It is with the utmost delight that I share with you the news that Dr Stephen Parkin has been selected as the new Principal of Warrandyte High School. Demonstrating an unsurpassed passion for student learning and an unrelenting commitment to see the school develop as a leading 21st century learning environment, he showed us he could lead Warrandyte High School into the future. Stephen was the outstanding candidate in an exceptionally strong field that was put through a rigorous selection process and the decision to appoint him was quite straightforward as a result.

Stephen’s focus is to strengthen and improve the learning outcomes of students. He is determined to see Warrandyte High School grow and build its standing in the local community and to provide all students with high educational opportunities which meet their needs and inspire them to challenge themselves in their own goals and aspirations. His strategies for taking the school forward are well considered, visionary and achievable.

Dr Stephen Parkin has already had a fantastic impact on our school. His achievements include:

- Key driver in the decision to use National School Pride funding to build a flexible learning space, later named the Doig Learning Space (DLC)
- Chairperson of the Finance and Budget Committees
- Pro-active in seeking additional funds through Federal, State and Community grants
- Overall leadership of successful Student Management and Wellbeing Programs
- Development of ICT materials, processes and policies and infrastructure
- Successfully led implementation of the DEECD 1:1 program facilitating student access to an individual netbook
- Led a successful review of the Year 10 curriculum offerings and programs and was a Principal class member of the Year 7, 8 and 9 review teams

As Assistant Principal at Warrandyte High School since July 2002 and Acting Principal since July 2012 Dr Stephen Parkin has a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our
school and will be able to hit the ground running. As a school community we are incredibly fortunate to have secured a new principal with Dr Parkin’s experience and passion for helping our children learn, grow and flourish in this important adolescent life stage. His personal qualities of objectivity, sensitivity and integrity have been reflected in the confidence and trust shown to him by the school staff and by the parents on School Council who fully support this appointment. He will be an inspirational leader and will instigate positive changes for Warrandyte High School.

The School Council strive to have Warrandyte High School as the preferred school of choice for local families and to ensure that it be considered by all those seeking a school education of academic excellence and innovation. We believe that Dr Stephen Parkin can make this happen. It is with great pleasure that we welcome him as the new Principal of Warrandyte High School.

Yours sincerely,
Ms Deborah Silva
School Council President

From the Principal

I am excited and grateful to have been given the opportunity to lead Warrandyte High School into the future as we build on our current strengths to become the school of first choice for all local families. I look forward to continuing to work with all members of the school community.

Our Year 12 students completed their last day of classes on Tuesday 23 October with the next day being our Celebration Day. The day featured fancy dress, games, a jumping castle and student assembly. The behavior of our students was outstanding as they celebrated with staff their six years of secondary schooling. Thanks to all staff, who worked hard to make the day memorable. In particular, Kelleigh Lamb and the Senior Sub-School team are to be congratulated for their planning and its implementation.

The VCE exams have now commenced and we wish all our students well, knowing they are thoroughly prepared and have worked hard throughout the year.

I would like to formally thank our 2012 School Captains, Damian Main and Morgan Thomas-Connor for their contribution to the school over the past six years and especially during 2012. They have represented the school with distinction and been wonderful role models for our younger students. Our 2013 School Captains, Kiara Pianta and Billy Sunjo, introduced themselves in the last edition of Gang Gang and I have no doubt that they will make similar outstanding contributions to the school next year.

Please note that the day before Cup Day (Monday 5 November) is a school day. However, it has traditionally been a day of low student attendance and a special program has been planned rather than normal timetabled classes.

Stephen Parkin
Principal
New Way Up

Recently we had an external lift installed making accessing our Visual Communication and Woodwork rooms much easier for wheelchairs.

Jess Matuszczak was on hand to cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony.

Working Bee

On Sunday 28 October we faced a DIY challenge to paint the Gym. This became a larger than life challenge with only one family, Greg, Julie and Tom Downie of Year 7 turning up for our painting challenge. This was a disappointment as many hands make light work. Please consider helping out at a working bee as they do make a difference to our school's surrounds whether it's painting, gardening or general maintenance. Check our 2013 calendar for our working bee dates.

Despite the lack of attendance, Greg, Julie, Tom, Acting Assistant Principal Pamela Dunstall and I managed to paint two walls and what a wonderful difference it has made to the Gym. Along with painting, Pamela did a great job cooking our BBQ lunch and making delicious chocolate and carrot cakes.

Thank you to the Downie family for your wonderful work, you have made a difference.

Men at Work

Currently you would have noticed workmen on site. They are about to finish replacing our roof over the Gym. We were experiencing a leaking roof when it rained, so it is fantastic to have had the roof replaced and no more puddles in the Gym.

We are also having some timbers replaced around the school. This work will continue during the remainder of the year.

Secondhand Books Sale Saturday 8 December

This year we are running our secondhand books sale on Saturday 8 December for Year levels 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 2012 in our Gym. Book collection day for Years 7, 8 and 9 will be Monday 3 December. Students will be brought down during school time to hand in their books that have been labelled and are ready in bags.

We require helpers for the Secondhand Sale on the following dates;
Monday 3 December  3.30pm - 9.00pm  for sorting books
Wednesday 5 December  7.00pm - 9.30pm  for sorting books
Saturday 8 December  11.00am - 12noon  for setting up stall
Saturday 8 December  12noon - 2.30pm  for sales
Monday 10 December  5.00pm - 7.30pm  to sell books & pack up.

If you can help out, please send me an e-mail to judy.m.finger@gmail.com or fill in the form below and return it to the school office. You will be contacted closer to the dates. However, please turn up if you are not contacted because we all know how notes seem to vanish in school bags! Volunteers get first pick of books to purchase.

**Secondhand book Sales Helper Request**

Name: ________________________________
Phone Number: _______________________
e-mail address: _______________________

Our uniform supplier is [fcw fashion](http://www.fcw.com.au), which operate a uniform shop from the school premises on Tuesday afternoons from 3-3:45 pm and Thursday mornings from 8-9:30 am. Uniforms can also be ordered online at [www.fcw.com.au](http://www.fcw.com.au).

_Helene Butterworth_  
_Executive Assistant_

**Wellbeing News**

**Year 7 Leadership Program and FAB (Friendship and Anti-Bullying) Conference:**  
During Term 4 we are running a Year 7 Leadership program covering issues related to bullying and friendship. We have 19 very enthusiastic Year 7 volunteers for this program. The students are currently developing their own performance pieces to present to all Year 7 students as part of a one-day conference on 8 November. We have invited the [Class Act Theatre Group](http://www.classacttheatre.org) back to the school to perform their ‘Cyberbusters’ drama performance. Chloe Gadau will also present a gender specific program to the students about healthy friendships and what a good friend looks like. In addition I will put together a workshop on the Bystander Effect.

**Year 8 Hip Hop and Beat-Box Workshop and Performance**

Michael Farah’s entertainment troupe both entertained and inspired our year 8 students with their high-energy dance moves and beat-boxing on Thursday 20 September. Students were actively involved in this interactive hip-hop dance workshop. As always the Katumbah performance was one of the highlights of the wellbeing calendar for 2012.
Year 8 DnA Program

On Tuesday 9 October all Year 8 students participated in the Drug and Alcohol Program organised by our wonderful Year 8 student leaders and was a great success. Thanks so much to the following students:

*Damon Moorfoot, Domino McCathrion, Annie De Zwart, Marcus Frost, Bree Gedye, Pierce Bowman, Brooke Elliott, Ben Willis, Tylar Findlay, Katelyn Coutts, Nick Wade, Shamus Geraghty, and Jeremy Alfond*

The program included:

- A two period workshop on *Alcohol Awareness* delivered in by the Year 8 Leaders in the DLC.
- A workshop on *Cannabis Awareness* delivered by Kate Wilde (‘The Workshop’ Youth Worker)
- A Workshop on *Smoking and the Impact on Your Health* delivered by Chloe Gadau (YMCA Youth Worker)
- A two period workshop on *Exploring Peer Dynamics and Peer Relationships* delivered by one of our ex-students Dean Broche (a REACH Foundation youth worker).

Teachers Got Talent 12 October Lunchtime

On Friday 12 October the students and staff were thoroughly entertained by our talented teachers in the annual ‘Teacher’s Got Talent’ quest. All performances were judged by Year 12 students with Morgan Thomas-Conner and Christian Orkibi, compering the show. Congratulations to the Music Department for their winning performance of ‘The Nut-Bush’. The theatre was completely packed and as always it was a memorable event and uniquely ‘WHS’ in nature.

YMCA Overseas Volunteer Program

On Monday 29 October a select group of Year 8, 9 and 10 students will attend a meeting hosted by Chloe Gadau from YMCA about the possibility of volunteering for a couple of weeks in Cambodia or in an indigenous community in northern Australia. More about this program as it unfolds.

*Natalie Manser*

*Wellbeing Leader*

Josh Anderson's 2012 Snowboarding Season

Over the 2012 season Josh competed in many events, such as G.S (Giant slalom), Boardercross, Slopestyle and Halfpipe. He competed in two Giant Slalom races at Mt.Buller early in the season and placed third in both.

He also competed in three Boardercross events, two at Mt. Buller, one being the Victorian interschool's where he represented Warrandyte and the other being a ‘King of the Mountain contest.’ He placed fifth in the King of the Mountain event and ninth in the interschool's. These results secured him a place in the top ten for the nationals at Perisher. Josh then went on to represent Warrandyte High at Perisher at the Nationals and placed twentieth.
Josh also went to Perisher for the Australian junior series for Slopestyle and Halfpipe in which he placed seventh and fifth respectively. One more competition Josh competed in was at Mt.Hotham at a Slopestyle event which he won. What a busy, fantastic season.

Josh will be heading to Breckenridge (Colorado) at the beginning of December for more training and competitions.

PE News

VET Sport & Recreation Overnight Practice Camp

On the 9 October, the Year 10 VET Rec students, Mrs. Rayner and I ventured down to the Longridge Campsite in Warrandyte. On the way to the destination, we travelled around the hilly surroundings for two hours with our back packs filled to the brim. This was great preparation for the upcoming three day bushwalk. Once we arrived at the campsite, the students worked efficiently to set their tents up and started cooking dinner on their Trangia. The scents and aromas coming from the Trangias were incredible. We had one group cooking oriental couscous, another group making sausages with mash and gravy and Cam Horsfield topped the lot with his big juicy steak. The camp was running really smoothly and then all of a sudden the weather turned! The rain came bucketing down and students without waterproof jackets were rummaging in their tents for shelter. For some students, the rain followed them as they didn’t set their tents up properly and water was leaking through their covers. It was a real eye opener for the group and a fantastic learning experience. Melbourne’s ever changing weather had struck again, but put us in good stead for the harrowing three day hike around the Great Ocean Road.

VET Sport & Recreation Great Ocean Road Bushwalk

After the valuable overnight camp, our adventurous group took the challenge of conquering the Great Ocean Road from 17 to 19 October. This time the weather gods were in our favour. On the first day we travelled 9.7km along the beach and over rocky terrain. The scenery was marvellous from Apollo Bay all the way to the Elliot Ridge campsite. Our first nights’ accommodation was situated in the middle of the forest, with no one around besides some creepy sounding koalas. On the next day the terrain was very different. We walked through a lot of sludge and mud to our second nights’ campsite, Blanket Bay. The 11.8km long walk was well worth it as the campsite nestled nicely along the beach. Beach cricket, walking along the rock pools and finding picturesque waterfalls were among the highlights. A 5.30am wake up allowed us to see the
magnificent sun rise from our campsite. This lifted the groups’ spirits to finish our final walk to the Cape Otway lighthouse. Along the 10.5km trail we trekked through scrublands, coastal forest and even across a river – where the backdrop was perfect for a group photo. The gang worked really hard over the three days. They thoroughly deserved the refreshments and individual prizes once we arrived at the lighthouse. Special mentions go to: Jonty Rushton (for being the number 1 camper) Zoe Gaylard, Rachel Vardy and Hayley Hipwell (for cooking up the most scrumptious food) Darcy Hunt (for his beautiful singing) Jess Brincat and Rach Hindmarsh (for working really well together and providing the entertainment with the Billionaire card game) and Aiden Zovic (for telling some interesting tales).

I would like to thank the students, the two student teachers (Ryan and Jacinta) and Mrs. Rayner for a trip I’ll never forget. It was a fantastic experience with fantastic people.

Congratulations Belinda Cannington

Wow Belinda Cannington, what an achievement! Following a whole year of hard training Belinda has been selected for the U18 Australian Baseball team. Straight after Christmas they fly to Hong Kong for the Phoenix World Cup. We wish you and the whole team the best of luck and look forward to hearing news of results. Well done and good luck!

Careers:

Parents from all year levels may be interested in the procedures following the final Year 12 exams for results, change of preferences and enrolment in tertiary institutions.

RESULTS, CHANGE OF PREFERENCE, OFFERS AND ENROLMENT INFORMATION:

VCE RESULTS AND THE ATAR

VCE results and the ATAR will be available on the internet from 7am on Monday 17 December, 2012. A copy of your results and ATAR will be sent in the mail on Tuesday 18 December, 2012. If you do not receive your results in the mail on the
Tuesday do not panic, there may be a hold up in the mail. All students who successfully complete VCE and meet tertiary entrance requirements will receive an ATAR, regardless of whether you put in a VTAC application. **However, you only receive an ATAR statement in the mail if you have put in a VTAC application and fully paid your VTAC application fees.** The school is unable to give out results or ATAR details to any student.

See page 56 of the VTAC Guide

**To find out your results you can:**

- Log onto the following website (no charge) resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

  You will need your VCAA student number (This is your VTAC login number) and your PIN number to access your results. If you have not applied through VTAC, your pin number is the first four digits of your birthday. Students who have applied through VTAC use the PIN created during the registration process. This service will operate from 7am Monday 17 December, 24 hours a day and ceases at 12 noon on 24 December, 2012.

  **OR**

- Request to have your VCE results and ATAR sent directly to your mobile phone via **SMS text messages on the morning that the results come out**. For information on receiving an SMS go to www.vtac.edu.au/sms

**ENQUIRY SERVICE (PRAS) – page 58 VTAC Guide**

This will be a joint service provided by the VCAA and VTAC to answer any queries you may have once you have received your results and ATAR.

- The phone number is 9651-4640 or 1800 653 080. This service will run from:
  - Monday 17 December (7am - 5pm)
  - Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19 December (9am – 5pm)
- You can also email pras@edumail.vic.edu.au

Refer to the VTAC www.vtac.edu.au or VCAA www.vcaa.vic.edu.au websites for more information.

**CHANGE OF PREFERENCE incl. Change of Preference Week 17 – 24 December, 2012**

Students are able to change their preferences from:

**6 August – 26 October:** Re-arrange, Add and Delete Preferences

**26 November – 20 December (12 noon):** Ideally you will wait until you get your ATAR results to make final changes to your preference list.

Universities and TAFES are very accessible during the **Change of Preference Week.**

They offer course information days, phone assistance, email assistance and website assistance in the December Change of Preference period for Year 12 students who have concerns and are considering changing their preferences.
COURSE OFFERS:

Round 1 offers: 17 January, 2013 (2pm)
Round 2 offers: 6 February, 2013 (2pm)
Supplementary offers: February 2013

You can also find out your offers by accessing MyInfo on the VTAC website. Again you will need your VCAA number and your PIN number. Your offer will also be in the newspaper only if you agreed to this when making your initial application.

How do I accept an offer?

To accept an offer you need to enrol. Make sure you follow the enrolment instructions and requirements of each institution, as outlined in the enrolment package that will be sent to you by the University/TAFE.

SOME POINTS TO NOTE

• You should always accept the offer rather than rejecting it in the hope of getting a course higher up on your preferences in the second round offers. VTAC will still notify you of any offer in the second round.
• You can also accept an offer in the second round if you have already accepted an offer in the first round. However, you do need to withdraw from the original course.
• If you do decide to reject your first round offer you are still eligible for offers in later rounds.
• **Very few students receive a second round offer.** Second Round Offers are on the web from 2pm 6 February, 2013 as well as in the newspapers and the mail on 7 February 2013.
• If you are given a second round offer, again you must accept, reject or defer. If you have already enrolled in a course but wish to take up your second round offer, notify the university you enrolled in and cancel your enrolment. You will get a refund of any monies paid. (Less an administration fee).
• Supplementary offers run weekly throughout February 2013.
• If you wish to **defer** your course you must do so by following the advice in your enrolment package. Page 62 of the VTAC Guide has web links to find out institution policies on deferment and enrolment policy’s or see the attachment to this article.
• You can make an **Irregular Offer or Negotiated Offer.** Details will be sent to you in your offer package. **See page 62 of the VTAC guide** for more information but generally an irregular offer can be made if you:
  ➢ Have received an offer but want to be considered for a course listed lower on your preferences
  ➢ Have received an offer but want to apply for a course not listed on your preferences
You must download the form from the VTAC website through MyInfo, fill it in and hand deliver the Irregular Offer form directly to the selection officer at the institution you now wish to undertake a course with. That way you may find out straight away whether or not you will be considered for an offer. **You can only submit one irregular offer form. By taking this approach you are now taking yourself out of the VTAC system and dealing directly and individually with the tertiary institutions.**

Photocopied and faxed forms will not be accepted.

COURSE ENROLMENT:

• Enrolment procedures will be outlined in your offer letter
• Institutions vary – some online and some in person
You may be required to pay a general service and amenities fee
You will have to provide a tax file number
Round 1 enrolment will occur during the last week of January
Round 2 enrolment will take place in the first week of February
Read page 59-63 of the VTAC guide
If you are not around for enrolment you must appoint a proxy, someone to act on your behalf. Contact Institutions to get required information. See page 62 for links.
You may also be required to select subjects – make sure you are prepared. Enrolment involves choosing first year subjects (in line with your career goals). Make sure you have done your research beforehand as the universities and TAFEs cannot do intensive course counseling and subject selection at this very busy time.

USEFUL WEBSITES & RESOURCES

www.vtac.edu.au
www.year12whatnext.gov.au - great site to check out all your options
www.centrelink.gov.au – Centrelink
www.goingtouni.gov.au - course search and information about fees

Ms Miller’s contact details:
17-24 December, 2012
Phone: Warrandyte High School - 9844 2749
Email: careers@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

Payment for your VTAC application to be considered for early offers must be paid online via the VTAC website by 5pm on 7 November. Final payment date for all other offers is 24 December at 2pm.

Jo Miller
Careers Leader

Ride to Conquer Cancer

Thank you for supporting The Ride to Conquer Cancer
It was quite a weekend; we are so proud of our accomplishment. We are incredibly grateful and take this opportunity to thank you for your donations and engagement, both essential ingredients to Peter Mac’s search for new and better ways to fight cancer.

1,609 Riders departed on Saturday 27 October, united in a powerful community movement of hope, healing, celebration, and optimism. The volunteers and crew were amazing, and the crowds of supporters along the road shouted out encouragement to the throng of bike-riding heroes.
This cycling journey was more than a two-day event. It was a fantastic challenge for all participants and it raised over $6.2 million which helps Peter Mac’s researchers continue their critical cancer research for the benefit of patients across Australia and around the world. What really moved us were the stories of how cancer had impacted the riders and their families, and how meaningful and enduring taking part in The Ride was.
Thanks once again for your support. Regards Jill Treeby and Stephen Parkin.

Jill Treeby & Stephen Parkin
Canteen News

Menu

Apart from the daily specials listed below, the Canteen provides a large range of healthy rolls and sandwiches as well as wraps, foccacias, fresh and frozen yoghurt and fruit.

Daily specials are as follows – ordering would be appreciated.

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Cheryl Hart
Canteen Leader

CHIRNSIDE PARK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Invite you to our 2013 Season Registration Day
Saturday 24th November 2012 at
Kimberley Reserve, Kimberley Drive, Chirnside Park
11.00am to 1.30pm
Registrations for all junior age groups,
Under 8’s – 17’s – Boys & Girls
All necessary registration forms can be found online at our website
www.chirnsidefc.com
For further enquiries please contact :
Kirsten Van Middelkoop on 0411 083 558
or email registration@chirnsidefc.com