!



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MARCH 6 2016

Ringwood Warrandyte Osteopathy
15km Run

Hardings Swift Caravan Services
10km Run

Ruby Tuesday Jewellery
5km Run

Quinton's Supa IGA
2.2km Walk/Run

Crystal Brook Tourist Park
U8 Oval Dash

The Grand Hotel Warrandyte Gift
100m Sprint

Events for all ages
Raising money for Warrandyte Sports Clubs

NEW 2016

Warrandyte Gift

100m Handicap Sprint
Prize Money
for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

THE GRAND WARRANDYTE

Register Online
WarrandyteSports.com.au



ELTHAM RUGBY

PLAYERS WANTED!

Eltham Rugby Club is looking for players of all ages 5 to 65 to join us for 2016. Both boys and girls can join in a fun and inclusive sport that welcomes people of all abilities and backgrounds. Whether you have played before or don't know much about rugby there is a position for everyone on and off the field. Come try a sport and a club that is inclusive, fun, supportive and safe.

Registration Day Sunday 14th February 2016 11am to 3pm

www.elthamrugby.com.au
[facebook.com/elthamrugby](https://www.facebook.com/elthamrugby)



WJFC Warrandyte Junior Football Club
"It's all about the kids"

Meet the Coaches
Sunday 14th February
10am to 12noon
Club Rooms - Taroona Ave

Clifford Park
Sunday 21st February
Players must be registered for 2016 season to participate
www.warrandytejfc.org



Eltham Football Club

REGISTRATION DAY
Sunday 14 February 2016 - 8:30am to 12:30pm
At Central Clubrooms, Panther Place, Eltham

8.30 - 10am
U9 & U10 Boys & Girls,
10 - 11am
U11,12 & 13 Boys & Girls
11 - 12pm
U14 & 15 Boys & Girls
12 - 12.30pm
U16,17 & 18 Boys & Girls

BOYS TEAMS
U9 to U17's Age Groups
GIRLS TEAMS
U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 Age Groups
Online Registrations now open

Any enquires please contact:
Roslyn McCormick
0419 305 814 or dav.ros@bigpond.com



Wants You



We need players for all age groups:

Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 both boys and girls

Come and join us and make some new friends

- Basketball is an indoor non-contact sport that can be played throughout the school year.
- Our committed coaches will teach you how to play basketball and in the process you will develop your skills, teamwork and fitness.
- Your team will train with your coach for an hour, once a week at our Graysharps rd stadium.
- Girl's games are held weekdays at the Diamond Valley Basketball Stadium, Civic Drive.
- Boy's games are all on Saturday and are held at either the Diamond Valley Basketball Stadium, Community Bank Stadium (Diamond Creek) or at Parade College.

**Organise yourself and your friends to go online
and register for next season**

For more information

Go to our website, download our team app or contact:

Kayleen Jones (President) **0417 522 059**

Kath Isaac (Development Officer) **0400 962 022**