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Warrandyte High School

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Diary Dates

APRIL

Friday 20 March

VET Rec 3&4 Phillip Island Camp day 3

Tuesday 21 April

Senior Sport Round Robin

Wednesday 22 April

Year 7 Rugby

Thursday 23 April

Year 8 Rugby

Friday 24 April

Principal's Assemblies

Saturday 25 April

Warrandyte Anzac Dawn Service Stiggant's Reserve 6am

Monday 27 April

Year 7 & 8 Injections
Year 11 Holocaust Museum excursion

Tuesday 28 April

VET Rec 1&2 Kayaking

Wednesday 29 April

Year 7 Rugby

Thursday 30 April

Year 8 Rugby

MAY

Saturday May 2

WHS Trivia Night

Curiouser and curiouser !

Warrandyte High School is continually seeking to improve the learning outcomes for its students. This year the school is entering an exciting phase in that journey as we take part in the "Powerful Learning and Teaching" project. This three year project is being funded by the Sydney Myer Fund and led by McREL International and the Mitchell Institute.

We will be working in partnership with Monash University and a network of Secondary and Primary Schools including Serpell Primary. The project is based on the Curiosity and Powerful Learning Framework. It is backed by a wealth of educational research and uses methods which have been proven to bring success. Curiosity thinking is at the centre of this framework.

So what is curiosity thinking? Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland is about doing curiosity thinking.

In Chapter 1, Alice pursues a White Rabbit down a burrow, after she sees him consult a pocket watch. From that moment on, every perplexing experience involves Alice asking questions of herself and others she meets. As Alice wends her way through Wonderland, she is doing curiosity.



In Chapter 2, she is surprised but accepts the peculiar circumstance that she is quickly growing bigger and bigger.

'Curiouser and curiouser!' cried Alice (she was so much surprised, that for the moment she quite forgot how to speak good English).

Strange things are noticed and wondered about.

'What a funny watch!' she remarked. 'It tells the day of the month, and doesn't tell what o'clock it is!'

Odd statements are queried.

The master was an old Turtle—we used to call him Tortoise—'

'Why did you call him Tortoise, if he wasn't one?' Alice asked.

'We called him Tortoise because he taught us,' said the Mock Turtle angrily: 'really you are very dull!'

In Wonderland, one astonishing episode leads to another. Alice wants to understand the outlandish beings she meets and the odd events in which she is caught. Her best strategy is to engage, to apply her existing knowledge, and to seek out new knowledge that will help to make sense of it all. To do curiosity thinking.

Stephen Parkin
Principal

New smoking bans on school grounds and at school entrances

From Monday 13 April 2015, smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all schools and kindergartens within Victoria under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987. While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government Schools by the Minister of Education in 2009 this new ban is an addition to this.

Officers from councils are responsible for enforcing the bans, and will take an education approach, making sure smokers understand the new laws. However, an infringement penalty of \$147 could apply to adults caught wilfully breaking the law.

Factsheets and further information about the bans are available from the Tobacco Reforms website; www.achievementprogram.healthytogether.health.vic.gov.au.

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant

Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin
Assistant Principal: Pamela Dunstall
School Captains:
Jessie Thomas-Connor, Hugh Prescott

From the Principal

Uniform Reminder

The beginning of second term signals the changeover in uniform. During Term 2 and Term 3 all students should be wearing their full winter uniform. There is a two week changeover period at the beginning of this term to allow for variations in weather, however from the beginning of week 3 (Monday 27th April) any student not wearing the winter uniform will attract a uniform infringement.

Parents and students are also reminded that hoodies are not part of the school uniform and students are not able wear them in any circumstance. For those students who feel the cold there are a number of approved uniform items available to assist with this including the school jumper as well as the school jacket. Students are also able to wear plain white t-shirts underneath their winter shirts to protect them from the cold. For any clarification regarding uniform please speak to your child's level leader.

Attendance

It is important for all students to be at school every day. With winter approaching, there will be many students who experience coughs, colds and other minor illnesses. When deciding whether to keep your child home from school, please consider that a child should be at school unless;

The child is too sick to leave the house. Generally, if a child is not sick enough to need to see a doctor, then the child should be at school.

The child has an infectious disease like measles, chicken pox or mumps.

The child has an injury preventing movement around school.

The principal is provided with any genuine and acceptable reason preventing the child's attendance.

A medical or dental appointment could

not be made out of school hours (wherever possible, appointments should be made out of school hours)

If your child is absent from school a parent approval must be entered through the Parent Portal on Compass. Alternatively parents can ring and leave a message on the absence line with their name, the name of their child and the details of the absence or on your child's return, a note must be supplied to the General Office to explain the days missed.

If you know that your child will be absent in advance you should also contact the school to advise of this absence.

Absences for VCE students

In order to successfully complete VCE students undertaking Unit 1&2 subjects are required to have an attendance rate in excess of 80% and Unit 3&4 students in excess of 90%. Any student who is absent from an assessment task MUST supply their level leader with a medical certificate upon return to school. Students who are aware of unavoidable absences that may occur at the time of assessment tasks must see their Level Leader as soon as possible to discuss this with them.

Remember

If students miss the basic skills in the early years of schooling they often experience learning difficulties later on.

There is a direct link between attendance and achievement.

It has been shown that poor patterns of attendance in the early years can lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.

Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive friendships with their peers.

Pamela Dunstall
Assistant Principal

Kitchen Garden

On Wednesday 18 March 2015, Michelle from Bunnings Nunawading came to Warrandyte High School to help plant herbs and vegetable seedlings. With the help of the Year 8 Food Technology students we moved soil and planted the vegetables and herbs.

Bunnings have donated punnets of vegetable seedlings and herbs, a wheelbarrow, a shovel, a lemon tree, worms for our worm farm, two raised garden beds and netting to cover our vegetables.



The Parents Association donated money raised from the Trivia Night to assist in establishing the Kitchen Garden.

Supersoil Warrandyte have assisted with discounts on soil, mulch and steel pickets.

Beasley's Nursery will be assisting with ongoing discounted vegetables and herbs.

Quintons IGA are assisting with donations of garden products.

A big thank you to all our local businesses and our Parents Association

Students are encouraged to join our Garden Club which will meet each Friday at lunchtime.

Any further donations that could assist with the maintenance / upkeep of the garden would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Suzanne Martin
martin.suzanne.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Suzanne Martin
Food Tech Assistant

Science News

"On Wednesday students from Monash University ran a period long workshop with the year nine students in the DLC.

They taught us the science behind light, and what makes us see it how it is.

We got to be involved in several mini-experiments and watched demonstrations as well as a power point. We learnt about how light affects colours and got to see the way light is split up into those colours.

The year nines really enjoyed the different learning environment. " - Amie Grisold

Grace Johnstone
Science Technician



Sport News

Amazing results and achievements for our senior boy's tennis team. Having won our division day we went along to the regional finals this week at North Ringwood. This proved a very intense day, but with our positive mindset and determination we took on each school and faced up to the challenges. The boys constantly supported each other to play their best tennis. We convincingly won all our pool matches; against Wantirna college, Lilydale High and Mt Waverly. This took us to the overall final of the day against Camberwell High School. With anticipation we faced the challenge. We finished the singles with WHS winning two sets and Camberwell winning two sets, but we were up 11 games to 10 a worthy final of the day. My heart was in my mouth as we approached the doubles. We had to win at least one doubles game and get some games off the other pair. Camberwell's number one player was amazing and we had to create a strategy to overcome him. We took out one of the doubles but lost the second doubles. The important part was that our number one pair managed to win some important games off their number one which clinched the victory! We are now going through to state finals for our first ever senior boy's tennis team.



Well done to Mitchell Wilson, Jack Wilson, Mitchell White and Stefan Walder - We wish them good luck for state finals on the 18 May.

VET Rec 1 and 2 Students

Well done to our whole group! Never mind about the film Big Wednesday; our students coped with some very large surf conditions at Philip Island on their surf camp this week. By then end of our first session we had everyone managing to stand on their board. They had to compete with difficult on shore winds and extremely messy waves and swells.



The students conducted themselves in a polite manner and were very supportive of each other as they continued to build their positive, growth mind set. Well done Vet Rec!

Clare Rayner
Sports Leader



Hello Everyone

I thought my world was big but now it is huge.

Jill and my Puppy Advisor, Katherine, took me for a walk in Warrandyte the other day. We had to cross Warrandyte Rd at the pedestrian lights and walk down to IGA. If I kept focused and walked well I received treats.

We received permission to enter the supermarket but no vegie or meat aisle for me. I went down three aisles trying to keep focused on my walking and not to sniff the food. I reckon I did pretty well because I received a lot of treats.

I have also been to a puppy workshop at the Guide Dogs Centre. This workshop was held to help puppies learn not to be distracted by other dogs. All of us had to walk around cones and turn left and right without being distracted by the puppy

in front and behind. It was hard but I think I behaved. Each time I listened to Jill and did as I was asked I was rewarded with a treat.

Afterwards we were allowed to play off lead in the play area. I was bowled over a few times by some very excited puppies but I had a great play.

Please visit me for a pat and play.

Quinn
Trainee Guide Dog



Warrandyte High 2015 Trivia Night

**HOLLYWOOD
COMES TO
WARRANDYTE**



Sat May 2
Warrandyte HS Theatre
Bookings 9844 2749

A Chance To Become Our Winning Trivia Team

For the last 'too many' years, our Science-Technology teachers team has taken the top prize at the WHS Trivia Night. But in 2015, they have gone into retirement and will be asking you the questions. Now it's your turn – be in it to win it!

Doors open at 7.00pm for a sharp 7.30pm start
\$25 per person

BYO: Drinks, nibbles and glassware

Dress up (or don't dress up). Bring lots of gold coins for games. Bid on our silent auction items. Enjoy spot prizes and get ready for an entertaining evening.

Book the babysitter and invite your mates ... come join our night of nights!

Don't have a complete team? Talk to us and we will organize some great company to share a table with you.

Call **Alicia Eldridge** (Parent Association) on **0438 220 266** if you have any questions.



Book a seat by returning this form or contacting the school office:

Name:

Contact Phone number:

Number of Tickets: Table Name (if applicable):

Cash Cheque (payable to Warrandyte High School) Credit Card

Card Type: Name on Card:

Credit Card Number: Exp:

Signature:



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Please mention this advertising when shopping locally.

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Aqua Hub – Croydon
Melbourne Museum
Cuckoo Restaurant
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The Pines Centre Management
Youthful Souls
Takeya Sushi Café
B-Juled by Fashion
Light Minded Healing
Jireah Lodge Bed and Breakfast
Interiors by Jo
Earth Flame

What is coeliac disease and how do we treat it?

Join gastroenterologist Dr Jason Tye-Din and Warrandyte local Professor Doug Hilton to hear about the latest research into the diagnosis of and treatments for coeliac disease.

WHEN: Thursday 30 April at 7:30pm
WHERE: Warrandyte Community Centre

The meeting is free and light refreshments will be provided.

For more information and bookings, contact:
Warrandyte Neighbourhood House on **9844 1839**
Maxine Chapman on **0400 948 334**

Manningham Table Tennis Club

Provides table tennis activities for players of all standards as well as coaching for junior players

Where: Manningham DISC, 360 Springvale Road, Donvale

When: Tuesday evenings and competitions for players wishing to take part in Templestowe on Thursday evenings.

We have taken part in AASC programs previously and are registered under the new Sporting Schools program.



FAST4 TENNIS
PLAY LETS - NO AD SCORING - FIREBREAKER AT 3 GAMES ALL - FIRST TO 4 GAMES WINS

FREE sessions at W'dyte Tennis Club
Wed 22 Apr, Wed 29 Apr, Wed 6 May, Wed 13 May * 8.30pm - 9.30pm

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Turn up to the free come 'n try sessions at Taroona Ave courts or register interest:
Judd Harding 0405 475 635
Michael Holloway 0414 095 644
Craig Haslam 0488 722 538
or email warrandytetc@gmail.com



warrandytennisclub.org.au



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