



# Gang Gang

## Warrandyte High School

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### Trivia Night Saturday May 21

Don't miss your chance to join us this Saturday May 21 on the Warrandyte High School World Trivia Tour. It will be a fantastic night of fun and good cheer and it

also raises funds to contribute to the education of your children. Spaces are still available. Get a group of friends together or come along and make some new ones.

**Stephen Parkin**  
Principal

## Diary Dates

**MAY**

**Thursday 19 May**

Wheel chair Basketball 8.2

**Thursday 19 May**

VET Rec 1&2 CPR Training

**Saturday 21 May**

TRIVIA NIGHT

**Monday 23 May**

Year 11 Exams begin

**Tuesday 24 May**

Year 12 TIS Excursion

**Tuesday 24 May**

Wheel chair Basketball 8.1 & 8.3

**Thursday 26 May**

Wheel chair Basketball 8.2

**Monday 30 May**

Division Cross Country

**Tuesday 31 May**

Wheelchair Basketball 8.1 & 8.3

**Tuesday 31 May**

Year 10 Exams

**JUNE**

**Thursday 2 June**

Year 10 Exams

**Friday 3 June**

Report Writing Day

**Tuesday 7 June**

GAT Exam

**Wednesday 8 June**

Year 8 Sport

**Thursday 9 June**

Junior Girls Football

Take off  
Saturday May 21st  
7.00pm for 7.30 start  
Warrandyte High School Theatre  
Bring a table of 10 or travel alone  
Puzzles, Games, Trivia & Prizes  
2016 WHS  
WORLD  
TRIVIA TOUR  
Bookings open  
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### 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.

Looking forward to hearing from you!!!

### Powerful Learning at WHS!

At Warrandyte High School we are not complacent! We are all life-long learners, students and teachers alike, we are always constantly seeking to improve.

Indeed as we are in the middle of a 5 week Cycle of Inquiry! This involves teachers observing teachers; teachers providing feedback to teachers. Teachers constantly refining their craft! This cycle of professional development will conclude with students providing feedback to teachers.

Whole school, consistent literacy strategies and high expectations across the school are two of our fundamental priorities. A concrete classroom strategy which we are heavily promoting is called the "Writing Break."

The "Writing Break." Put simply, this involves the teacher teaching, imparting knowledge for around 15 minutes. Then the teachers stops and says, "Okay... take the next 4 minutes to write down, in dot point, what have you just learnt in the last 15 minutes or what are you still confused about." (The key is that students actually write down what they have learnt - this develops effective note taking skills, hence the "Writing Break" is a writing to learn literacy strategy.)

The teacher then invites a few students to share their notes - and uses this opportunity to ensure everyone has correctly understood the content. It is an opportunity to address any gaps in student knowledge which may have surfaced. The teacher is now set for another 15-20 minutes of teaching. So simple and yet so effective, no? And this is just one of the whole school literacy strategies we are heavily promoting as a strategy that needs to be consistently implemented when appropriate!

What exciting times, no?

Never a dull moment at Warrandyte High!

**Joe Caruana**  
Assistant Principal

**Principal:** Dr Stephen Parkin  
**Assistant Principal:** Joseph Caruana

**School Captains:**  
Tyler Findlay and Ben Willis

From the Principal

From the Assistant Principal

## Warrandyte High School Cross Country

On Monday 18 April Warrandyte High School ran its annual house cross country competition and what a great day it was. Unlike usual cross country conditions the weather was perfect with the sun shining making the course firm underfoot. Students from year 9 – 12 signed up to participate whilst all students in Years 7 and 8 participated. It was excellent to see the students pushing themselves to achieve their best whilst completing the 3km and 5km course. In the end the event was tightly contested amongst the houses with the final results being

First – Michel 174 points

Second – Newman 136 points

Third – Stiggant 131 points

Fourth – Anderson 110 points.

A group of 50 students will now go on to represent the school at the division cross country being held on Monday 30 May. We wish all students the best of luck at the next round and hope to see many of them completing personal best times and going through to the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals.

## Senior Basketball

On Tuesday 19 April Warrandyte High School entered 3 teams into the divisional senior basketball competition. Both boys teams went in fighting from the start with only having 5 players and having to play at least 4 games. To the boys credit neither team stopped playing their hardest, continually tried different strategies against each opposition and played some excellent team basketball. Whilst the A team came away winless they were competitive in each game going down by only a few points in 2 of their 3 games. The boys B team started out with a tough game against Forrest Hill. They initially allowed Forrest Hill to get a good lead however the boys fought their way back into the game with the result being a draw. Without a break the boys backed up playing against Mullauana and came away with a good win. After a short break they entered their last game needing to win to make it through to the finals. Up against another undermanned team the boys came away with an easy win and took that confidence into the grand final game. This game was against Forrest Hill (who they had drawn against in their first game). The boys grouped together, developed a tight defensive strategy and ended up winning the grand-final. A fantastic effort by the boys.

The girl's team were lucky enough to have a couple of subs which made things a little easier for them. Playing their first game against Ashwood the girls started off strong being led by Annie De Zwart, Aleece Biewer and Bec Smith. The girls came away with a good win giving them confidence going into their second game against Forrest Hill. This was an important game as it would dictate who they were going to play in the semi-final. All girls pulled together playing some excellent team basketball to come away with the win and finishing on top of their pool. This left them to play 2nd place of the other pool in the semi-final. The girls went in with confidence however some injuries and illness were starting to take their toll. This however did not stop the Warrandyte girls who persevered through and convincingly won the semi-final. This left the girls playing their 5th and final game as the grand-final against Templestowe. Templestowe had also gone through their pool undefeated and were strong competition for our girls. To the girls credit at half time the scores were very close however the 2nd half the injuries and illnesses took their toll and the girls ran out of legs. The girls should be very proud of their efforts. They worked exceptionally well as team, took on every challenge and had a great fun day out.

## House Athletics Sports

For the first time since I remember the weather forecast for the Warrandyte High School House Athletics carnival was a good one. 21 degrees and mainly sunny – what more could we ask for. On Thursday 5 May 12 bus loads of

Warrandyte High School students descended on Doncaster Athletics Track full of colour and with loud voices ready to run, jump, throw and cheer their houses to victory. The weather conditions encouraged students to participate and challenge themselves to perform at the best competing in many events. In particular the junior events required heats to be ran due to the mass participation. Many events were tightly contested with many records being re-written. This was particularly the case in the Javelin where 5 records were broken – possibly the wind was a helping factor. A special mention goes to Holly Smith who broke the 20 year old girls 800m record set in 1988 and Tim West who broke the 15 year old male high jump record set in 1986. Ethan Buchanan had a fantastic day smashing 3 records in the 13 year old 200, 400 and 800m run which have been standing since 1984. A fantastic effort. In the end Michel were awarded House Athletics Champions for 2016. Congratulations Michel.

The final points tally was:

**Michel – 1335**

**Stiggant – 1016**

**Newman – 996**

**Anderson – 944**

In addition a House Athletics 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 Athletics Champions were:

**Michel – Cloudy Mc Carthy**

**Stiggant – Stefan Walder**

**Newman – Callum Khaw**

**Anderson – Piper Davis**

Students who won an event will now progress through to the Mullum Division Athletics competition being later in term 3. 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 athletic 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 5 students were awarded as being best dressed on the day. Each year we see more amazing costumes and I look forward to seeing what students come up with for next years house carnivals. In addition to this students were also recognised for helping at events enabling them to develop their leadership skills and also gain valuable points to their house. Thank you to all those students who helped out throughout the day at different events as it makes the day run a lot smoother and the teachers were greatly appreciative of your help. 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 2016 House Athletics Carnival a successful and enjoyable day

**Katie Cook - Sport Leader**

## Art, Technology, Drama and Music PLTT Team Report

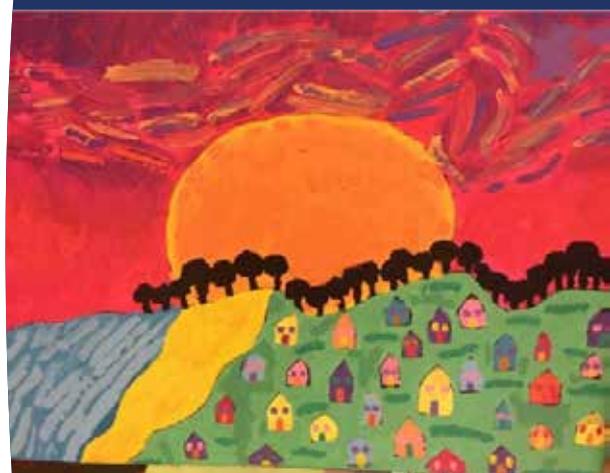
A busy start to term 2 for our entire team. Students have been working very hard to develop their skills and knowledge through a broad range of curriculum and co-curricula activities.

This week staff have begun the second Cycle of Inquiry as part of our Curiosity and Powerful learning journey. Through this process all teachers will observe a number of their fellow teachers in action. Observing teachers and teaching in the classroom plays a crucial role in supporting the professional growth of teachers, the school development process and classroom research. Through this process teachers provide valuable feedback to one another. Students will also be involved in this process and will provide important feedback to staff.

**Here is just a snap shot of the learning students are doing in our curriculum areas.**

## Year 10 ART

H. Ferguson Dale



Students have been working on a painting project in collaboration with Danielle Parry – Jones the Welfare Leader. The task was to bring visual impact and a more pleasant atmosphere to the welfare space. Brainstorming on colour and its effects on state of mind were considered. Influencing artists to help with subject matter and technique were investigated. The images have been painted on board with artist quality acrylic paints.

Lucy Patena

**Leigh Thomson  
PLTT Leader**

Great house  
spirit and leadership



## Hello Everyone

I am now a little over 5 months old and experiencing many different situations.

My visits to supermarkets are increasing and with me behaving so well Jill can buy a few items at a time. When we get to the checkout I stand really still.

Last Monday I visited the Collingwood Children's Farm with lots of puppies from other litters of the same age. We walked around the farm looking at different animals. One chicken flew at a puppy but they didn't worry me, they just had great smells. It was only when the goats walked towards me that I became a little unsure so I barked. All in all it was a great experience but I would have liked to play with the other pups.

I also visited the Guide Dog Vet on Tuesday to have a look at my ears as they were annoying me. Yes, I have an ear infection in both ears. Not too keen on the medication being squirted into my ears but my ears are feeling better.

I was involved in the Dog Lovers Show last week. Eight of us were on the 'pat & cuddle' stand that the Guide Dogs Victoria had set up. Jill dropped me off at the breeding centre in Kew Thursday afternoon and off we went on Friday. It was a long day but because I am always having visitors at school the visitors at the show didn't upset me at all. I had two nights at the centre before Jill picked me up on Saturday afternoon. It was great as I was able to play with the other puppies, but I was very tired.

I have experienced local football games (which are different with whistles and loud cheering), hairdressers and historical buildings. Not sure about being inside buildings at the moment as there are echoes when I bark and slippery floors. I continue to look forward to experiencing new situations and overcoming ones that make me a little nervous.

Come and visit and see how big I am growing

Love Nerida



*Sport News Continued...*

## Final senior sport

Well done badminton players - we had a wonderful day of support, competition and fun at the senior girls and boys badminton event. Matches were continually played throughout the day. Many students said "I didn't realise you moved so much in badminton". It was certainly a learning experience. Both boys and girls finished second in the whole competition between five schools, with some excellent points being played. The girls were joint winners on a number of sets won, but got pushed into second by 1 point with a count back on number of points scored to split the teams.

Great work everyone.

## Compass & Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme -

It is great to be able to say we are continuing our commitment and work with the Duke of Ed program. It has proved to be such a valuable scheme where the students gain and extend some many valuable qualities. They certainly connect better in their learning throughout school and broaden their horizons outside school too! We have been signing up the junior students into the compass award and students in year 9 and upwards into the Bronze Award. It is not too late. If you are interested or you would like more information please feel free to contact me via school email or phone 98442749.

This scheme is available to all - an extremely positive rewarding experience - I guarantee it!

**Clare Rayner**  
Sport Teacher



## Congratulations Cooper

Cooper recently represented Victoria and co-captained the side in the SSA 17U Baseball Tournament in Perth WA.

Victoria gained a bronze medal behind very strong competition from WA and NSW.

From this tournament an Australian side was selected. Cooper and one other Victorian were chosen to represent their country. The Australian Team will travel to the USA in September and October later this year to tour and play against High School and College sides across the country.

The tour is set up to represent what it would be like to play baseball in the US. With at least one or two games each day, which includes travel via bus or plane.

Well done Cooper!

## 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)

Go on join the  
Parents Association  
- you can make a  
difference!





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## Makerspace happenings....

The Makerspace is growing both in terms of resources and student use. New to the Makerspace this term:

- Little Bits Electronic circuit kit- a platform of easy-to-use electronic building blocks (<http://littlebits.cc/>). Students are welcome to book into the Makerspace and see what they can make... visit the Little Bits website for inspiration.
- Old computers –we have a collection of old computers for those of you who like to take computers apart and see how they work... can you rebuild them?
- Mother's Day gifts – in the lead up to Mother's day we have had students using the 3D printer to print key rings and bracelets for their mums ... they have also created great pots of succulents and chrysanthemums for gifts.

## Thankyou Rotary Morning Tea

On Friday 29 April the library hosted a morning tea for members of the Warrandyte & Donvale Rotary Club to say thank you for their financial support of our makerspace and to showcase some of the things that students have been working on. We had about twelve guests from Rotary and several student guests who showcased what they have been doing.

Here we are posing in front of our newly painted wall.....

## New books

We have had many requests for new titles in the library and here are just a few:

*Messi* – more than a superstar: Lucca Caioli

*Ronaldo* – the obsession for perfection: Lucca Caioli

*The natural way of things*: Charlotte Wood

*Wild Lily*: K.M.Peyton

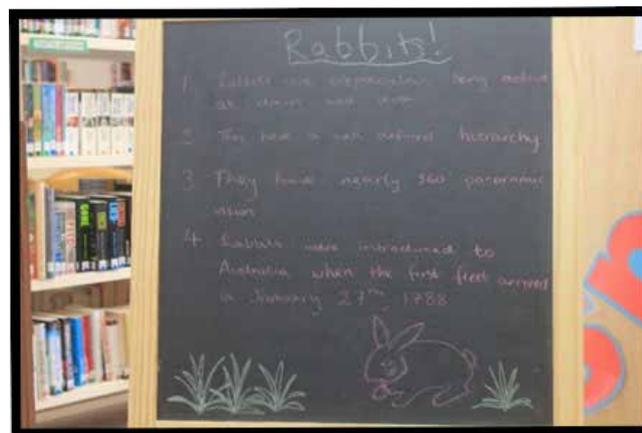
*The Bone Queen*: Alison Croggon

There are many more new books on display... something for everyone...

Something lovely...

At the beginning of the year I put a small blackboard easel in the library; a place for me to write up daily notices or advertise events. This term new messages started to appear... interesting and intriguing facts about the world. Each week there is something new to invite curiosity. Thanks to Chloe and Steph in year 12 for taking the time to research and write up these messages;

**Judy Steel**  
Library Leader



## Learning Tasks & Results on Compass.

Some parents may not be aware that many of your child's learning tasks and results are now posted in your child's portal on Compass. Each subject area will have at least one common learning task per unit posted on Compass for parents to access. Some teachers are also choosing to communicate student results through Compass.

If you have not yet accessed this area of Compass this is where to go:

1. Log into Compass and head to your child's home page.
2. On the front page under your child's name and next to their photograph you will see a list that looks like this:

Click here for student dashboard



3. Once at the dashboard you will see a series of tabs: Click here to access learning tasks.



4. You can now see all the posted learning tasks and results so far. The legend at the top of the bar indicates the status of the piece of work. Sometimes when an overdue piece is finally submitted it can take a day or two for the teacher to manually adjust this result, but if you have a concern, a friendly email to the teacher will get discrepancies sorted.



Remember that not all learning tasks or results are posted on Compass, so you can still have that discussion with your son and daughter at the dinner table about what they have been doing at school, what needs to be handed in and how they went on a particular test or assignment!

## Community News

Anderson's Creek Primary School Proudly Presents:

# BUILDING RESILIENCE IN THE YOUTH OF WARRANDYTE

## 4 FREE WORKSHOPS

*Suitable for Elders, Primary and Secondary Parents.*

<b>WORKSHOP 1</b> PROMOTING CONNECTION AND CONTROL WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY 7-8:30PM	<b>WORKSHOP 3</b> EXPLORING CHARACTER AND CONTRIBUTION WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE 7-8:30PM
<b>WORKSHOP 2</b> BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND COMPETENCE THURSDAY 2ND JUNE 7-8:30PM	<b>WORKSHOP 4</b> POSITIVE COPING THURSDAY 18TH JUNE 7-8:30PM

**LOCATION AND RSVP FOR EACH SCHOOL: ANDERSON'S CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL, 3044 2767**

A successful grant application for Anderson's Creek Primary School provided by: Community Bank, Thrift & Savings Bank

Celebrating  
**40**  
Years

# Warrandyte Historical Society

## Discover Historic Warrandyte

National Trust Heritage Festival 2016

**Sat 21st May and Sun 22nd May 2016**

**11am-4pm**

Old Post Office Museum, 111 Yarra Street, Warrandyte 3113

Enquiries: Phone 9844 3086 or email: [info@whsoc.org.au](mailto:info@whsoc.org.au)

(All events free. Unless otherwise stated the event starts at the museum.)

## PROGRAM

### Saturday 21 May

- 10.45am Museum opens for talks & tours.
- 11 - 12pm Gold Mine Walking Tour with John Hanson.  
**Meet at 144 Webb Street, Warrandyte.**  
Wear appropriate footwear.
- 12.15-1.15pm Talk and showing of Riversong, a photographic journey showcasing the Yarra River by photographer Bill Hudson-McAuley.
- 1.30-4.30pm General opening Museum
- 40th Birthday exhibition.
  - Exhibitions: War & Warrandyte 1914-18 & Decades of Dance
  - Gold & Aboriginal history
- 2.30-3.30pm Village Wander. Explore the historic centre of the township with Val Polley. Hear the stories behind the buildings and sites.
- 4.30pm Museum Closes

### Sunday 22 May

- 10.45am Museum opens for talks & tours.
- 11 - 12pm Blacksmith Hut Talk with Conservation Carpenter Matt Jeffrey. Hear how and why it was moved and its importance.
- 12.15-1.15pm Showing of DVD The Wolf in Australia, the story of artist Danila Vassilieff based on Felicity St John Moore's book Vassilieff and his Art.
- 1.30-4.30pm General opening Museum
- 40th Birthday exhibition.
  - Exhibitions: War & Warrandyte 1914-18 & Decades of Dance
  - Gold & Aboriginal history
- 2.30-3.30pm Riverside Ramble, a stroll with David Carty exploring the banks of the Yarra River. Meet at Stiggants Reserve car park, finish at museum.
- 4.30pm Museum Closes

This event is supported by Manningham City Council's Community Development Grant Program