



Gang Gang

Warrandyte High School

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School Council sub-committees. Warrandyte High School Council has five sub-committees: Finance, Facilities, Policy, Parents' Association, and Music Support Group (MSG). These sub-

committees support the council in its functions which include:

- Approving the annual budget and monitoring expenditure
- Developing, reviewing and updating school policies
- Raising funds for school-related purposes
- Maintaining the school's grounds and facilities
- Creating interest in the school in the wider community

If interested please contact the general office on 9844 2749 or via email whs@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au and I will get back to you with more specific details for each of the sub-committees including times of meetings.

Please also see the separate article from the Parents' Association later in this edition of Gang Gang.

Stephen Parkin
Principal

Students and staff from Warrandyte High School performing at the Warrandyte Festival



From the Principal

Diary Dates

APRIL

Wednesday 27 April

Year 9 Exams

Thursday 28 April

VET Rec & 2 Kayaking Day

MAY

Tuesday 3 May

Junior, Intermediate & Senior Boys Netball

Tuesday 3 May

Senior Girls Football

Thursday 5 May

Warrandyte Athletics Carnival

Monday 9 May

Senior Sport

Tuesday 10 May

NAPLAN testing Year 7 and 9

Wednesday 11 May

NAPLAN testing Year 7 and 9

Thursday 12 May

NAPLAN testing Year 7 and 9

Parent Association Meeting 7pm in Staffroom

Friday 13 May

Intermediate Sport Production Launch

Tuesday 17 May

8.1 and 8.3 Wheelchair Basketball

Thursday 19 May

8.2 Wheelchair Basketball

As is always the case, a lot has taken place over the past two weeks at Warrandyte High School. The VET Sport and Recreation camp to Phillip Island took place in the first week back and our school Cross-Country event was held on April 18. Last week the Year 11 Theatre Studies students performed their production of the play 'Love and Information'. Presented in three performances, this was a wonderful show, incredibly complex and demanding of the performers and completely engaging for the audience. A fantastic effort from all involved. Well done and congratulations to Niki na Meadhra, and her students. On Thursday April 14 our Year 9 students took part in the Courage to Care education program. This is an education program supported by a travelling exhibition that educates students about racism and bigotry and promotes respect for diversity and the importance of standing up to bullying and prejudice. Our Year 9 students have also been sitting exams in their core subjects over the past two weeks and preparing for the upcoming NAPLAN tests.

In our last edition of Gang Gang we congratulated Cooper Goodman on being selected for the School Sports Victoria U17 Baseball Team, as well as being the recipient of a School Sports Victoria Sporting Blue Award and the inaugural winner of the Lindsay Gaze Award. Cooper has now been announced as the Captain of the U17 Baseball Team and we wish him and his team mates every success at the upcoming Australian School Sports Championships to be held in Perth, Western Australia, next month.

Staffing Changes

The start of this term has seen a few staffing changes at Warrandyte High School. Fiona Dzur has taken parental leave as she looks forward to the birth of her first child. Marion White has now retired and Wendy Tziotis, who has done a wonderful job filling in for Marion, has now completed her short term contract at the school. We are very thankful to Wendy who stepped out of her retirement to help us out on very short notice.

Mikaela Fall (English and Drama) and Joel Armour (Integration Aide) are new additions to our staff and Martin Yates has returned from long service leave. We are all very excited for Fiona and wish her all the best as she embraces motherhood. Similarly we wish Marion a fulfilling and action packed retirement.

Trivia Night

Don't forget to put Saturday May 21 in your diaries. This is the date of our school Trivia Night. It is a fantastic night of fun and good cheer and it also raises funds to contribute to the education of all students at Warrandyte High School. Get a group of friends together or come along and make some new ones. Please see the flyer with more details included in this edition of Gang Gang.

School Council Sub-committees

School Council membership was finalised in March with the first meeting of the new Council taking place on March 16. However opportunities still exist for interested parents and DET employees to volunteer their time to support the school through

Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin

Assistant Principal: Joseph Caruana

School Captains:

Tylar Findlay and Ben Willis

International Program

What an exceedingly productive business trip I had in China during the last two weeks of Term 1. I met many agents and participated in many fairs, all aimed at expanding our vibrant International Student Program. Indeed we currently have 11 international students. By the start of 2017, it is looking like we will have around 20 international students!

EARN \$300 a week!

Correct, our vibrant international student program is expanding wonderfully and we need more homestay providers! Have you considered it? Why not? Earn \$300 a week! It is very rewarding in so many ways. Want to know more? Email me via Compass or contact the school and ask for me. Leave a message if I am unable to take your call and I will get back to you. Complete an application form which is downloadable from our website! Simply click on the International tab and you will see the link for the application form.

CHINA TRIP – Young Victorian Leaders to China Program

Indeed our information night was August 21, 6pm at the DLC. This was for the 14 families and Year 9 students who are indeed participating in this life changing experience in August and September and a little of October. 6 weeks in China! Wow! 2 weeks of cultural immersion and travelling! 4 weeks of studying courtesy of our sister school in China! 2 weeks staying in homestay accommodation and 2 weeks staying in dormitory style accommodation!

Sister School Visit



It was really nice spending a day at our sister school in China during my recent trip to Suzhou. I had the opportunity to visit some classes and speak directly to some students. Classes there consist of 45 students. Currently they have 14 classes of Year 7, each with 45 students. Our sister school is the number one ranked school in the district. Consequently, the school is in high demand. Subsequently, the government is insisting that next year the school expand to 16 classes of Year 7, each with 45 students! How wonderful – our sister school is the number one school in the district! What an experience some of our Year 9 students will have later this year. Mrs Chen, the principal of our sister school, personally conveyed her excitement at hosting our Year 9 students later this year.

NAPLAN

Week 5 of Term 2 is when the NAPLAN tests in Literacy and Numeracy are taking place for all Year 7 and 9 students. There will be 3 literacy tests focusing on READING, LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS and WRITING.

There will be two numeracy tests – one will be a CALCULATOR test and one will be a NON-CALCULATOR test. In the lead up to the NAPLAN tests, Year 7 and 9 students in their English and Maths classes will be participating in a host of activities aimed at further developing the skills assessed via the NAPLAN. How agreeable, no?

Primary Schools

Wonderful Warrandyte High School students visited a host of primary schools towards the end of Term 1. Kalinda PS, Warrandyte Primary School, Millgate Primary School and Wonga Park Primary School were all visited by myself, a collection of stunning current Warrandyte High School students and 1 or 2 of our amazing teachers. The above mentioned primary schools were very kind in allowing us to present to the Grade 5 and 6 students. Indeed we took the opportunity to share with them just how wonderful we think Warrandyte High School is. What has been very encouraging is the great many families who have both come to our OPEN NIGHT and who are coming to our school tours on Wednesday mornings! What's this? You know of friends with primary children in Grade 5 and 6 who missed our OPEN NIGHT! Panic not! Simply inform them they can call the office and book into one of our Wednesday morning school tours!

A thank you is also extended to Warranwood Primary School who kindly allowed us to drop off our stunning new brochures. Indeed they were happy to ensure all Grade 5 and 6 students received our stunning new brochure!

Uniform, Security and Laptops

Students and families are gently reminded that Week 3 of Term 2 heralds the commencement of the Winter Uniform being compulsory. Indeed the summer uniform is not an option for the remainder of this term and into Term Three.

Students and families are also gently reminded that valuables like significant amounts of money should not be kept in lockers. Laptops, amounts of money, etc... should certainly not be kept in lockers overnight. AND.... valuables should absolutely, unequivocally and incontestably not be kept inside lockers that have no lock. We must stress that all lockers must be secured with a lock at all times!

Okay, because you guys are so cool, a final gentle reminder – as per the school's laptop policy, all laptops must be recharged at home. Students cannot expect to use valuable learning class time to huddle near a power point in order to recharge their laptops. Indeed it is the students' responsibility to ensure this is happening at home.

Many thanks for your cooperation with these gentle reminders!

As always, a myriad of things take place at Warrandyte High School!

Joe Caruana
Assistant Principal

Working Bee

In readiness for our Open Night we had twilight working bee, unfortunately the weather wasn't fantastic but this didn't stop our wonderful group of volunteers who moved mulch in the rain. For the rest of our volunteers it was indoor painting and cleaning down undercover areas.

We would like thank Statewide Trees for their donation of mulch and the Hildebrand Family for their donation of yard brooms with scrapers.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers; Jill Treeby, Dave and Keelan Hildebrand, Nic and Ben Dodds, Brod Ashmore, David Dyson, Paul and Kayla McNamara, Anjie Grisold, Libby Vidler, Jonathan Wright, Margaret Kelly, Leigh Thomson, Ken Seery, Jenny Trewella, Chantelle Wilson, Stephen Parkin. Harry, Liam, Kate, Denise and Gary Foster, Erin Theodore, Hamish Coster.

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant



Thank you
to our wonderful
group of volunteers



Warrandyte Historical Society Design Competition



Warrandyte Historical Society ran a design a colouring in competition and along with our Art Teacher Heather Dale who facilitated at our end of the competition, students from Years 7, 8 and 9 designed pages about historical Warrandyte. The Historical Society found the task of choosing winners so difficult that they chose two winners for each category: Foundation, Grade 1/2, Grade 3/4, Grade 5/6. Later in the year the Historical Society will exhibit some of the entries. Congratulations to;

Foundation: Daisy Marks; Matilda Hartley

Grade1/2: Harley Edwards; Layne Smith

Grade3/4: Saskia Wade; Jake Deacon

Grade 5/6: Connor McOrrie; Bonita Hobson

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant

Hello Everyone

So much has happened since my last article.

I was unable to attend my 16 week puppy class but went later and collected my jacket. It is a little too big even when the straps are at their shortest, but I am growing fast so it won't be long before it fits.

Now that I have my jacket I am able to go into places, but still only quiet places and slowly build up. With our Puppy Advisor, Katherine, I was taken into my first supermarket. I must admit I was very good. Jill kept up the treats when I was 'walking well' which helped keep my focus. On the same day we went up an open metal stairway. Not too sure of this even with treat help I was still unsure. However a few days later I went back with Jill and up I went with no trouble.

Over Easter and through the holidays I went camping. I was very good in the tent but a couple of times forgot where I was and left a few puddles for Jill to clean up. I was taken to the beach and played in the sea and had to swim when a wave went over my head. It was a great holiday with lots of dogs to play with and lots of walks with my jacket on. I have included a picture of myself and Quinn. This was us on holiday after a lot of playing.

I am getting better walking past dogs. When I have my jacket on I am beginning to realise that I have to focus and am unable to socialise with dogs and people.

Now we are back at school I would love you all to come and visit me and see how much I have grown. By the way, thank you for having a free dress day last term to raise funds for Guide Dogs Victoria.

Love Nerida



Year 7 Boys Volleyball

On Monday 21 March the Year 7 students had their first experience of representing Warrandyte High School at the Mullum Division sports round robin in Volleyball, Softball, Baseball and Tennis. Students trained hard throughout the term in their chosen sport where they continually challenged themselves to develop their individual skills as well as their teamwork. It was a terrific day with all students giving 100% and representing the school with pride. I had the honour of taking out two year 7 boys Volleyball teams of which both were very successful. The boys A team (Jacob Broad, Jeremy Broad, Lachlan Haberfield, Brady Poole, Petros Vouterakos and Spencer Wilson) dominated the competition winning all their games 2 sets to 0. They played some fantastic team Volleyball and demonstrated excellent skill execution and finished the day winning the final 2 sets to 0 against Forest Hill. We wish this team the best of luck as they now progress through to the Eastern Region Metropolitan Finals later in the year.

The boys B team (Jackson Murray, Reef McCarthy, Jaedon Williams, Charlie Deakin, Jordan McCall Ong and Archer Davis) also had a very successful day. They unfortunately lost their first game however regrouped winning the next 2. This left them in a 3 way tie with 2 other schools with 2 wins and 1 loss and eventually after going on count back ended up finishing 3rd in their pool. The boys went into their final game determined to finish off strongly and they definitely did this playing their best game winning 2 sets to 0 against Heathmont. Whilst coming back to school with the blue flag was an excellent effort the highlight of the day for me came from a member of the B team when he stated to his team mates "Look how much we have improved. When we first started playing Volleyball we could only just get the ball over the net. Today we have come out and every game continued to improve. Our last game was our best by far!" This positive mindset and understanding that perseverance is the key to success will definitely be an essential asset as these boys continue to develop their skills in a range of sports and represent the school. I congratulate all the boys on their

Sports News

EMR Intermediate Boys Volleyball

Well done to the boys' team who went to the second round of competition today. We had a difficult task as we were competing against sports schools such as Rowville and volleyball academy schools such as Monbulk. The boys played extremely hard remaining competitive right up until the last points.

It is always a pleasure to take our teams out. They consistently support each other, show that positive attitude and growth mindset. I look forward to the next time.

Clare Rayner
Sport Teacher

Eastern region swimming championships

On the last Wednesday of term 1 when most staff and students were in bed, enjoying the sleep-in before parent/teacher interviews, eight of our Year 7 students were at Aquanation in Ringwood representing Warrandyte High at the Eastern Region swimming championships. The students had qualified through winning at the district level.

Alex Bloomer was first on the blocks and had a great 50m butterfly race, beating all competitors in the race and taking out the gold medal. Alex is now off to the State champs. A great result for Alex.

Next up was Tiana Cooper who swam up an age group. She had a lot of nerves but was able to overcome them and finish 5th. A great effort against the older girls.

It was then relay time with both boys and girls competing. The girls (Alex, Tiana, Georgia and Sienna) were in the medley relay and did a great effort, especially as some of the girls have never swum competitively. The girls came 5th in a tough field.

The boys (Noah, Noah, Ben and Luke) were last up in the freestyle relay. They overcame their nerves to swim to the best of their ability, unfortunately missing out on a place.

It was a great day and awesome to see 8 students make it through to the region. This is the most students we have had in a few years. A big thank-you to the parents and grandparents who came along to support the students. We look forward to seeing what we can achieve next year.

Michelle Barry
Sport Teacher



efforts, attitude, teamwork and success and look forward to continuing to work with the boys A team in preparation for the regional finals. Well Done boys!

Katie Cook
Sports Coordinator

An action packed report from PLTT – English, Humanities, ICT and LOTE and the Library

Term 1 has passed by in a frenzy of activity for our Learning Team and life in the Library has echoed this. Open Night was the culmination of much of our work as we showcased many of the fabulous things teachers and students are doing in each of our curriculum areas.

ICT – Claire Bloom

The ICT crew were busy all night. Jasmine Grisold (Year 10 student studying Year 11 Interactive Digital Media) greeted the many visitors that flocked into C27 to view the interesting work on display. She encouraged the primary school children to do our QR Quiz and win their choice of lollipop or little gift. Nick Grace (also an IDM student) demonstrated some Stop Motion animation using Lego figures and helped the visitors create their own mini movie. And finally, Joe Price (also a Year 10 IDM student) was busy photographing people against a green screen, using Photoshop to isolate them and place them on a unique WHS postcard, which was printed as a take home souvenir. Everyone greatly appreciated the helpfulness and confidence of our students. Ms Bloom was thrilled to meet so many visitors, including some ex-students, now with grade 5 and 6 children of their own!

Humanities - Christena Gazetas

"A Night at the Museum" was the theme of Open Night 2016 as Humanities teachers worked diligently transforming C57 into an exhibitor's dream. Showcasing an array of course content and student work, visitors young and old were treated to an assortment of hands on activities that spanned the centuries. Activities ranging from creating their own Egyptian hieroglyphic graffiti under the watchful eye of our resident mummy, producing and displaying Aboriginal dot painting artwork and celebrating St Patrick's Day by decorating their own leprechaun hats. Remembering our fallen soldiers, visitors placed a small Aussie flag in front of the Remembrance Wall. The night was a success with many parents commenting on the variety of topics covered and the enthusiasm of teachers.

English



The English faculty posed two challenges to visitors to their display. A word chain was created where visitors added a 'link' to the chain by contributing a word which began with the last letter of the previous word in the chain... no repeating of words allowed! Play Doh Pictionary required visitors to create a sculpture from Play Doh which depicted a given word or phrase... some very interesting creations were presented. Visitors enjoyed looking at examples of student work in particular Time Capsules and 'Holes' posters and had the first look at the latest edition of the school anthology 'Scribbleit' which had arrived hot from the printer just minutes before Open Night began. Good timing Mr Carozzi... and what a spectacularly creative edition it is this year. Be sure to get your copy and be inspired to contribute to next year's edition.

Library

It was fabulous to see the library buzzing with activity on Open Night. Visitors to the library Makerspace got to witness the 3D printer in action thanks to Nic Dodds, Bardia Firoozi and Graham Burdett. The three boys demonstrated the printing of small objects and talked visitors through the process adeptly answering the many questions from interested children and parents. Great job boys... many visitors commended them on their personable and informative interaction! Another



Makerspace activity demonstrated by Charlotte Rene was the creation of pencil holders. To gain a stamp on their WHS passport, children were asked to contribute the title of a book they have loved reading to the 'Wall of Books we Love'. It was so heartening to hear comments such as 'I have so many I don't know what to choose' or 'Can I write more than one?' ... music to a librarian's ears.



Library Makerspace

Makerfaire Excursion

As many of you will be aware a Makerspace has been established in the library and is continuing to develop, attracting students at lunchtimes who want to explore and create. Makerspaces in schools, libraries and tertiary institutions are growing in popularity and are a global trend. In fact the Makerspace has featured in the latest Horizon Report by the New Media Consortium (NMC) which charts emerging technologies for teaching and learning. The NMC is an international community of experts in educational technology including practitioners who work with new technologies on campuses every day; to the visionaries who are shaping the future of learning at think tanks, labs, and research centers conducting cutting edge research. You might want to read some of the reports for yourself at: <http://www.nmc.org/publication-type/horizon-report/>

To gain inspiration for our Makerspace library staff Judy Steel and Kathy Wain, along with year 9 students Nic Dodds and Bardia Firoozi attended the Melbourne Mini MakerFaire at Swinburne University where many experts were on hand to promote and teach a whole range of Maker activities. Visiting English Professor Stephen Heppell spoke to teachers about Makerspaces in the UK and Europe, while students tried their hands at soldering electronic circuits, coding, virtual reality and applications for 3d printing. It was a full on fabulous day and we brought back many ideas we hope to implement in the coming months

If you have a skill or craft that you could share with WHS students I would love to hear from you. It would be wonderful for our students to have visitors to the library to run workshops which will extend and expand their horizons.

Upcoming Activities

On offer at lunchtimes we currently have:

- 3D printing
- Colouring – special cards for Mother's Day or someone who cares for you are available
- Bag making – bring in an old TShirt and we will show you how to make a no sew bag!



- Duct tape activities – let the imagination go wild
- 3D Doodle pens
- And soon to arrive our electronics circuit kit which will have endless imaginative possibilities.
- Watch out for the Moat Boat Challenge...



New Books

We have a wonderful display of new Picture Books at the moment – picture books are often written for a young adult reader with complex and sophisticated themes. They are a great way to develop visual literacy, a must have skill in today's world. Art students should take time to look through them for inspiration. At the moment we are focusing on books written about WWI and the Anzac tradition.

As the weather starts to get cooler it is a perfect time to visit the library at recess or lunchtimes and participate in some of the many things we have to offer.

Also now open before school Monday – Thursday from 8.30am

Judy Steel
PLTT Leader/Teacher Librarian



ANZAC Day

On Thursday 21st April 2016, WHS' School Captains Tylar Findlay and Benjamin Willis accompanied a selection of Year 10 Humanities students to the 26th Schools' ANZAC Memorial Service organised by The Rotary Club of Templestowe. Together with the Australian Defence Force School of Signals Catafalque Party, 750 students from Manningham listened solemnly to the ANZAC address presented by Hon. Kevin Andrews MP and Councillor Jennifer Yang, Mayor-City of Manningham. They spoke about how ANZAC Day is a day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war and on operational service and a day on which we remember the courage, mateship and sacrifice exemplified in working towards and preserving peace. As the Last Post echoed over the memorial site, students stood in silence as they paid respect for those lost in battle.

A floral wreath was laid on behalf of Warrandyte



High School by our School Captains while students proudly wore a commemorative medal presented to them on the day for their respectful attendance.



Christena Gazeas
Humanities Teacher

Warrandyte High School Parent Association

Do you want to make a real difference and contribute to your child's school?

Join the Parent Association and do a bit of work with other like-minded parents!

Minimum work required (not like when the kids are at primary school!) No heavy workloads - we only have ONE major fundraiser a year - the Trivia night in May.

We meet one night a month (the 2nd Thursday of each month), often over a casual dinner.

This year we have lost 5 parents due to them no longer having children at school, and are looking to swell our ranks with new people with new ideas.

The Parent Association has raised significant funds over the years, and have paid for

- New air conditioning and heating in the VCE centre
- theatre curtains
- raised garden beds for growing herbs and vegetables for the kitchen / food tech area
- lots of new seating and tables for students
- new carpet

To mention just a few of the latest benefits made possible by our fundraising.

Please consider spending a little of your time to make a BIG difference and contact the school office (and they will pass on your details) or contact Fay :0412 156 566

Fay Theodore (on behalf of the WHS Parent Association)

Warrandyte High Trivia Night: WHS 2016 World Trivia Tour

See tripadvisor review below

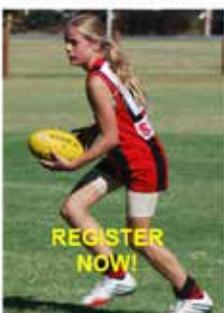


Community News



Play Girls footy

Interested in playing footy? Then come and join us at Blackburn.



REGISTER NOW!

We are inviting girls to join our teams in 2016:

- Under 10s born 2006 - 2008
- Under 12s born 2004 - 2005
- Under 15s born 2001 - 2003
- Under 18s born 1998 - 2000

The teams will play in girls' only competitions.

Why Blackburn?
Blackburn Football Club is a proud supporter of female football. In 2016, we celebrate our:

- 10th year of actively promoting girls playing football
- 5th year of hosting all-girls teams.

At Blackburn we have great coaches, including AFL Victoria's 2015 Female Coach of the Year.

Our focus is on having fun, developing new skills, making new friends and enjoying the great game of football in a supportive environment.

Girls only Auskick
We are also running the only Girls-only Auskick program in the City of Whittlesea.



Register now!
Regardless of whether you have played footy before or this will be your first year, you are more than welcome at Blackburn.

Simply email your (coach's) name and date of birth along with your (parent's) name and mobile number to: blackburnj@dfw.org.au

Still not sure?
Just come along to training and give it a go. We train Monday nights 5-6pm, Nurton Park, Central Road, Blackburn.

Need more information:

- call David Ramsdale on 0414 580 554
- call Craig Smith on 0425 301 545
- send us an email
- check out the following

www.blackburnfc.com.au www.facebook.com/blackburnfc www.youtube.com/blackburnfc

'cause girls play footy too!
Blackburn Girls Auskick, Under 10s, Under 12s, Under 15s and Under 18s

Do you want to play AFL Football ?



Etham Junior Football Club

Are looking for New Players in the following age groups:

Boys – U12

Girls – U12 & U14

Auskick – Boys & Girls Kinder and up

Want to play Footy at a great family club?

We are always open for new players. Whether you are new to footy or just want a change of environment, you will be welcome at our club.

EJFC is a values based club that places a particular emphasis on player development and participation, for both boys and girls.

If you are interested in giving it a try, please contact Roslyn McCormick on either davros@bigpond.com or 0419 305 814

Etham Junior Football Club

Peather Place, Etham
Susan St, Etham

