



Gang Gang

Warrandyte High School

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Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

Monday 23 February

Pink Stumps Day - lunchtime event

Tuesday 24 February

Scribblit Launch 7 – 7.45pm

Thursday 26 February

Year 12 Careers Information Night 7pm

Friday 27 February

Year 7 Clans Day

MARCH

Monday 2 March

Year 7 Humanities Active Learning Project begins

Tuesday 3 March

Year 7 Humanities Active Learning Project

Wednesday 4 March

Year 7 Humanities Active Learning Project

Thursday 5 March

Year 7 Humanities Active Learning Project

Friday 6 March

Year 7 Humanities Active Learning Project ends

Friday 6 March

Free Dress Day

Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin
Assistant Principal: Pamela Dunstall

School Captains:
Jessie Thomas-Connor, Hugh Prescott

School Council Elections

At the close of nominations, the School had received three parent nominations for the four available positions, and one DEECD nomination for the two available positions. I therefore have great pleasure in announcing Ken Seery, Mark Abela and Greg Swedosh as successful parent candidates, and Pamela Dunstall as a successful DEECD candidate. As per DEECD guidelines I have placed a notice in a prominent position in the School Office stating that nominations will now remain open until 4pm on Friday 20 February for the remaining one parent position and the one remaining DEECD position.



VCE Season of Excellence: Top Designs 2015

Work by Connor Vernon from our 2014 VCE class will be featured in Top Designs 2015 presented at the Melbourne Museum in a few weeks' time. Top Designs is part of the VCE Season of Excellence managed by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. The exhibition runs from 20 March until 12 July.

The VCE Season of Excellence comprises eleven concerts (Top Class and Top Acts), two exhibitions, (Top Arts and Top Designs) and screenings of short films (Top Screen).

All work is produced by outstanding VCE students who completed technology, design, visual or performing arts studies in 2014. Events are presented in Melbourne's major cultural venues.

The exhibition and associated educational programs are a valuable resource for current VCE students. For program times see: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/seasonofexcellence.html

Stephen Parkin
Principal

Swimming Sports

Beautiful weather provided the perfect backdrop for our school swimming sports. Colourful costumes and sporting excellence abounded as students contested for individual honours and House glory. When the final results were tabulated Stiggant were victorious, successfully defending their hold on the House Swimming Shield. A more detailed recap of the day will be included in the next edition of Gang Gang.

Warrandyte Community Bank Grant

As mentioned in the last edition of Gang Gang, our lower car park behind the gymnasium has now been asphalted thanks to a grant from the Warrandyte Community Bank. The photo below shows off the new car park at the ceremonial handing over of the jumbo sized cheque.



From the Principal

Warrandyte High School
Open Evening
Wednesday 25 March
34 days to go

From the Assistant Principal

Year 7 BBQ and Information Night

It was great to meet so many new Year 7 parents at the Sausage Sizzle and Information Night on Tuesday. Parents had the opportunity to speak to some of the Year 7 teachers as well as other key personnel in the school.

The information session following the sausage sizzle covered the Instrumental Music Program, the upcoming Year 7 Camp at ADANAC and our Bushfire Management Plan and procedures for Code Red days.

We also had the opportunity to hear the Concert Band very ably conducted by Mr Peter Maillardet.

Compass parent log ins

All parents new to the school should have received their family Compass log ins in the mail in the last fortnight. If you have not yet received this please call the General Office and they will be able to give you your logins and passwords.

Rotary Club of Warrandyte/Donvale

Each year Warrandyte High School works closely with our local Rotary Club to offer our students very valuable opportunities like leadership camps, public speaking competitions and opportunities to volunteer. Currently on offer are two very worthwhile programs. One is the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) where Year 11 students simulate the workings of the United Nations (UN), and students take on the role of representing the UN member countries and engage in debate on matters of world political and social concern over two days. This two day conference takes place in the State of Victoria Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Another program run by Rotary is Youth Exchange which offers students in Years 9, 10 and 11 the opportunity to experience life in another country under the guidance and support of Rotary.

Any students interested in participating in these programs please see Mrs Butterworth in the General Office.

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant

House System

In 2015 the house system has been implemented across the school, the previous house system students completed in house sports for the houses Michel, Newman, Anderson and Stiggant has been extended into other facets of the school. This includes a House locker bay system, lunch time sporting competitions and other non-sporting activities across the school calendar. The students are allocated points for their participation in house events as well as general good behaviour across the school. We will keep you posted on upcoming house events and our school tally board throughout the year.

Leigh Thomson
Senior level Leader

Who is highest on the tally board in Term 1?



Dates and Deadlines

For those of you who regularly access Compass you will have also noticed that there has been an addition to its functionality. The Dates and Deadlines has now been transferred to Compass and will be regularly updated throughout the year.

Bushfire Drill

On Thursday 5 February we conducted a successful bushfire drill. The drill was conducted during lunch time to make sure that all students are aware of the process that would occur if an alert situation occurred outside of class time. Year 7s were also evacuated to our shelter-in place to have the experience of what would happen during an alert. We will be conducting regular emergency drills throughout the year for other emergency situations.

Pamela Dunstall
Assistant Principal

The Ultimate Guide to VCE

On Thursday February 12th, the senior school students participated in the Ultimate Guide to VCE. The program was extremely positive for students whether they were taking on their first VCE subject or starting year 11 or 12. The program began with Elliot from Elevate Education who presented on study skills in his 'study sensei' session. The students really enjoyed this and there were laughs all around. Some positive comments posted online by the students included "it was very good, and found it quite useful for the VCE years" and "the program was better than expected – thanks for organising it for us".

After this session, the Ultimate Guide to VCE program turned its focus onto the year 12 students. The students were asked to choose two workshops from selections that specialised in mental health and wellbeing, brain food, careers and the ATAR calculation and risk taking behaviour. Again, the feedback was very positive and the students found the sessions informative and valuable. Some of the aspects of the workshops that the students found valuable were "how ATAR scores are calculated", "learning what divides the hard workers and successful students from the rest" and "what food to eat when studying – don't go for the BBQ shapes".

I would like to thank Ms Kelleigh Lamb, Mr Martin Yates, Ms Leigh Thomson, Mr Ante Sunjo, Ms Natalie Manser, Kate Wilde and Josh from the YMCA for their hard work and support in running the whole day. We look forward to having more positive sessions like these in the future. Quinn Guide Dog (in training)

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

The 2015 MUSIC PROGRAM is up and running.

Our new Classroom Music teacher is Brod Ashmole. Brod has many strings to his bow: in addition to his impressive skills as a teacher and practitioner of Technology, Brod is a passionate musician - a guitarist, song writer and performer.

Our team of Instrumental Music teachers has been strengthened this year with the addition of Angus Norwood, who will be teaching Guitar and Voice. Angus will also conduct the school choir and direct the Guitar ensemble.

Our other Instrumental Music Teachers have been with us for some years:

Peter Maillardet Woodwinds: saxophone, clarinet, flute. Peter will conduct the senior and intermediate Concert Bands, and woodwind ensembles

Josh Licht Drums and Percussion. Josh will also work with the Percussion ensemble

Andrew Darling Brass: trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, euphonium. Andrew will conduct the Junior Band

Georgia Bate Keyboards and piano

I am also delighted to report that the school has appointed Cheryl Hart as part-time Administrative Assistant to the Music department. Cheryl will be working in the Music office. If you have queries about the Music program, don't hesitate to contact Cheryl on 9844 2749 between 12:30 and 2:30 on Monday - Thursday.

If you wish to arrange an appoint to speak to the Head of the Music program, please make an appointment with Cheryl.

I am also pleased to announce the appointment of three students to leadership positions in the Music Program:

The School Music Leaders are:

Jackson Price - Year 12

Jocelyn Barker - Year 12

Student Leader of the School Choir

Kristen Robertson - Year 10

The MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP will also be meeting in the near future. The MSG consists of parents of students involved in the Music program. They provide fantastic support to the program. They assist in the mammoth task of organising equipment and transport for public performances - such as the Warrandyte Festival and the school's participation in music competitions. They also support the program through fund raising. If you would like to learn more, please contact the President of the MSC, Jason Price. His contact email address is: JAprice@powercor.com.au.

Help support our Pink Stumps Day for the McGrath Foundation & Breast Cancer

On Monday 23 February we are holding some fun Cricket games on the oval to increase participation of cricket and more importantly to raise some money for this worthy cause. Please get on board and bring your spare change for that day. Come down to the oval and wear something pink for lunch time!

If you would like more information or to make a bigger donation please see the office or contact me in school.

New Sports Division for 2015 - There has been some movements within the sports divisions this year. We have joined a newly created Division, called the Mullum Division. We are very excited as we start the new year and totally support its goals:-

To have a large participation of students in a range of sports.

To have a sustainable competition that allows all schools the opportunity to experience success.

The schools we will be competing against are;

Forest Hill
Auburn S.C
Templestowe College
Mullauna
Heathmont
Ashwood College

I hope lots of students will get involved in the inter school sports this year and continue to raise our achievements.

Keep a watch on the compass events for when the different year level days are. Good luck to all.

Divisional Sport

Wow! Our first day of sport in the new division went off with a bang. Students and staff went with a positive attitude, determined to give a good level of competition and we certainly did that. Out of the five teams we took out, four teams won their competitions. All students were fantastic and demonstrated everything we would expect from Warrandyte High students

The senior boy's cricket won against Ashwood and Forest Hill with convincing runs, dramatic catches and a few wickets along the way!

The senior boys' volleyball team finished the competition joint top, but unfortunately in the deciding count back on number of points we finished second.

The senior girls A and B teams both won their competitions against five of the other schools.

And the senior boys' tennis team (the first for a number of years) convincingly won against Templestowe and Heathmont.

A fantastic days sport and we look forward to moving through to the next round. Please watch this space for dates and details.

Clare Rayner
Sport Leader

YEAR 7 MUSIC TRY OUTS

On Friday, 6 February, Year 7 students participated in the Try Out program. Every Year 7 student had an opportunity to have a go at virtually every woodwind and brass instrument, as well as crashing the cymbals, banging the bass drum, tapping on the skins and clanging the cow bells.

It was great to see the enthusiasm of the Year 7 students.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 24 February, 7pm-7.45pm

Scribblit Launch - including solo performances by Music students

Warrandyte Festival, Saturday 21 March

As in previous years, the WHS Concert band will perform at the Festival.

Music Camp August More details in a later Gang Gang

A PERSONAL NOTE

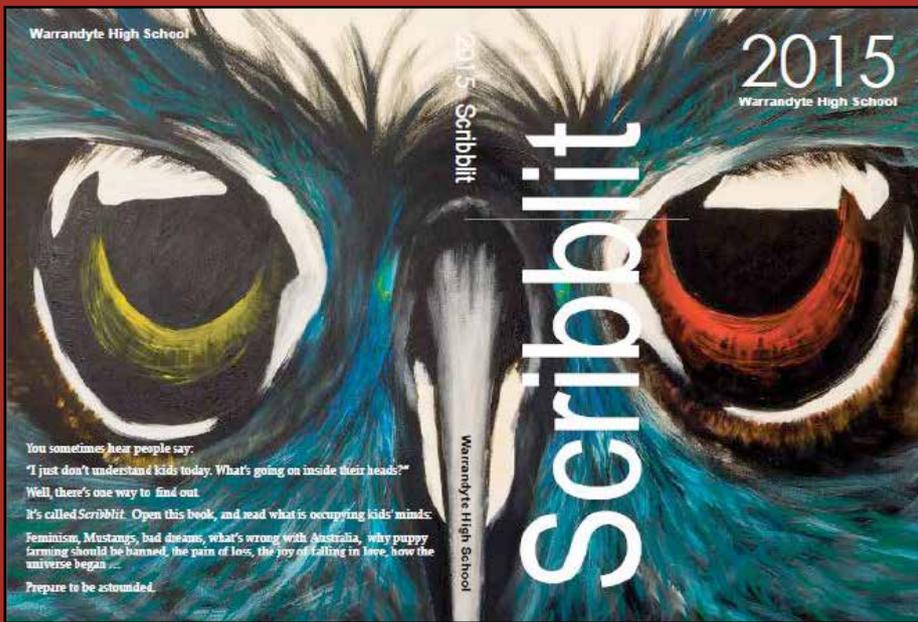
I have been in the position of Head of Music for a very short time. I have been greatly impressed by the enthusiasm and energy of our Instrumental teachers. I have long admired the passion and commitment of the many students involved in our school's Music program. I'm looking forward to 2015 being a great year.

Barry Carozzi

Leading Teaching Head of Music

Check out
the WHS Concert Band
at the Warrandyte
Festival





SCRIBBLIT 2015; ONE OUT OF THE BOX

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2015:
7:00 pm - 7:45 pm.**

Parents, teachers and students are invited to the official launch of SCRIBBLIT 2015.

This year's Scribblit is one out of the box. The cover is beautiful, the art work between the covers is hugely impressive, and the writing is outstanding.

Please come along and help celebrate the creativity of our students: fine writing and stunning artworks.

Hello again

I am very excited because soon you will see me in my yellow coat telling everyone I am learning to be a guide dog.

My Puppy Advisor, Katherine, visited me the other day to see how I was going. I was fast asleep when she arrived and not very interested in learning too much because it was very hot outside.

I am now learning how to walk like a big Guide Dog. When I am on the lead now I can no longer get patted but you can still visit me in Jill's office and play with me but you do need to ask if it is okay.

I am also learning about traffic and I need to visit busy roads to see what goes on. I don't think it is too scary but I need to get used to it.

Shops are also on my training schedule now, just quiet shops with not a lot of people and cars. At the moment it will be walking by them and getting to know what shops are. Eventually when I am more confident and I have my yellow coat I will be able to enter the shops.

I had my photo taken on photo day and also joined the staff for a group shot. It was warm and I hid under the chairs for shade. Maybe I will be seen in the photo.



Peer Support Training Day

Congratulations to our year 10 Peer Support leaders for 2015: Kyra Barker, Harry Bebbington, Chelsea Black, Elaine Burdett, Tom Downie, Andrea Fidock, Cooper Goodman, Chelsea Humphris, Tamara Johnstone, Tomas Kalejs, Holleigh Mann, Jake Newton, Lydia Phelan, Luan Philip-Owen, Kristen Robertson, Erin Roycroft, Georgia Siddall and Ryan Van Middelkoop. Peer Support is a program where senior students are trained to lead younger students in the development of friendship and mutual support. On Friday these students participated in an all-day training session with youth worker Kate Wilde. They are now looking forward to supporting the Year 7 students on Clans Day.

Krysrina McCrory
Welfare Leader

Warrandyte High 2015 Trivia Night

**HOLLYWOOD
COMES TO
WARRANDYTE**

Sat May 2

Warrandyte HS Theatre

Bookings 9844 2749

run Warrandyte

8am Sunday 1 March 2015

Warrandyte Reserve, Tarooma Ave

Register online at

WarrandyteSports.com.au

or on the day at

Warrandyte Reserve, Tarooma Ave, Warrandyte from 7am.



Registrations are now open for Warrandyte's favourite fun run!! Thanks to the continued support of the Warrandyte Community Bank and other business sponsors Run Warrandyte is on again - and (hopefully) at a time when the weather is more conducive to running!

Come and join in the fun with a variety of event distances for the whole family:

Kids under 8's oval dash - supported by Crystal Brook Tourist Park

2.25km run/walk - supported by Quinton's SUPA IGA

4km run/walk - supported by Ruby Tuesday Jewellery

8km run - supported by Harding's Swift Caravan Services

12km run - supported by Warran Glen Garden, Gifts, Caf



TENNIS OPEN DAY

Sunday 1st March

@ Warrandyte Tennis Club, Tarooma Ave

9am - 12 noon with Bar & One Pablo Tapas & Paella truck

FREE fun activities for all ages and experience.

FAST4, Hot Shots, Social Play, Cardio Tennis, Targets & more.



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For secondary school students (years 7-10)

DATES FOR TERM 1 2015 are:

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th February

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th March

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