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From the Principal

Open Night – Wednesday 25 March 2014

4.00 - 6.00pm Self-Guided Tours

6.15 - 6.45pm Information Session

6.45 - 8.00pm Self-Guided Tours

Our school Open Night will be held on Wednesday 25 March from 4pm to 8pm. On this day students are not required to attend during the normal school hours as there will be no structured classes, though limited supervision will be available if you are unable to make alternative arrangements for your child. Please contact the Office to let us know if this will be the case. We will, however, be asking a significant number of our students to join us and take part in a variety of activities and demonstrations between 4pm and 8pm as we show off our school to current and prospective parents. Please come along to view our school, peruse student work and ask questions about our programs.

School Council Elections update

At the close of the extended period for nominations, the School had received a further parent nomination and it is with great pleasure that I welcome

Margaret Kelly back onto School Council for a second two year term. Margaret joins Ken Seery, Mark Abela and Greg Swedosh as our newly elected parent representatives. The complete membership of the 2015 School Council is Paul McNamara, Lesly Ryall, Justine Puls-Wesh, Margaret Kelly, Ken Seery, Mark Abela, Greg Swedosh, Jill Treeby, Pamela Dunstall, Claire Bloom and Stephen Parkin. There is also one DEECD position to be filled as a casual vacancy. This position will be resolved at the first meeting of the new council later this month. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank retiring councillors David Dyason and Natalie Manser for their contribution over the past two years

Stephen Parkin
Principal

Diary Dates

MARCH

Friday 6 March

Year 7 Humanities Active Learning Project ends

Friday 6 March

Free Dress Day

Tuesday 10th March

Senior Boys Cricket EMR final

Thursday 12th March

Policy Meeting 6pm & Finance Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 13th March

Divisional Swimming
Year 10 Birdcage & Locker Room

Sunday 15th March

Working Bee

Monday 16th March

Year 7/VET Camp Adanac departs

Tuesday 17th March

Year 7/VET Camp Adanac

Wednesday 18th March

Year 7/VET Camp Adanac returns

Wednesday 25th March

OPEN NIGHT 4pm-8pm (normal classes will **NOT** be held on this day)

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Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin

Assistant Principal: Pamela Dunstall

School Captains:

Jessie Thomas-Connor, Hugh Prescott

Pick Up and Drop Off Zones

For the safety of all our students there are two drop off points at Warrandyte High. The first one is at the top of the school on Warrandyte Road and the second one is behind the gym in the visitor's car park.

Parents are asked not to drop their students off in the staff car park. Due to the changed traffic conditions in this car park with the entry gate being used for bus access only and the exit gate also acting as an entry gate, this has become particularly dangerous.

Parents are also reminded that the area outside the General Office is a no standing zone at all times. Stopping here can be dangerous for students and can cause traffic hazards for cars entering the car park.

Launch of SCRIBBLIT

On Tuesday, 24 February Scribblit was launched. This is the fourth issue of Scribblit in its new paperback book format. Around seventy people attended the event. It was a night of celebration of the creative and performance abilities of the students of Warrandyte High.

The program opened with performances by the school's Music captains: Jackson Price who played a haunting version of the Beatles' classic, Yesterday on guitar, followed

by Jocelyn Barker's beautiful performance of the piano piece, Le Waltz d'Amelie.

Scribblit co-ordinator Barry Carozzi then spoke of the outstanding quality of both the art work and the writing in this year's Scribblit.

He praised the tireless work of the editorial team: Alexis Buccacchio (now in Year 8), Louis Ritzau (Year 11), Amie Grisold (Year 9) and parent Alicia Eldridge. Special mention was made of the

brilliant cover - incorporating a stunning painting by Year 12 student Kate Eldridge. He thanked Deborah Bradbury for coming up with the design concept, and thanked the designers from Busybird, a local publishing group.

Four students then read their work. Year 8 student Gracie Nassour read her playful 'I N G' poem; Alexis Buccacchio read her very moving poem, Homelessness; Callum Khaw read his strong opinion piece 'What's wrong with Australia'; and finally year 9 student Amie Grisold read an extract from the opening of her 50000 word novel - written during 2014.

Scribblit is available for purchase from the General Office at Warrandyte High School at a cost of \$20..

Pamela Dunstall
Assistant Principal



Well done to everyone who participated in the swimming carnival!

It was a very busy day and it was great to see all the students arrive in their house colours ready to support their house for the day. There were some explosive performances in the diving pool, in particular the bombing contest with Mr Sunjo.

Throughout the day we had some fantastic swimming performances with a number of records being broken. Well done to:-

Lachlan McLellan – open 15 year old 100m freestyle in time of 1:51.65

Jessie Thomas-Connor – 17 year old 50m breaststroke in time of 49.04

Jari Cooper – 14 year old 50m freestyle in time of 32.38

The overall house scores were extremely close. The house captains did a wonderful job motivating students to gain as many points as possible for their house in order to win the all-important house shield. The final positions from the day were Anderson in 4th place, Newman 3rd, Michel 2nd and Stiggant in 1st place.

We also congratulate the house champions (The students that gained the most points for their house)

Harry Deakin of Newman, Jemma Prescott of Anderson, Boden Walker of Michel and Jessie Thomas Connor of Stiggant.

Thanks to all staff and students for a great day. We are now looking forward to those students who came first in their event progressing to the Division Competition which will be held on Friday 13 March. As a whole school we are eagerly anticipating the next house competition, the School Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 6 May which is week 4 of Term 2.

Pink Stumps Day

Last Monday we held "Pink Stump's Day" to raise funds and awareness of breast cancer. It was a fun day with a good number of students down on the oval. We raised \$228, so well done and thank you for the support

Clare Rayner
Sport Leader

Invitation to PARENTS and STUDENTS

Are you one of those people who has always WANTED to write, but didn't quite know how to get started?

Maybe you have always LONGED to write - stories or poems or a novel or a family history or your own life history or maybe even a song or two or a whole Musical - but didn't quite know how to get started.

Or maybe you'd just like to learn about how writers go about their work.

The SCRIBBLIT WRITING WORKSHOPS might be just the thing to get you started. These workshops are **open to ANY members of the WHS school community: students, teachers, parents - anyone.**

During 2015, there will be two Scribblit Writing Workshops available each week, starting in the week commencing Monday, March 3.

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP

will meet from 3.30 - 4.45 each Wednesday in E18. Once a month there will be an extended WRITING WITH THE LOT meeting, starting at 3:45 and ending with pizzas at 6 pm.

The Writing Workshops are open to ALL members of the school community. Teachers and parents who love writing, or who would love to learn to write better, are welcome to come along.

THE TUESDAY GROUP

will meet in E18 every Tuesday at LUNCHTIME. This is especially for students who can't attend on the Wednesday Group because they have other commitments - for example VET courses or sporting commitments.

People who join the TUESDAY group are welcome to attend the extended Wednesday WRITING WITH THE LOT meetings once a month.

If you want to learn more, just come along. Or you could email the Scribblit coordinator, Barry Carozzi: Email: carozzi.barry.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

Barry Carozzi
Scribblit Coordinator

Library News

The library has got off to a very busy start this year with VCE students making the most of the space in their study periods. It has been great to see them coming in and working in a quiet and supportive environment, clearly focussed on their schoolwork.

Year 7

All year 7 students had an orientation session in the library and were introduced to the resources and services we offer. They have also been making excellent use of the space during lunchtimes as they 'get to know' their new laptop computers. Next term will see the introduction of a junior school book club so we encourage all year 7 readers to come along and share their opinions on books as well as enjoy some of the edible treats on offer.

Library Website - Libguides

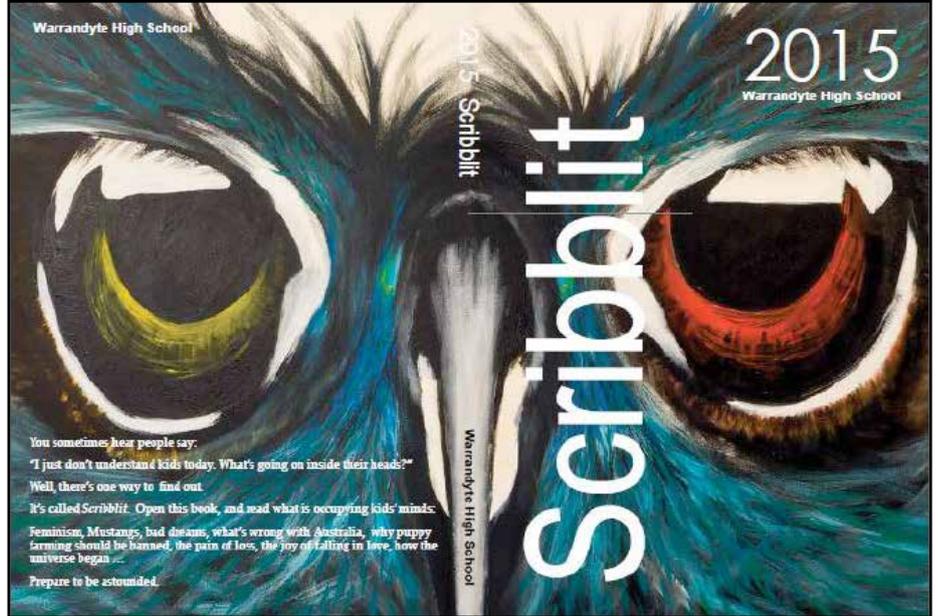
The library now has a new resource (still in its fledgling stages... but we are always working on it)... a website (Libguides) which links to digital resources which support the curriculum. The site can be accessed through the link <http://warrandytehigh.libguides.com/Home> which can be found in the Library Folder on the School Resources section of Compass. Senior students have also been emailed the link. The site offers suggestions for reading and links to our eBook platform, Wheelers, Clickview and Pinterest. Curriculum support material is always being added and at present there are pages devoted to the VCE texts of Burial Rites and Twelve Angry Men, year 10 Romeo and Juliet, year 7 Holes and year 9 Geography and History. There is also information about plagiarism and how to write a bibliography. Students should copy the link to their desktops and check the site regularly as it is growing day by day.

Everyone should be reading

As usual many new book titles have come in at the beginning of the year and we encourage all students to read for school and for pleasure. In fact it is a homework requirement for English students in years 7 -10 to read regularly. The suggested minimum is 15 minutes per day. Well-developed reading habits and literacy skills are important for ensuring success as student's progress through school.

We welcome and encourage all students to come and spend some time in the library browsing the shelves, checking out the displays or quietly reading in one of the comfy armchairs. Keep an eye out on Compass for our next lunchtime event or competition!

Judy Steel
Library Leader



ON Tuesday 24 February Warrandyte High School officially launched their anthology "Scribblit". Students, parents and teachers attended the evening, where Warrandyte High School's Assistant Principal Pamela Dunstall officially released the 2015 publication of Scribblit. Scribblit includes an array of art works and writing pieces (poems and short stories) by around 50 students from year 7 to 12, including work from some of the teachers. On the night of the opening the audience was treated to musical performances such as Jocelyn Barker's performance of La Valse D'Amelie by Yann Teiersen, on the keyboard. This was followed by students reading extracts of their work in Scribblit. The level of talent exhibited in Scribblit is outstanding. The quality and range of ideas and experiences explored is nothing short of professional from such young writers and artists.

Warrandyte High School's English teacher Barry Carozzi states that the main goal for Scribblit is to "raise the status of creative writing in the school". He also said "everybody is creative; we all have it in us to

produce art works, stories and poems that are new, unique and innovative. Scribblit provides opportunities for students to have their work published and made available to a wider audience. Some of the pieces in Scribblit are very powerful. In some cases, they are funny; in others, they are deeply moving. Many contain incredibly mature flashes of insight into how exciting, frightening, disturbing, scary, blissful, depressing and ordinary life can be. I think that often students don't realise just how moving and powerful their writing is".

Scribblit definitely allows you as a reader to gain an insight into what teenagers are thinking and feeling. In Scribblit feminism, horses, bad dreams, what's wrong with Australia, the pain of loss, the joy of falling in love and how the universe began are just some of the issues and subjects addressed in the marvellous anthology from Warrandyte High School. As the blurb from Scribblit states; "prepare to be astounded"

By Taylor Padfield
Year 12 Student

Year 7 Clans Day

On the 27 February all Year 7 students participated in 'Clans Day'. The program runs annually and focuses on developing positive relationships, building a sense of team spirit and helping with the transition into high school.

The Year 10 peer-support students were actively involved throughout the day and helped run the program.

Students participated in a range of activities, including games on the oval to help promote team-spirit.

Students also worked cooperatively to develop a flag, costume, chant and dance for the school's houses: Michel, Newman, Anderson and Stiggant.

In the afternoon, the Reach Foundation delivered a program called 'Expression Awareness and Connections'.

Luca Di Stefano
Year 7 Level Leader

Working Bee Sunday 15 March

Pop it in your dairy. Big clean up day for our Open Night and "many hands make light work".



Lions Youth of the Year

This year we had three Year 11 students, Tylar Finlay, Jeremy Alford and Brett Watkinson represent Warrandyte High School for Lions Youth of the Year. Each student had to speak in front of Warrandyte Lions members for five minutes on a subject of their choice, followed by a two minute speech on a subject they were given on the spot. Well done to all three students, Tylar came second, Brett came third and Jeremy fourth

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant

Hello Everyone

I went to my 16 week puppy class on Friday February 20 and received my yellow coat. I must admit I look pretty cool in it even if it is a little big, but I will grow into it.

I have had a few walks with my coat on and walked past some shops. Since that was no worries soon I can visit busier shops. I have been taken to busy roads as well and seen lots of trucks, buses and cars but they don't worry me either.

At puppy class I caught up with Quita, my sister, and we had a little play. That was soon cut short because we had a few things to learn. I had to walk past food on the ground and try not to get distracted by it. That was difficult of course but I received a treat when I heard the words 'Leave It'. Then I had to walk past another dog and try not to be distracted. I think I did pretty well. To be a great Guide Dog I am going to have learn not to be distracted by anything.

I was a little sick the other day and needed to visit the Vet. She gave me a couple of injections and some medicine to take so now I feel much better, however I don't like the pink medicine. Jill hides it in my food so it is not so bad. If it helps me to stay well I will take it.

Thank you to all of you who visit me and help me with my toilet training.

Quinn - Trainee Guide Dog



Peer Support Program

On Friday our Peer Support leaders participated in Clans Day and spent the day working closely with the Year 7 students. They ran sporting activities with the Year 7 students in the morning, where students had an opportunity to gain points for their house. They also supported students in the afternoon while they were working on building positive relationships with members from Reach.

Youth worker, Kate Wilde, who trained the group of students and assisted during Clans Day had the following to say about our Peer Support leaders: 'They were attentive and caring towards all the Year 7 students, looking after them if they were too hot, felt sick or had an injury. They were completely organised with scoring and setting up activities, and uncomplaining of cleaning up. In the theatre in period 3 & 4 they were completely focused on the Year 7 students, encouraging them, sitting with the more isolated students and at all times role modelling good sportsmanship, enthusiasm for the activities and good humour.'

We have no doubt they will do a tremendous job as Peer Support leaders for the rest of the year.

Krystina McCrory
Welfare Leader

Warrandyte High
2015 Trivia Night

HOLLYWOOD
COMES TO
WARRANDYTE

Sat May 2
Warrandyte HS Theatre
Bookings 9844 2749



IG'Day USA

Over January, I accompanied (or chaperoned as the Americans say) four Warrandyte High School students on a tour and home stay in the USA. We were part of a group of 50, from 2 other schools (Mornington and Bendigo) The first four days were spent in sunny LA, where we hit the theme parks (Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and Universal) and did other touristy things such as a visit to beautiful San Diego and a tour of Hollywood Boulevard. One of the highlights was attending the NHL game – Anaheim Ducks vs NY Rangers. Even though I don't know much about ice hockey, the spectacle and atmosphere was amazing.

From LA we flew up to Seattle, where it was much colder and sometimes, foggy. We were prepared for rain, but for most of our 11 days, it was blue skies and rain-free, albeit chilly. This time was a mixture of home stay, attending school and tours of the Seattle area. Amongst other things, we attended classes and a special assembly for Martin Luther King Day. Starting school at 7 or 7.30 am in the pitch black was an

based club activities to attend. Our tours included the Space Needle, Music Project Museum, Pike Market, Snoqualmie Falls (where Twin Peaks was filmed) and a trip to the snow. My host family took me to visit a number of great art galleries, museums and a beautiful wildlife park, where I got up close to some amazing animals of this region – elk, moose, bison, wolves, raccoons, otters, beavers, eagles and more. This was a real highlight for me.

Our trip ended with 3 days in San Francisco, where we toured all the famous sites including a trip to Alcatraz jail, the Haight-Ashbury area (home of the hippies), the Presidio, Lombard Street, the cable cars and Fisherman's Wharf. Dinner at the famous Cheesecake Factory was pretty interesting – I have never seen such a long menu (Google it if you don't believe me!) Our trip ended with a surprise limousine tour through San Francisco at night – lots of fun! Whilst we were all glad to get home for a rest, everyone agreed it was an unforgettable and amazing travel experience. If you get this opportunity, we'd recommend you go for it.

Claire Bloom

G'day USA Teacher Leader

Highlights!

I was lucky enough to get the opportunity to travel to Seattle for my stay with an American host family. Prior to going on the trip I got in contact with my host partner, Megan and got to know her more over Facebook. Without a doubt the hosting was my favourite part! Megan and I got along great and we able to do a lot of awesome things together such as an overnight trip to Portland and doing inventory in her dad's shop with her friends! I spent a lot of time with Megan and her friends and now I have a whole new friendship group. It just so happens that this one is in Seattle! I can't wait for Megan to come down to Australia at the end of this year so we can go on even more adventures!

Kate Eldridge
Year 12 Student

In 2015, the Science Department will provide an opportunity for students to challenge themselves in the Big Science Competition.

The big science competition is a 50 minute test of 30 multiple-choice questions held at school.

The competition challenges students to think critically and solve scientific problems using everyday examples, not just testing science facts.

Questions are aligned to the Australian Curriculum and teachers receive detailed diagnostic reports on students' performance against state and national averages.

YOU CAN WIN!

Everyone who takes part in the Big Science Competition, regardless of their performance, goes in a draw to win iTunes and movie vouchers.

All students receive a certificate that recognises their achievement and a report detailing their performance. The results show students how they are performing against others in the competition.

Top performers may be invited to take part in the Australian Science Olympiad Competition or the Asian Science Camp, providing opportunities to travel to Sydney and/or Asia.

The competition tests problem solving and critical thinking skills which are really valuable for all school subjects, particularly senior science.

Please contact Grace in the science office to sign up or email johnstone.grace.m@edumail.vic.gov.au for more details.

Grace Johnstone
Science Lab Tech



experience, with many of us having to get up at 5.30 each morning. Lucky school finished at 2.00, although lots of kids then had rehearsals, practices or other school-



South Eastern SkatePark Series
Victorian Skatepark League

Sat Mar 14	Cheltenham skatepark	Sun Apr 26	Wonthaggi skatepark
Sat Mar 21	Warrandyte skatepark	Sat May 2	Dandenong skatepark
Sat Mar 28	Knox skatepark	Sat May 9	Port Melbourne skatepark
Sat Apr 11	Pakenham skatepark	Sat May 16	Somerville skatepark
Sat Apr 18	Elsternwick skatepark	Sat May 23	Box Hill skatepark
Sat Apr 18	The Shed skatepark	Sat May 30	Warragul skatepark
		Sat Jun 6	Frankston skatepark

BMX Divisions: 14&Under / 15&Over
SKATE Divisions: 12&Under / 16&Under / Open Male / Open Female

BMX rego 11am
Skate rego 1.30pm

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Training: 6pm Tues or Thurs, March -Aug
Matches: Friday nights
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Mullum Mullum Reserve, East Doncaster.
No experience necessary
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Contact: Betty
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For secondary school students (years 7-10)

DATES FOR TERM 1 2015 are:

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

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