



Gang Gang

Warrandyte High School

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From the Principal

Diary Dates

MARCH

Friday 20 March

Year 7 Sport Round Robin

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Senior Boys Tennis EMR final

Saturday 21 March

Warrandyte Festival

Sunday 22 March

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Monday 23 March

Intermediate Sport Round Robin

Parent/Teacher Interview bookings open from 9am

Tuesday 24 March

Year 8 Sport Round Robin

Wednesday 25th March

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

Friday 27th March

2.30pm finish

See you all at the Warrandyte Festival this weekend



Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin

Assistant Principal: Pamela Dunstall

School Captains:

Jessie Thomas-Connor, Hugh Prescott

It is Festival Time At Warrandyte High School:

Festival time in Warrandyte is an exciting time of year and it is important to highlight to the school community the many events that our students are participating across the weekend:



Music Support Group Sausage Sizzle Marquee

Saturday and Sunday

If you are feeling thirsty or hungry across the weekend come along to the WHS Music Support Group Marquee to grab a sausage and a drink from our wonderful parent volunteers.

Symphonic Band and Choir Performance

Main Stage, Saturday 2:45-3:15

Come along and enjoy the performances from the Symphonic Band and the Choir. It is a delight to watch the students perform together and show their talent and commitment to the school.

The Pet Parade

Lower Riverbank near the Rotunda, Sunday 9.30am – 11.00am

Every year we send along our 'expert' pet panel as judges for the annual Pet Parade. It is a competitive, prestigious and very entertaining event that is capably judged by yours truly, Claire Bloom and Suzanne Martin.

Stephen Parkin
Principal

The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale Art Show

Friday Evening, Saturday and Sunday in the Warrandyte Community Church

The festivities commence with the Gala Opening of the Warrandyte Art Show on Friday evening. Some of our talented VCE art students display their original pieces amongst the artwork from local artists. The exhibition is open throughout the weekend for interested parents and students.

Battle of the Bands: Youth Event (All Ages and Alcohol Free)

Main Stage, Friday Evening 6-10

Some of our talented musicians are involved in the annual Battle of the Bands.

Smart Arts Central Central Saturday 2.40pm (work shop space)

Niki na Meadhra, professional story and theatre artist and Drama Teacher at Warrandyte High School.

Well done Alex

Alex Geary is a member of the Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club and is currently training with the Inflatable Rescue Boat team.

Open Night

Wednesday 25 March

4.00 - 6.00pm	Self-Guided Tours
6.15 - 6.45pm	Information Session
6.45 - 8.00pm	Self-Guided Tours



International Student Welcome event

On Wednesday 11 March I was lucky enough to be invited along with Zihan Chi of Year 10, to the International Student Welcome event held at Government House. Hundreds of International Students from all sectors, Government, Independent and Catholic, gathered in the Ballroom to hear the Victorian Governor Sir Alex Chernov speak. Governor Chernov spoke about the valuable education path the students are embarking on, as well as all the great things that Victoria has to offer International Students. We then heard from Deputy Premier and Education Minister for Victoria James Merlino. Mr Merlino spoke about the need to balance study with social pursuits and how to become involved in the community. To help inspire newly arrived International Students, Tuan Anh Tran from Westall Secondary College, who was the winner of the Year 12 Student Leadership Award, talked about how he became involved not only in school events but activities within the community including the Scouts and a community choir.

Following the formal part of the morning students and teachers were then treated to



a lovely morning tea and a self-guided tour of parts of Government House. It was very interesting to see beautiful the gardens and the ornate decoration in the Drawing Room, Formal Dining room and the Ballroom.

Uniform changeover – Term 2

With the end of Term 1 fast approaching just a reminder that as per our uniform requirements all students must wear the winter uniform during Term 2 and Term 3. To allow for variations in weather there will be a two week changeover period for the first two weeks of Term 2. Any student wearing the summer uniform from week 3 of next term will be credited with a uniform infringement. For any questions regarding this please contact the appropriate Year Level Leader.

Pamela Dunstall
Assistant Principal

Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave

On Friday 13 March, three of us Warrandyte High School students, Eilish Kelly, Grace Carty and James Puls-Welsh along with Eilish's father Paul Kelly all shaved our hair to raise money for leukemia research. Our team of four have all been touched by the effects of this blood disease and we were keen to do something to raise money, awareness and show our support. So far our team has raised just over \$7000 from donations. This has been a massive achievement for all us and it feels amazing to be able to raise that sort of money in support of such a great cause. We have had outstanding support from family, friends, the public and our school and we are extremely grateful.

However we are still collecting and if anyone would like to make a donation, no matter how small it would be greatly appreciated. The donations are open until the 30 June so if you would like to donate you can reach our team at the website below.

James Puls-Welsh
Year 10 students



<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/heapscool>

Working Bee

We had a great turnout for our first working bee 2015. Greg Downie and Paul McNamara discovered our drainage system under layers of mulch, David and Cullum Hildebrand used their brick cleaning equipment to clean the Amphitheatre, Theatre and Office entry (what a difference they have made, you could now, almost, eat off the paving!!). Michelle Hildebrand was found under bushes cleaning. Suzanne and Glenn Martin worked on the new veggie garden, Ralph and Alexis Bucciaccchio cleaned our entry signs, Kellie Mortlock, Fay and Erin Theodore, Ken Seery, Liam and Gary Foster washed down walls, scrubbed lifts and washed down surfaces. External painting was achieved by Julie and Tom Downie, and internally Libby Vidler, Nigel Wright and Jonathan did a wonderful job repainting in the Music area, we also had the tennis court wire repaired by Ben Dodds. What a lot we achieved in such a short time, good job. Thank you to the Grisold and Sissons families for their contribution also.

Parent Teacher Interviews

You can book your interviews from Monday 23 March from 9am. This is a student free day however students are expected to attend their interviews with their parents. Bookings are done via Compass, using your Compass login.

Please select your interview times carefully and allowing 5 minutes between each interview.

If you have any problems please call the General Office for assistance on 9844 2749.

School Photos

Our school photos have arrived! If you have not received your photos please check with the General Office for Years 7, 8 and 9 or with Senior School Office in Years 10, 11 and 12

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Why Reading is Important

One of the roles of the library is to promote reading within the school community. Often we get students coming into the library who are reluctant readers, hardly ever read, don't want to read, have difficulty reading or just don't know what to read. Library staff can offer advice and recommendations of suitable books, guiding students by their ability and interest. Students can seek help at recess or lunchtime or during their Wide Reading lessons.

For those students who feel there is no point in reading here are a few benefits of reading:

- The more you read the better you get at it.....we use our reading skills every day at school so why not make life easier by practising these skills.
- Reading strengthens brain connections and actually builds new connections.
- Reading teaches us about the world around us and opens us up to new ideas and experiences..... without having to leave the comfort of our homes.
- Reading develops vocabulary and language skills..... the more words you have the more ideas you can express.
- Students who read often are more likely to do better at school.
- See more at: <http://www.best-books-for-kids.com/benefits-of-reading.html#sthash.guRSXf37.dpuf>
- You could also check out the TED Talk 'How books can open your mind' on our Libguides page, Why read? <http://warrantytehigh.libguides.com/Home>

Cybersafety

Keeping students safe online is of concern to us all. The government website <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/> provides useful information for parents, students and teachers on cyber safety. The Parents Guide to Online Safety is a fabulous resource, offering great advice and links to resources.

The cyber safety you-tube site <https://www.youtube.com/user/ACMAcybersmart> features a number of short films which deal with issues such as cyberbullying, problems which can arise from selfie sharing, trolling, tagging and bagging.

Biographies

For soccer fans - Maradona, van Persie and others.
Ed Sheeran, 5SOS, One Direction

Students should come in now to borrow for HOLIDAY READING!

Judy Steel
Library Leader



Hello Everyone

My world is getting bigger.

I have been walking with my coat on and going to more places. The traffic speed past but they don't concern me.

I have been into a hairdressers and a physio centre. This was all new but okay. I wasn't too settled at the physio as it was a big space but the hairdressing salon was fine.

As I am getting a lot bigger and older I haven't had an accident inside for a very long time, so it is a big thank you to all of you who have helped me with my toilet training.

Please visit me for a pat and play.

Quinn
Trainee Guide Dog

Sport News

Fantastic work from the Senior Boys Cricket Team - This week they went to the Eastern Region Finals and right from the start we knew it was going to be difficult as our first match was against Wantirna College who were have been the state winners for the last five years. The boys with one

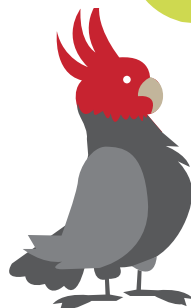
man down played in the usual Warrandyte manner with determination and a positive mind set! They won that game and then went onto the final for the day playing against Vermont. Unfortunately they narrowly lost that game. Well done boys, you have lead the start of our journey for WHS sport in our new division. Thanks also goes to Martin Yates for his coaching on the day!

Our school's success with our new Sports Divison continues. The students are embracing the increasing opportunities of fair competitive sporting events. Our Division swimming squad recently competed at Monash Aquatic Centre. It was perfect conditions for swimming and with only a small team of twelve students, we participated in twenty events and achieved an excellent level of success for WHS. For 15 out of the 20 events we gained a top 3 position. Congratulations goes to all swimmers and in particular Jari Cooper and Callum Khaw who won their events and have made it to the state finals.

Our Divers go out next week, I hope to have some more good news from then.

Clare Rayner
Sport Leader

Check out
the WHS Concert Band
at the Warrandyte
Festival



Paul Roos Marc Murphy
Christian Petracca
all played footy at Beverley Hills



you can too!

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