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 thinking.

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.

‘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
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

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Suzanne Martin

Food Tech Assistant
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

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.

Hello Everyone

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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

Sport News
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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Takeya Sushi Café
B-Juled by Fashion
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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.