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## Warrandyte High School

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## Diary Dates

MAY

**Tue-Thurs 9-11 May**  
NAPLAN for Year 7 and 9s

**Monday 15 May**  
Scribblet Launch

**Saturday 20 May**  
School Trivia Night

**Monday 22 May**  
Senior Sports Day

**Thursday 25 May**  
Year 10 VET Rec 1&2 First Aid course

**Friday 26 May**  
Year 7 Cyber Safety Day

**Tuesday 30 May**  
Divisional Cross Country



### Mathematics come to life!

Year 7 students at Warrandyte High School actively participated in a week long Maths Learning Project recently. Working both in groups and independently, both outdoors and indoors, with and without mathematical implements, students engaged in a series of progressively sophisticated problem solving tasks. Measurement, estimation, even helicopter designing all featured in this intense week of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) curiosity and skill development.

### Theatre Studies

Year 12 Theatre Studies students recently performed their play, Pear Shaped at the Warrandyte High School Theatre. The play, written by WHS drama teacher Niki na Meadhra, was absolutely enchanting. The power of jealousy, kindness, gratitude, disappointment and love were some of the emotions explored in this refreshingly entertaining play. Was the standout Kristen Robertson playing the role of Nonna? Was the standout Lachlan Peatling and Lillian Lynch playing the roles of the disappointed but then jubilant King and Queen? Perhaps Luan Philip-Owen playing both the Prince and a hairy woman? The performances from all cast members were so strong, that to single out a standout scene is quite difficult!

The Arts and Mathematics – two very vibrant learning areas at Warrandyte High School.

### NAPLAN 2017

NAPLAN is happening again – this is the timetable for Year 7 and 9 students:

Tuesday 9 May – Language Conventions 45 minutes and Writing 40 minutes

Wednesday 10 May – Reading 65 minutes

Thursday 11 May – Numeracy 60 minutes

It is essential that students bring their calculator to the Numeracy NAPLAN!

### TRIVIA NIGHT

It's a celebration! Warrandyte High 2017 Trivia Night! Party Time Theme. The excitement starts at 6pm! Saturday May 20! \$25 a head!! Amazing prizes! Book a table or just yourself! Simply call the WHS Office on 9844 2749. You know you will regret it if you miss out!

**Joe Caruana**  
Assistant Principal



From the Assistant Principal



### ANZAC Day Service

On Thursday 20 April 2017, WHS' School Captains Vivien Todd and James Puls Welsh accompanied members of the student school leadership team and a delegation of Year 10 Humanities students to the 27th Schools ANZAC Memorial Service organised by The Rotary Club of Templestowe.

Entranced by the presence of the Australian Defence Force School of Signals Catafalque Party, approximately 800 students from the Manningham area listen solemnly to the Anzac address presented by Ms Louise Riley from the Shrine of Remembrance. She spoke about ANZAC Day being a day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war or on operational service, a day on which we remember the courage, mateship and sacrifice exemplified in working towards and preserving peace.

A floral wreath was laid on behalf of Warrandyte High School by our School Captains. As the Last Post echoed over the memorial site, students paid solemn respect for those lost in battle. They listened respectfully as Vivien and James recited the ANZAC Requiem in a dignified manner. On conclusion of proceedings our School Captains received complimentary praise from a number of dignitaries and school representatives.

**Ms.C.Gazeas**  
Humanities Teacher

**Principal:** Dr Stephen Parkin  
**Assistant Principal:** Joseph Caruana  
**School Captains:**  
Vivien Todd and James Puls-Welsh

## Taking The Challenge - CFA Visit

The CFA came to talk about what they do and what their part in the community involves. They presented a powerpoint to us explaining what they do and who they are. The biggest surprise to me was that nearly everyone who works for the CFA is a volunteer. We learnt all about the different vehicles they use, like their big fire trucks and the on the go utes. They next took us outside to show us the truck and what's on it and when they use all of it. After that we attempted to roll out the hoses which was a lot harder than it looks. Finally we got to shoot the hoses which was the best part.

**Zach Deacon, Year 9**

We started off by looking at the truck and all of the equipment on the truck. Then we went into groups and took the hose and tried to roll it out by throwing it. After that they got out the big hose and filled it up with water and we had to try to drag it across the ground but it was really heavy and they said it weighed roughly 100kgs. Finally we took turns of spraying the hose and it was great fun. Even though I probably will not work for the CFA it was good to know.

**Austin Humphris, Year 9**

The CFA came and talked about what they do and how they do it. They also showed us where everything is on the truck and what they do for the community and showed a powerpoint on big fires that have happened near the community and when they started the CFA. When they took us outside they tried to teach us how to quickly throw out a hose and roll it up. There was a hose that weighed over a 100kg. That was hard to pull. The best part was getting to squirt one of the hoses as it would pull you back.

**Luka Holcombe, Year 9**

## Year 8 Cyber Safety Day

### Cyber Bullying & Hateful Comments!

As students go into high school, cyber bullying becomes more of an issue. There are many problems that are classified as cyber bullying, and one of the main concerns that you may have to deal with are hateful comments. Hateful comments can leave people hurt, upset, feeling worthless and in some cases, people could start having suicidal thoughts. Sometimes the people posting the comments can feel this way after they have posted it and may regret it. Sometimes the comments are just meant to be a joke and they were not intended to come across as mean and hurtful. However, other times they were. This is why it is always good to talk about and understand their true intentions.

There are many ways we can stop hurtful comments. We have listed a few for you. We can counteract these comments with positive ones. Both friends and family can post these positive comments, and even you could as well. It is also good to talk to a trusted adult about ways you can stop it. You should always take a screen shot of the comments and then show them to a trusted adult who will be able to help you. Do not send the screenshot to anyone because you will just be spreading it around. You should always show them the picture on your device in person.

Cyber Bullying is a very big issue that needs to be stopped - and you can help! If you see it happening, you should try to stop it and be part of the solution. If you do not, you could be part of the problem. Help make others and yourself feel better and help. Be part of the solution, not the problem.

**Emma Dodds, Verity Koomen and Amey Batchelor - Year 8**

## Term 1 overview

What a busy time it was towards the end of term 1 with interschool sport. There were multiple sports days including Intermediate Volleyball, Divisional and Eastern Region Swimming, Senior Boys Cricket, Senior Boys Volleyball and Year 8 Baseball, Volleyball and Tennis. All students should be very proud of their efforts and the way in which they represented the school. Through these sports many teams and individuals achieved great success winning events and going on to represent the school at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals.

The Intermediate Volleyball teams both achieved great success with 2 boys teams being entered and 1 girls team. The boys A team were the division champions and then went on to represent the division at the Eastern Regional Finals. Congratulations to Bailey Bowyer, Kane Jolly, Connor Martin, Dion Mustafa, Jaydin Mustafa and Finn Swedosh for their excellent success.

The Senior Volleyball went in a little undermanned however at no stage did they give up. Throughout the day they showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship and had a lot of fun in their final year.

This year 16 students represented Warrandyte High School at the divisional swimming competition. All students performed at their best in their individual events with Scott Kimber winning the 16 year old breaststroke and 16 year old backstroke whilst Ben Metcalf won the 14 year old backstroke. All students then pulled together to achieve some great success in the relays with many students challenging themselves by swimming in older age groups to fill teams. In the medley relay the open 14 year old girls came in 4th place, the open 14 year old boys came in 2nd place and the open 20 year old boys came in 3rd place. In the 4 x 50m freestyle relays the 14 year old girls came in 2nd, the 14 year old boys won the event and the 17 year old boys came in 2nd. Overall it was a great day with all Warrandyte students competing at their best and cheering each other on. Both Scott and Ben then went on to represent the division at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals. They both swam exceptionally well and represented the school with pride.

A highlight for term 1 was the senior efforts by the senior boys cricket team that was made up of a combination of 3 year 8 students, 1 Year 10 student and 7 year 11 students. This group of boys easily won through the division competition and made it through to the Eastern Regional Finals after taking on much stronger and larger schools. Congratulations to Bailey Bowyer, Benjamin Davies, Lachlan Haberfield, Tyson Jaksic, Callum Padfield, Felix Piaulet, Darcy Poole, Brady Poole, Noah Willis, Oliver Willis and Harvey Wilson. A more detailed report on their games is included. We look forward to seeing these boys come together again next year and take it one step further to make it to the state competition.

The final competition for the term was the Year 8 round robin day. Warrandyte entered 4 teams into volleyball, 1 baseball team and 4 tennis teams. All students trained hard throughout the semester to develop their skills and tactical awareness of the game with some great success. In the volleyball the boys A team won and will progress through to the Eastern Metropolitan Regional finals in term 4 whilst the girls A

team fought hard coming runners up. In the baseball the boys played a total of 4 games winning 2, drawing in 1 and losing 1 coming 2nd overall. A fantastic effort. The tennis teams persisted throughout the day and whilst the competition was very strong they never gave up, competed at their best and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all students that participated in Term 1 sports.

## House Swimming Sports - Term 1

What a great response we had from students to get involved in supporting their house at the 2017 house swimming carnival. On Tuesday 21st February over 370 Warrandyte High School students descended on Boroondara Sports Complex full of colour and with loud voices ready to swim and cheer their houses to victory. The weather was super kind providing us with perfect conditions for all events, cheering and some relaxing around the pool. It was great to see students giving it a go whether competing competitively or simply for the fun and in the spirit of gaining house points.

In particular the senior events were tightly contested even if unconditional swimming aids such as flippers and snorkels were used to gain an additional edge. Many events were tightly contested with Georgia D'Amico breaking the 14 year old female breaststroke record in a time of 44.18 which had stood since 2009. A fantastic effort.

The annual bombing contest was also a great success with mass participation and a great display of different techniques. You could hear the splash and the agony of some of the impact from the other end of the pool. In the end Stiggant were awarded Swimming House Champions for 2017. Congratulations Stiggant.

The final points tally was:

Stiggant - 408	Anderson - 245
Michel - 371	Newman - 194

In addition, a House Swimming Champion Trophy was awarded to one student from each house. These students were recognized for gaining the most number of points for their house and for their eager participation on the day.

The House Swimming Champions were:

Stiggant - Georgia D'Amico
Michel - Callum Hildebrand
Anderson - Hamish McKinnon
Newman - Luke Brincat

A special mention must also go to Noah Hunter (Michel), Finn Martin (Newman), Rose Synhur (Stiggant) and April Synhur (Stiggant) who all participated in multiple events and made valuable contributions to their house.

Students who won an event will now progress through to the Mullum Division Swimming competition being held on Friday 10th March. We wish all these students the best of luck and am sure they will challenge themselves to give 100% and represent the school with pride.

The day is not only about recognising swimming success but also about building house spirit, leadership and cross year level friendships for all students as well as students and teachers building relationship outside the classroom setting. As part of this 6 students (Emma Dodds, Dan West, Kristen Roberston, Luke Sutton, Keegan Scheller and Caitlyn Bull were awarded the best dressed) for the inventive costumes including being dressed as Donald Trump, Poison Ivy, a Scotsman, Yellow Wiggle and Gypsy. I look forward to seeing the costumes worn at the athletics day in May. The 8 house captains (Holleigh Mann, Andrea Fidock, Luke De Zwart, Ben Davies, Chelsea Black, Adam Smith, Georgia Siddall and Tom Downey) did a fantastic job in promoting the day, encouraging students and developing house spirit.

The day finished with a house versus staff inflatable crocodile relay which was fiercely contested. Whilst much sabotage (and cheating) was undertaken by all houses and the staff team the teachers came out victorious. Congratulations to all students and staff who involved themselves in this event.

All students should be congratulated on their efforts and behaviour on the day. A big thank you also goes to all the staff who contributed to making the 2017 House Swimming Carnival a successful and enjoyable day

**Katie Cook - Sports Leader**

## VET REC Surf Camp (Phillip Island)- Term 1

This year's unit 1 & 2 Vet Rec students experienced some perfect conditions on their two day camp to Phillip Island.

Evidently this set the tone for a great camp, with students being able to transfer their skills that had been learnt from Instructed lessons at Smiths Beach. They were also able to have good insight into what goes into manufacturing a surfboard and techniques into creating quality workmanship. The overall vibe and feedback from students who participated in this year's camp was a positive one, being able to exhibit a number of practical skills in an external environment.

I was incredibly impressed with the behaviour and skills shown by students through perseverance to achieve great results-Well done team J

## Senior Cricket EMR Final- Term 1

Warrandyte achieved an excellent result in Senior Boys' cricket in 2017. They achieved this through convincingly defeating Camberwell High School and Ringwood Secondary in the division competition. This put them through to the Finals of the Eastern Regional competition against Wantirna College where they narrowly missed out on advancing through to the State final by 14runs. I was very impressed with the teamwork, passion and sportsmanship students showed when conducting themselves on the field. A great effort by all students with standout performances from the Year 8 recruit Brady Poole with the ball and bat, Tyson Jaksic with the ball, Darcy Poole and Ben Davies with the Bat and Captaincy.

## Intermediate Boys EMR Volleyball- Term 1

The Intermediate Boys Volleyball represented the school well by winning the division competition by successfully defeating Auburn High School in a nail biting encounter in the final. They advanced through to the Eastern Regional competition where they faced some stiff competition with the likes of Rowville Secondary, Kew High School and Monbulk High School- all of which have volleyball academies currently in place. The boys competed well defeating Glen Waverley and narrowly going down to Ringwood Secondary and Kew High School. I was proud of the gutsy performances the students showed and the comradery amongst the group to get behind each other and work effectively as a team.

**Brendon Rule**  
Sport Teacher

## VET Sport and Recreation, Balancing Tourism and the Environment Camp

From Wednesday April 19 to Friday April 21, the VET Sport and Recreation 3-4 Class stayed at Phillip Island to study how Phillip Island Nature Parks manage more than 1,000,000 visitors per year while still allowing the natural environment to thrive. We had Ranger talks at the Penguin Parade and Koala Conservation Centre, toured the old Summer Lands Housing Estate, viewed RAMSAR listed wetlands, Surfing at Smiths Beach, visited the Penguin Parade met koalas face to face on the treetop boardwalks viewed the Antarctic Journey at the Seal Rocks Centre, visited Conservation Hill, Rhyll Inlet, Rhyll Wetland and Churchill Island.

While at Phillip Island we stayed at Island Accommodation where the students self-catered. The students and I all have a great time, learning lots on the way.

**Martin Yates**  
VET Rec Teacher



## SCRIBBLIT LAUNCH MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017

All members of the Warrandyte High School community – teachers, students, grandparents and friends – are invited to the 6th Annual launch of SCRIBBLIT, our school's anthology of writing and art work by the school's students and teachers.

**VENUE:** DLC at the school

**PROGRAM:** 6.30 pm Drinks and nibbles  
There will also be a small display of student work.

**7 – 8 pm** Readings by teachers and students, musical items and the official launch of SCRIBBLIT.

Brod Ashmole will demonstrate the gentle art of Rap: a mix of poetry, music and mayhem. Year 12 student, DANIEL WEST will play a guitar instrumental, and there may even be a Ukulele performance.

Several students, including Caitlin Bull and Nick Dodds, will read from Scribblit.

Our new co-editor of Scribblit, Mikeala Fall, will officially launch Scribblit.

In order to assist with catering, please send an email to Barry Carozzi via Compass indicating how many people from your family will be attending, or phone the school office.

### Notice regarding content in 13 Reasons Why

The Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" has raised concerns in a number of secondary schools and parent groups across Australia. The following is the media release from Headspace regarding the program and provides valuable advice and information for both parents and students. It is highly recommended reading for parents and their children.

### Headspace Media Release

<https://www.headspace.org.au/news/dangerous-content-in-13-reasons-why/>

Headspace has issued a warning following growing concerns raised by schools, parents and young people across Australia about some content featured in US Netflix series 13 Reasons Why.

The series – which debuted in Australia in late March and is currently streaming on Netflix - depicts a young woman who suicides. It presents the viewer with very confronting and graphic messaging and imagery inclusive of suicide method and means.

Since its debut both the national headspace School Support Program, which supports school communities in the aftermath of a suicide, and eheadspace, the national online and over-the-phone counselling service has received a growing numbers of calls and emails directly related to the program.

Kristen Douglas, National Manager of headspace School Support said the show exposes viewers to risky suicide content and may lead to a distressing reaction by the viewer particularly, if the audience is children and young people.

"National and international research clearly indicates the very real impact and risk to harmful suicide exposure leading to increased risk and possible suicide contagion," she said.

Head of eheadspace Dr Steven Leicester said clinicians working for the service had been dealing with a steady stream of concerned parents and young people since the show first aired.

"There is a responsibility for broadcasters to know what they are showing and the impact that certain content can have on an audience – and on a young audience in particular," he said.

headspace School Support and eheadspace is urging school communities, parents, and mental health services to be aware of the dangers and risks associated for children and young people who have been exposed to this content

The national suicide media initiative, Mindframe, also has significant concerns and warnings related to this content.

Please see the following links for helpful information for schools, mental health services, and parents if they are aware that children or young people have been exposed to the content and have expressed concerns around their own mental health, distress, or suicidal thoughts and feelings. managing social media following a suicide

<https://headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/Corporate/Managing-social-media-following-a-suicide-web.pdf>

Grief – How a young person might respond to a suicide <https://headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/Corporate/Grief-How-young-people-might-respond-to-a-suicide-web.pdf>

How to talk about suicide with a young person

<https://headspace.org.au/assets/School-Support/How-to-talk-about-suicide-with-young-people.pdf>

For further information please contact: Michael Bennett

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headspace has 99 centres across Australia, for details visit [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au).

If you are having a tough time, visit your local centre or contact eheadspace on 1800 650 890 or [www.eheadspace.org.au](http://www.eheadspace.org.au).

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