Dates for your Diary

**November**
- Wednesday 14 Year 11 exams begin
- Wednesday 14 Year 7 Water Safety Day
- Monday 19 Valedictory Evening
- Thursday 22 Year 10 exams
- Thursday 22 Year 12 exams finish
- Friday 23 Great Victorian Bike Ride leaves

From the Principal

The school has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks:

- Year 12 exams are in full swing with the Year 11 exams to commence on Friday. Not long now for the Year 10 students as well! After the examination period, both Year 10 and 11 students will commence their work for the next year through our Transition Programs.

- Major building and maintenance works are well underway. The gymnasium roof upgrade is now complete and repair work on covered-way timbers and in the Art Wing and Staffroom is progressing well. The next stages will see refurbishment of Science classrooms and the remodeling and replacement of the theatre seating. Then early next year our video and audio editing suite will be installed in the Doig Learning Centre. These improvements and innovations are exciting and much anticipated, but there have been some short term adverse effects. The VCE Art Show could not go ahead as planned with no venue available for us to display the work of our creative and talented VCE Art students. We had hoped to avoid this situation but the need to run VCE exams in an appropriate setting and the requirement to provide reasonable and timely access to the builders left us with no choice. We are, however, in the process of photographing all the Art work with the intention of creating a virtual Art Show which will be available to view on our school website.

- And of course, regular classes are running for Year 7 to Year 11 students.

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the request from our School Council President, Deborah Silva, to send emails and letters to Ryan Smith, our local Member of Parliament, asking him to argue our case for significant building funding in the next State Budget. Ryan is a strong supporter of our school and he invited me into his offices last week to further discuss our school’s needs and plans for the future. The large quantity of emails and letters he received will add strength to his arguments as he presses our case with his political colleagues over the next few months.
Many Warrandyte High School families would be aware that Parkwood Secondary College will be closing at the end of this year. The last few months have been a difficult period for the Parkwood parents and students as their educational future was in a state of flux. Fortunately, all the students have now found new schools with approximately 40 enrolling at Warrandyte High School in 2013. This is all very exciting and plans are well underway to ensure a smooth transition for these students into our school.

Our Year 9 students have enthusiastically taken up the extension and acceleration opportunities provided by our new Year 10 structure with approximately 80% of them taking on one or two VCE subjects next year. 2013 will also be the first year in which we have made external VET programs available to our Year 10 cohort with eleven students taking up this opportunity.

School procedures for the bushfire season

New fire danger ratings and warnings have been introduced in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools – and children’s services – identified as being at highest bushfire risk will be closed on days declared by fire authorities to be Code Red. Our school has been identified as a school at highest bushfire risk.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days notice of a planned closure. We will contact you directly by letter with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

No staff will remain on site when the school is closed due to the risk of fire. We will also cancel any offsite activities (such as school camps and excursions) and out-of-school care if the activities are at risk. There may also be changes to school bus routes. Depending on routes, this may also occur on days when the school is not closed.

On high fire risk days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared is to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for the threat of fire, we have completed the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s self-assessment of our emergency preparedness

What can parents do?

Make sure your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed. Make sure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers and email addresses. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our [http://www.warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au/](http://www.warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au/) and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff.
Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the Bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan.


For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

**Stephen Parkin**
Principal

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**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.

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**Secondhand book Sales Helper Request**

Name: ________________________________

Phone Number: ____________________

E-mail address: _______________________

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**Uniform**

Our uniform supplier is fcw fashion, 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

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**PE News**

Year 7 and 8 lunchtime sporting champs
Year 7: Well done to 7.4 who are winning at the moment with 7.3 close behind. We hope to be able to put in one more competition before the end of the year, mixed volleyball, so watch out for the details and make sure you get a team in!
Year 8: 8.3 are in the top position for their home group competition. Again there are lots of points still to be played before the end of term. One more mixed volleyball competition on Wednesday 21 November so organise your team now. Who will be the champions?

Gatorade/Active Feet Triathlons

Preparations are well underway for the first event at St Kilda on Sunday 25 November, and the second at Elwood on 16 December. Look online for details and see Mrs Rayner if you need further details. Remember this year in the school’s competition you can enter as a team, therefore with a group of three, one person swim, bike and run. Open to all!

Don’t forget the end of term Pool Day on Tuesday 18 December which is open to Year 7, 8 and 9 students. More details and excursion forms will be handed out soon.

Clare Rayner
PE Teacher

English News

Year 9 Rotary Public Speaking Competition

The Rotary Public Speaking Competition forms part of the year 9 English syllabus. Year 9 students prepare an oral presentation on a current issue. They develop a point of view about the issue and present a persuasive speech to their class. The best speakers from each class are selected to present their speeches to an assembly of all Year 9 students and three representatives from Warrandyte Rotary. The top three speakers are then invited to participate in the Rotary Four Way Speaking Competition in 2013.

This year the following nine students made their presentations during the Taking the Challenge Program on Wednesday 24 October: Cassie Roberts, Chloe Davies, Stephanie Villani, Thomas Jenkins, Eliza Malerba, Taylor Padfield, Kyle Turpin, Jessie Thomas-Connor and Jason Richter. They spoke on a wide range of issues such as Jumps Racing, Same Sex Marriage, Retesting of Elderly Drivers, Euthanasia and Bullying.

The standard of speeches was excellent; the depth of research and the confidence demonstrated in public speaking was outstanding. This was noted by the Rotary judges who had difficulty selecting the best speeches. All the students are to be commended for their wonderful efforts and the following students congratulated on being selected to progress to the next level: Kyle Turpin, Eliza Malerba and Taylor Padfield, with special commendation for Tom Jenkins and Chloe Davies. Such was the high standard that the judges encouraged all the students to enter the competition in 2013.

Judy Steel
English Leader

Great Vic Bike Ride

Congratulations to all GVBR students for their incredible fund-raising efforts. Although some monies are still due, our students managed to raise over $3000! In particular, Jocelyn Barker, Zoe
Cooper, Imogen Groves and Amanda Griffiths raised almost $1000 on their own! A huge ‘thank you’ to the whole team.

Ante Sunjo
GVBR Coordinator

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](http://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](http://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


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](http://www.vtac.edu.au)
- [www.year12whatnext.gov.au](http://www.year12whatnext.gov.au) - great site to check out all your options
- [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au) – Centrelink
- [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://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*

**Year 7 Friendship and Anti Bullying Conference (FAB) 2012**

On Thursday the 8 November all Year 7s participated in a fantastic FAB Conference, that directly addressed the issue of bullying and friendship. The workshops and drama performances covered areas such as: the impact bystanders can have in bullying situations, identifying and dealing with cyber bullying, and recognising and building self esteem.

A group of 18 enthusiastic Year 7 student leaders developed two of their own performance pieces that they presented to all Year 7 students at the conference. One piece was a live performance and the other a movie filmed by Emma and Luan and very well edited by Tom. The students spent many lunchtimes with myself and Holly Mulder (Year 9 Leader and ‘Director’) working really hard on their plays to get them to a performance standard. Chloe Gadau from YMCA presented gender
specific workshops (‘Top Bloke’ and ‘Top Chick’) to the students about healthy friendships and healthy self-esteem. Also invited **Class Act Theatre Group** back to the school to perform their ‘Cyberbusters’ piece. It is a wonderfully entertaining way to convey important messages about cyber safety and the students loved it.

Thanks to all the staff and students who volunteered their time to make the event such a success.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Student Leadership group:

Holleigh Mann  
Lydia Phelan  
Andrea Fidock  
Declan Hepburn  
Aaron Lee  
Lachlan Pinder  
Jake Hellings  
Luan Philip-Owen  
Kristan Robertson  
Emma Withoff  
Tom Downie  
Jasmine El-Ali  
Rachel Oates  
Ethan Moon  
Zoe Buceto  
Liam Goldburg  
Georgia Siddall  
Elli Sones

Director Holly Mulder

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**YMCA Overseas Volunteer Program**

Applications for Year 8, 9 and 10 students who were nominated for the YMCA Overseas and Indigenous Communities Volunteer Program are now closed. The program is run through Manningham YMCA and coordinated by youth worker extraordinaire Chloe Gadau. The selection process is now underway and spots on the program will be highly contested by many students from a number of local state schools. In a couple of weeks we should find out the students who have been selected to volunteer in either Cambodia or in an indigenous community in northern Australia in 2013. Well done to all those students who got their applications in on time.

*Natalie Manser*  
Wellbeing Leader

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**Music News**

**Melbourne School Bands**  
Our Junior Band (and 2nd or 3rd instrument guests) performed three excellent Concert Band pieces on Saturday August 18 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am (with Mr Maillardet in Training Band Section). They all found the experience very educational which was evident in the development of the band from Music Camp, Melbourne School Bands and our Annual Concert. Our Symphonic Band also performed three exceptional pieces on Friday August 24 from 7:40 pm to 10:30 pm (with Mr Maillardet in Junior Band Section at Intermediate time slot). It was great to hear and see the evolved development of these students who range from three to six years performance on their first instrument. Student year levels ranged from Year 9 to Year 12. Both bands were awarded Merit Shields and behaved exceptionally well and with professional conduct.
Melbourne School Bands Festival photos are now available for direct order online. Go to www.johntravisphoto.com.au select Bands and Choirs, then select View Your Photos, then select bands (as the password one word all lower case) then select Submit

**Our Annual Music Concert** included all instrumental and elective music students second week of term, Tuesday evening 16 October and there was a very productive all day rehearsal with respective ensemble directors the day before, Monday 15 October. Students not in the program also perform. It was a very diverse concert where the Music Support Group recruited approximately ten new members.

**Junior Band Day** is on Wednesday 21 November for Junior Band instrumental students mostly from Year 7 and also Instrumental Music Students in Years 8 and 9 who are learning a second instrument and play with Junior Band. This will be a rewarding experience where our school will collaborate with Box Hill High School and Mulluana Secondary College to perform in a huge 85 piece Concert Band with expert conductors and instrumental teachers within our region. It is also an excellent opportunity for our students to network with other musicians in our region and of similar standards.

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**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*

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**Warranwood Twilight Christmas Market**  
**Friday 30th November**  
**6.30 – 9.30pm**  
Warranwood Primary School  
Cnr Wonga Rd & Wellington Park Drv, Warranwood
Help the Salvos help others - Christmas Appeal

As Christmas approaches, we are finding our sources of food to help those in need are running low. Can you help us to help others?

We need:

Staple food items such as
✓ Rice
✓ Pasta Sauce
✓ Canned Tomatoes
✓ Pasta
✓ UHT Milk
✓ Baked Beans
✓ Canned Vegies
✓ Packets
✓ Sugar
✓ Flour
✓ Coffee
✓ Cereal

Festive Items for example
✓ UHT Custard
✓ Christmas Cake
✓ Mince Pies
✓ Canned Meats & Fish

We appeal to your school community for assistance by Friday 30th November

All items to be delivered to
Doncaster Corps & Community Centre
37 Taunton Street
Doncaster East 3109

Please call 9842 4744 to arrange a delivery time

Any assistance you can give to the Salvos to help others is much appreciated

Thank you