



Gang Gang

Warrandyte High School

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Diary Dates

MAY

Thursday 28 May

Year 8 AFL coaching
Year 12 TIS excursion to Latrobe

Friday 29 May

Duke of Edinburgh hike leaves

Sunday 31 May

Duke of Edinburgh hike returns

JUNE

Monday 1 June

Year 11 exams
Wheelchair Basketball 8.2 & 8.3

Tuesday 2 June

Year 11 exams
Year 10 exams (P1&2, 5&6)

Tuesday 2 June

Year 7 Sport Round Robin

Wednesday 3 June

Year 11 exams

Thursday 4 June

Year 11 exams
Year 10 exams (P1&2, 5&6)

Friday 5 June

Report Writing Day (Student
Free Day)

Monday 8 June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 9 June

Wheelchair Basketball 8.1 & 8.4

Wednesday 10 June

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Thursday 11 June

Year 8 Sport Round Robin

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

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)



The Victorian Government have unveiled a new \$148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions so that they do not miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per secondary school student will be \$225.

How to Apply

A CSEF application form is included in this edition of Gang Gang. You can also contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Stephen Parkin
Principal



Year 10 Drama Performance

Congratulations to Ms Na Meadhra's Year 10 Drama class. I was lucky enough last Thursday night to attend the one and only performance of the piece they have been working on this semester. The students had developed their characters and costumes well and the story was hilarious. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all the staff, parents and friends that were in the audience. Well done to everyone involved!

NAPLAN

As mentioned in our last Newsletter all students in Years 7 and 9 have completed the NAPLAN tests in reading, writing and mathematics recently. Over time, the NAPLAN tests provide parents, teachers and the school with another source of information on how students are

progressing in literacy and numeracy as they advance through their schooling. This complements the feedback students and parents receive through parent-teacher interviews and student reports at the end of each term.

As a follow up to NAPLAN please ensure postal addresses are up to date as NAPLAN reports will be posted out to parents from mid-August to end-September. If you have recently changed your postal address please either call the General Office on 9844 2749 or send an email to office@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

It is a good idea to retain your child's NAPLAN report somewhere safe for your future records as the school is not able to provide duplicates. If a duplicate is required the school needs to request this on behalf of the parent and it may take several weeks to be posted.

From the Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Reminder: Student Free Day – Friday 5 June

Just a reminder to all families that Friday 5 June is a student free day at Warrandyte High School. Families will need to make alternative arrangements for the care of their children on this day.

Names on School Uniform

It is important to clearly label your students' school uniform items. If a student loses any item of uniform and it has their full name clearly marked, if it is found it will be returned directly to the student via the General Office. We understand that school uniforms are expensive and there are often jumpers and jackets left in the school grounds after recess and lunch. Uniforms can also sometimes get mixed up during PE classes. Loss of uniform items can be combatted if they are clearly labelled.

Pamela Dunstall
Assistant Principal

International Homestay Families Needed

Warrandyte High School

**241-247 Heidelberg-Warrandyte road,
Warrandyte, 3113**

Would you or someone you know be interested in sharing your home with an international student? We are currently looking for homestay families for newly arrived secondary school international students both male and female. Host families must have Working With Children Checks for all adults in the household and the student must have their own bedroom.

The current rate for payment is \$280 per week, which includes three meals a day, seven days a week.

If you are interested we would love to hear from you!



Working Bee for Term 2

What great weather we had on Sunday for our working bee. This allowed us to complete the task of painting the fence and doors outside our woodwork area.

Kerrie, Emma and Pamela working hard.

Another job we achieved on Sunday was to unblock drains, Ben, Nic and Stephen played in the mud and water to achieve this outcome!

The Addams Family

Rehearsals are underway for our production and now we are in need of a Publicity Team to create our t-shirt design and logo.

So start creating and submit your designs to me by 1 June.

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant



Business Management Unit 1 News

Excursion to the Pines Shopping centre.

On Tuesday the 19 May our class visited the Pines shopping centre to undertake a feasibility study. We had to look at the strengths and weaknesses of the centre and we had to try to identify possible opportunities and threats.

We considered the centre's location and the shopping experience it offered.

The centre seemed to attract a lot of senior citizens and mums with young children. We deduced that it was probably because it was a small centre and a reasonably safe centre.

We compared two main types of stores- supermarkets and hairdressers.

The three supermarkets were Coles, Woolworths and ALDI. We looked at how each displayed its products, its marketing, customer service, pricing and location within the centre. The consensus was that Coles had the best location being next to the food court and the fact that the store had a wide frontage which added to the stores exposure.

The centre had five hairdresser shops, this was too many for such a small centre. One was isolated, being next to Target, while the other four where located in the main thorough fare. Three mainly competed on price, and two were mainly more up market.

We thought that the centre could use a McDonald's and more trendy stores for the younger generation.

Overall it was great to get out into the real world and apply the things we have learnt in class to actual businesses.

Coco Hunt and Paige McDougall
Year 11 Students

Sister School (Xinghai Experimental Middle School) Update

We are very excited to announce Stage One of our Sister School Cultural Exchange Programs with a Year 7 letter writing activity.

In their English classes, Year 7 students are currently writing letters introducing themselves to a Year 7 counterpart at Xinghai Experimental Middle School in China. The aim is to build a strong, enduring and beneficial relationships between our two school communities through exchange projects such as this.

We look forward to many more such interactions with our sister school that will enrich and enlighten our students through global cultural connections. In 2016 it is likely that students from Xinghai EMS will visit our school and in 2017 we hope to reciprocate with a student trip to China.

Music Camp and Writing Camp

Monday August 3 – Wednesday August 5

The camp is open to students from Years 7-12 who have an interest in music, writing or both. Preference will be given to students enrolled in Instrumental Music, ensembles and bands and Scribblit.

Both camps will take place at Camp Arribri in Warburton. On the Wednesday evening we will have the Annual MUSIC CAMP concert here at the school – a chance to celebrate the musical and writing skills of the students.

For MUSIC CAMP students, it will be three days of music practice and rehearsal, building their skills and team abilities, and developing performance skills.

For participants in the WRITERS CAMP there will be workshops on: slam poetry, creating characters for stories, song writing, writing non-fiction and lots more. There will be lots of opportunities to exercise our creativity.

There will also be a number of other activities: mini golf, bush walks, concerts PLUS the chance to learn to play the ukulele. It will be a chance for great learning and great fun.

Parents of students currently in the Music program – either learning an instrument or as a member of a band or ensemble – will be receiving a letter shortly inviting you to enrol your child in the Music Camp.

Parents of participants in the school's Creative Writing program and in SCRIBBLIT will also receive invitations to the camp. Any other student who is interested in attending the Writer's Camp can contact Mr Carozzi.

If you have any questions, please email me: carozzi.barry.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

Barry Carozzi
Instrumental Music Program Leader

Can't wait for the Music Camp and Writing Camp



Warrandyte Writers' Collective

The Scribblit Writers Group is about to embark on its next literary challenge with the launch of a wonderful new community project that has unfolded over recent weeks.

The Warrandyte Writers Collective is a collaborative program that includes Warrandyte High, Warrandyte Primary, Anderson's Creek Primary and The Warrandyte Diary. It aims to connect the school communities through the power of the written word. Each month the written work of primary school students and of our students will be selected by teachers for proof reading, editing and feedback from the young and old writers in the Scribblit group.

Under the careful guidance of Barry Carozzi, our Scribblit members will give feedback to the primary students on their work. They will

also select student work each month that is worthy of publication in the local community newspaper, The Warrandyte Diary.

The Diary is excited to be able to publish the creative work of students in the local community in a special student-feature spread each month.

The project will not only build community connectedness, promote the talents of young writers, but it will also foster the development of editorial skills of our students.

We all look forward to the inaugural edition of the Warrandyte Writers Collective in the Diary in July.

Natalie Manser
Professional and Student Learning Leader



CSEF Application Form

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname
 First name
 Address
 Town/suburb State Postcode
 Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant Date / /

Athletics Carnival 2015

It proved to be a challenging day with some very cold and windy conditions. But in true Warrandyte fashion our staff and students adopted their positive mindsets and persevered. Throughout the day we had tremendous numbers of student competitors in all events. So congratulations to everyone who got involved.

The title of House Champion was a hard fought battle in each House. The eventual winners were:-

Joshua Clinton for Newman, Jessie Thomas Connor for Stiggant, Piper Davis for Anderson and Taylor Padfield for Michel.

The overall House results were; Michel in fourth place, Anderson in third place, Stiggant in second place, leaving Newman the winning house for 2015. Well done once again. We will be having a meeting next term for all the



winner who are going through to the division athletics.

Senior Boys Tennis takes on the State Finals

Our four senior boys played the first State Tennis Finals for Warrandyte. Their display of skill and tactics was tremendous, winning their pool matches to take them to the semi-finals of the competition. Throughout the day many of our matches were taken to sudden death tie-breaks. The boys kept their nerve and continued to embrace a positive mindset. Unfortunately they lost their semi final match to the eventual winners of the finals, Melbourne High. So out of the 400 teams that have played in the previous rounds in Victoria we finished in Third Place. Well done, a fantastic achievement!

Senior Basketball

On 12 May, Kathryn Ball and I had the privilege of taking out the senior girls and boys basketball teams which for most of them would be the last time they would represent Warrandyte High School at the Division level. Personally I have worked with these students since they started in Year 7 taking them on most (if not all) of their interschool basketball competitions. They have been a pleasure to

work with and joy to watch on the court.

The boys team went through their pool undefeated winning 48 – 11, 28 – 26 and 29 – 20 in their three games. The second game was by far the hardest and a real nail biter. The boys started off slowly, giving Mullauna a 10 point head start, however, they regrouped, devised a strategy and retook to the court. Slowly throughout the game the boys started to catch up. The highlight came when down by 1 point with 9 seconds to go we received the ball and quickly passed it to a waiting Callum Grant who with 1 second left of on clock shot a 3 pointer to give us a 2 point win (it was the only 3 point shot that we had managed to sink that entire game). This meant that the boys would then meet Heathmont in the semi-final. The boys fought hard and with an unexpected and unplanned 3 point shot from Bryce Leenaerts the boys won their semi-final 43 – 33. This took the boys to the game they had been awaiting for the day. The grand-final against Templestowe! The boys gave 100% and initially challenged Templestowe, however, they simply could not keep up with the shooting percentage of Templestowe (80%) or penetrate against their tight defence resulting in them being runners up for the day. The boys were ably led by Ben Kumar and Josh Kennedy and all members should be congratulated on their efforts and take pride in knowing they represented Warrandyte High School magnificently. Congratulations to Ben Kumar, Josh Kennedy, Callum Grant, Jarrad Cook, Mitchell White, Bryce Leenaerts, Ash Haywood, Daniel Chellew and Stefan Walder for a magnificent day.

The girls' team also had some great success throughout the day. They were dealt a hard draw playing four games in a row, however, this did not deter them. The girls won their first three games 24 – 9, 41 – 3 and 58 – 4. One of the highlights from the girls' game was Bec Smith hitting 3 three pointers consecutively, all within about 90 seconds. This left them to play Templestowe in the last round who were also undefeated and had some massive wins. The girls took to the court with a positive mindset and fought hard, however, went down 46 – 22. This meant that they finished second in their group and left them to face Heathmont in the semi-final. The girls regrouped and went into the semi-final with confidence knowing they had beaten Heathmont in their previous game. The girls played magnificently as a team, communicating and sharing the ball around, winning the semi-final 25 – 9. This meant the grand final was a rematch between Warrandyte and Templestowe. With a quick pep talk and a strategic plan the girls took to the court with the mindset to challenge Templestowe all the way to the end and this is exactly what they did. With some great offensive work by Lexi Hipwell and a strong defensive group effort the girls went basket to basket with Templestowe with a margin of only 6 points at half time. Going into

Wellbeing News

Facts about anxiety from headspace (National Youth Mental Health Foundation)

What is anxiety?

Anxiety is like 'worry'. It's an unpleasant emotion that most people feel when something might be risky, frightening or worrying. Everyone experiences mild anxiety when faced with stressful situations, like just before a sporting match or an exam. This kind of anxiety is normal and is our body's way of preparing us to act in difficult situations. Anxiety can actually help us perform better by revving us up and helping us feel alert.

When can anxiety become a problem?

Anxiety can become a problem when it is very intense, happens a lot of the time, feels overwhelming or it interferes with your daily living.

What are the symptoms of anxiety?

Physical feelings of anxiety include an increased heart rate, faster breathing, muscle tension, sweating, shaking and 'butterflies in the stomach'. People with anxiety disorders experience these physical symptoms a lot more often. They might also experience:

- Being unable to relax, due to persistent worrying and excessive fears
- Avoiding challenging situations
- Being socially isolated or withdrawn
- Trouble concentrating and paying attention
- Poor sleep
- Problems with work, social or family life.

Getting help for anxiety problems:

If you're experiencing anxiety it's a good idea to talk to someone that you trust about how you are feeling. You might choose to talk with your family or friends. They can help you to work out what is going on and what support or help you might need.

It is also useful to take care of yourself as best you can; eat well, exercise and find ways to relax by listening to music, meditating, doing yoga and doing activities that you enjoy.

If your anxiety continues without any improvement you can get help from your general practitioner (GP), a psychologist or the school wellbeing coordinator.

There are health professionals at headspace centres and eheadspace (online and phone support) who can also help.

Treatment might involve counselling sessions to help you learn anxiety management skills, practice relaxation techniques and gain confidence to cope in stressful situations. a

Helping someone with anxiety:

A person with anxiety problems needs understanding and support. Anxiety problems can interfere with a person's ability to live a full life so the earlier they seek help the better. Do your best to encourage the person to seek professional help. Be patient and listen to the person's fears and concerns, and take them seriously. It's not just a matter of telling them to 'calm down' – it's not that easy.

Krystina McCrory
Wellbeing Leader

Sport News Continued

the second half the girls stepped up their defensive pressure and rattled Templestowe. This was the chance for our girls to pounce and that they did getting within 2 points with 1 minute to go. Unfortunately a quick turn over within the last minute meant the girls went down 29 – 33. A very gallant effort by all!

Congratulations to Lexie Hipwell, Abbey Hipwell, Holly Mulder, Jessie Thomas Connor, Shinead Martin, Bec Smith and Annie De Zwart. Their teamwork, encouragement of each other, and efforts throughout the day was a real testament to them and Warrandyte High School.

The Year 12 members of the basketball team will be missed, however, they have definitely left a legacy at Warrandyte High School of how basketball should be played in the coming years.

A special mention also needs to be made to the boys' soccer team who arrived halfway through the girls' semi-final. The encouragement, clapping and chanting they provided the girls, inspired them to lift and also demonstrated the support and camaraderie the students have at Warrandyte High School. It was a joy to watch! Well done to all those involved on the day and a special thank you to Kathryn Ball who came along and coached, scored and supported

throughout the entire day. Without the support of these additional staff members these days would not be possible.

Interschool Cross Country

What a day..... 10 degrees, rain, wind and possible hail. What more could you ask for when competing in a cross country event? This year Warrandyte High School fielded the biggest team in many years with 40 students competing. The 13 year old girls set the standard for the day with them taking out 1st (Natalie Hellings), 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 11th to win the age group in the first event of the day. This success continued throughout the day with many more great achievements and many more placings including the 14 year old boys who took out 3rd, 4th 5th, 6th and 11th to win their age group. Callum Khaw was pipped at the post to come 2nd by 0.4 second and Aaron Closs also took out the 20 year old boys' competition coming first. For the first time Warrandyte High School won the overall competition and were pronounced as overall division champions. A great effort by all students involved! The students also should be congratulated on their effort and behaviour when not competing. In difficult conditions (due to the weather) the students across all age groups joined together to

support each other as each student crossed the finish line and also managed to keep themselves entertained for the day.

In the end a total of 22 students have made it through to the regional championships which will be held on 16 June. We encourage these students to challenge themselves to continue to develop by attending the afterschool training sessions on offer on a Wednesday afterschool. A special mention must go to Damon Cooper and Adam Smith who were helpers on the day. From the outset they showed great initiative and leadership skills helping with equipment and setting up the marquee and in the afternoon being on a checkpoint for the senior events. Once returning to school they returned all equipment and demonstrated what being a sports leader is all about. A special mention also goes to Leigh Thomson who persevered through the elements and took on the job of time keeper for the day. Without the help of staff members from other departments, these days would not be able to happen and the PE department truly appreciate the efforts of these staff members.

Katie Cook
PE Leader

Art News

On Wednesday 14 May, the Year 11 Studio Art class along with Ms Dale and Mrs Martin travelled to the city to visit the StArt Up exhibition the National Gallery of Victoria and the Flinders Lane gallery.

We had the opportunity to learn from an Education Officer the significance of female artworks and the way they're displayed, as well as viewing an array of pieces including the apocalyptic work by John Wolsely to the vibrant paintings by Josh Robbins.

The StArt Up exhibition showing the works of the top Year 12 students in the state, inspired us to strive for excellence with our art overall. A highly fascinating and enjoyable excursion.

Stephanie Mortlock
Year 11 Student

Last Wednesday the Year 12 class met in the city in the cold and rain. We walked through 'StArt Up' Top Arts where A+ final works from forty nine 2014 students were exhibited. This enables us to glean inspiration for our own practical work. After this show we had the opportunity to go with an Education Officer through the recently acquired works of Australian established artist John Wolseley. We talked to the gallery staff about Wolseley's personal influences and techniques. Flinders Lane Gallery was an important stop too. We saw a commercial gallery in action. This excursion inspired and motivated our own artistic endeavours. It encouraged our passion and ambition for the rest of the year.

Liane Pringle & Georgia Coutts
Year 12 Students

Hello Everyone

I am continuing to increase my experiences of shops and traffic. Last week my Puppy Advisor, Katherine, took us to Tunstall Square where I experienced more shops and shoppers. We walked past shops, stopped in front of the butchers and walked through the eating areas of cafes. I behaved quite well and received many treats.

I am getting very big and strong now and I tend to pull on my lead when walking. This isn't very good if I am going to be a guide dog, so to help me remember not to pull on the lead I now wear a gentle leader.

I have a problem at the moment with my front leg which is causing me to limp. The Vet is not too sure what is going on, so I am going to have an x-ray next week. It shouldn't stop me from becoming a Guide Dog, but it will most likely put me out of the breeding program.

I love having visits so please visit me for a pat and play.

Quinn
Trainee Guide Dog

