From the Principal

Welcome to the last edition of Gang Gang for 2012. It is now mid December and the end of the school year is almost upon us. Planning for next year is nearing completion, classroom activities are winding down, new Grade 6 students are being welcomed, Year 12 students are being bid farewell and students’ achievements are being celebrated at each of our Year Level Assemblies. This year we have also had the opportunity to welcome 35 new students from Parkwood Secondary College who will be joining us next year. A vibrant and enthusiastic group, it was a pleasure to meet them and their parents earlier this week when they visited us for a transition meeting.

Another vibrant and enthusiastic group I had the pleasure to thank this week was our band of parent volunteers. The contribution these parents make to our school through their various endeavours is invaluable and directly impacts on the learning experience of all our students. In particular, I need to make special mention of Judy Finger who has been a stalwart of our school for many years, but whose youngest child is now graduating from Year 12. Judy will be sadly missed and we thank her for all that she has done for the school.

There are also some staff who will not be with us next year and some new staff who will be joining us. Departing staff: Beryl Gale, Emily Hoysted, Teena Polyview, Jason Kruse, Carolina Manariti,
Linda Speirs, Sue Jacobs. New staff: Michael Byrne, Steve O’Connor, Lyn McDonald, Mathew Steed, Christine McCarthy, Amanda Giblett, Fiona Barnett. We wish our departing staff all the best for the future and welcome our new staff into the Warrandyte High School community.

To our Year 12 students who will be receiving their VCE results on Monday, I have my fingers crossed for each and every one of you. I know you have put in the hard work and I am confident that this will be reflected in your final results. Ms Miller, our Careers Counselor, will be available at school for any students who wish to discuss their options once their results are known.

Finally, I would like to wish all our students and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope that you all return from the holiday break refreshed for the year ahead.

Stephen Parkin
Principal

Arrangements for the end of the year

With the weather warming up and Christmas fast approaching the end of the year is almost here. The arrangements for the last week of term for Years 7 and 8 have been finalised and are listed below.

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The last day for Year 9s is Friday 14 December, with their final assembly at 2:00pm.

For 2013 there will be a staggered start for students. All new Year 7 students will be required on Thursday 31 January. In addition all VCE students will be required for a compulsory meeting Periods 5&6 on this day. The rest of the school will be starting classes on Friday 1 February.

For any questions regarding any of these arrangements please contact the School.

We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday period and we look forward to seeing you all in 2013.

Pamela Dunstall
Assistant Principal

Kwong Lee Dow

The University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow young scholars program offers high achieving Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to engage with the university through an extensive program of events. Scholars that are selected are able to meet like minded students from diverse backgrounds through a range of on-campus activities. Students who ultimately enrol at the University of Melbourne also get substantial benefit from this program. The university of
Melbourne received over 1800 applications for 700 places. Two of our students were fortunate enough to be accepted into the program. We would like to congratulate Tarin McBride and Jacintha Abandonitz-Lee who will represent the class of 2014.

Wellbeing News

It has been our busiest year yet at Warrandyte High School in my four years in the Wellbeing role. In addition to the annual programs there has been three additional programs running due to grants from School Focussed Youth Services and the Department of Human Services. We worked closely with the Taking the Challenge Team to deliver a number of Wellbeing workshops and presentations to the Year 9s. With the introduction of the Step-Up Program for Year 10’s next year, 2013 promises to be even busier.

I would like to thank the Student Services team for their fantastic work in support of the Wellbeing programs and initiatives.

The Integration department has also worked extremely hard throughout 2013 in support of all students with learning difficulties. Very ably led by Cathy Iozzi, the team of Sue, Jess, Kate, Meredith and Lena have earned a long holiday. The students depend on the support of Integration staff in the class and in the Learning Support room.

I am sad to announce that one of the team will be moving on at the end of the year. Sue Jacobs has been at Warrandyte for 3 years and has been an enormous asset to the school particularly with her unique Maths skills. Sue has been instrumental in producing modified Math’s programs for some of our students and has worked very well in the Literacy program, in addition to her Integration Aide work. The team, the students and the school will miss Sue and we wish her all the best in her new position.

Whilst one of our team moves on, I am pleased to announce that we have a number of new members of the integration team joining us next year. Marita, Fiona, Amanda and Christine will become familiar faces around the school in no time and we welcome them to the WHS community.

Music News

Junior Band Day was on Wednesday 21 November for Junior Band Instrumental students mostly from Year 7 and also Instrumental Music Students in Year 8 and 9 who have begun to learn a second instrument this year and play with Junior Band as their second ensemble. Our students collaborated with Box Hill High School and Mullauna Secondary College and learnt three new pieces on the day performing within a huge 85 piece Concert Band.

The performance was recorded and a CD is now available at the music office. All our instrumental teachers worked exceptionally hard preparing our students and motivating them for the event. It was an opportunity for our teachers to share warm up and conducting techniques. We are proud to announce that one of the warm ups involved a show down of playing stamina of which Elaine
Burdett (Year 7) made it to the second last blowing her clarinet. That is 2nd place out of 85 students in our region.

The schools have offered a reunion of these musicians first term next year, which will be a great incentive for our 2013 Concert Band and an inspiration for our new junior band students. With Melbourne School Bands Festival unlikely to continue since the closure of Billy Hyde this year, there is interest in following this collaborative cohort annually and hopefully start a new one at the end of next year with our new Junior Band students.

**VCE Music 2013** Late news but great news, VCE music performance Units 1 & 2 will run next year. Students will appreciate four classroom periods a week with three of the four classroom periods focusing on practical performance and technical skills and the other on musicianship.

**Grade 6 Orientation Day** on Tuesday 11 December the Music department teamed together to run interactive music classes with our new Grade 6 students who will be joining us next year. Each class began with a 10 - 15 minute classroom and teacher introduction then straight into discovering Instruments of the Orchestra using iPad's. The students were then divided into groups and rotated into each try out room having lots of fun with instruments, teachers and helpful students advocating our thriving music program. Enrolment forms for the program were also be available.

Kal Stavropoulos
Head of Music

**Band News: ‘Selling Time’ plays at The Esplanade Hotel.**

On Sunday 11 November 4 boys from Warrandyte High School played live on stage at The Esplanade Hotel in St Kilda. These four boys, Jackson Price (Year 9), Harry Morley (Year 9), Tristan West (Year 7), and Soren Maryasin (Year 7) formed the band ‘Selling Time’ earlier this year. They competed in a band youth festival in September where they achieved runners up, and an invitation to play in an 18+ competition in November this year. Practice began regularly both at school and in Soren’s music dungeon! The boys were required to play a set of 25 minutes consisting of six original songs which they wrote collectively as a band. With great excitement and nerves the boys played live on stage against a total of fourteen bands with an average age of mid 20’s. The boys were one of six bands chosen to go through to the next round of the competition. Well done boys! The boys now have to compete again in February 2013 at The Esplanade Hotel, and have been invited to a separate youth competition also in February 2013. What a great achievement and we look forward to the next gig.
Thank You Warrandyte Community Bank

Have you noticed our wonderful flags at the top of the school? Thank you to the community funding program ran by our Warrandyte Community Bank we now have a more of a visual impact to the passing traffic. Warrandyte High School is easier to identify now.

Another wonderful program the Warrandyte Community Bank offer is the Scholarship Program, this is a great opportunity for students to launch their studies at university. Further information can be obtained at www.bendigoadelaide.com.au/scholarships.

Uniform

The open hours for the start of the 2013 school year for the uniform shop are as follows:

- Thursday 24 January         9am – 3pm
- Tuesday 29 January         9am – 3pm
- Wednesday 30 January     9am – 3pm
- Thursday 31 January       8am – 10.30am

Normal operating hours will resume as of Tuesday 5 February. Normal operating hours are Tuesdays from 3-3.45pm and Thursdays from 8-9.30am. Uniforms can also be ordered online at www.fcw.com.au.

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant
HOTHOUSE ARTICLE  –Mollie Wilkins

Being a part of the ACMI Hothouse this year was amazing, absolutely amazing. It really opened my eyes to a lot of (awesome) things about the gaming industry. It’s hard to say what was the best thing because it was all so great but I think just meeting everyone, from all the various people who came in to talk to us, to the people running the event, to the other students I was working with.

The Hothouse this year was about ten selected students coming together to create a computer game for iOS in just five days, Monday to Friday. We divided into two groups, each group making a different game of their choice.

In between all the coding and art and animation that different people were doing, we were going places and meeting all sorts of professionals and industry celebrities too, to learn more about games design. It was a real privilege to be able to listen to so many talented and diverse people, and the more people I met the more excited I became about what I was doing- and also what I wanted to do in the future. If I ever had doubts about wanting to be in the games industry, they’re gone now. There were a lot of things I learned, that I had no idea about before. Just the basic building blocks and a whole heap about what really makes a game, as well as how to actually MAKE the assets etc. needed for the game. I also learned a lot about how the industry was focused, and what’s actually important going into a job like games design. Before the Hothouse I was really unsure about how my future was going to happen, but now I feel a lot more prepared for everything to come.

Being able to meet and learn from people already in this industry was inspiring, and working with the other students there was a great experience too- because we all shared the same passion. We all worked well together as a team, and were able to create awesome games in only a few days- while still managing to have fun at the same time. Just being around like-minded people is really just a brilliant experience- we had only just met, but it took no time at all for it to feel like I was best friends with everyone there.

For anyone interested in applying for next year’s Hothouse (which will be about narrative filmmaking) all I can say is just do it, you won’t regret it. If it’s something you’re interested in then don’t hold back, go for it- it’s an experience that I’m going to treasure for the rest of my life, and one that I would recommend to anyone, regardless of where they’re heading.

If it is where you want to go with their life, then in my opinion there is no better way to set yourself on the winning path to get there.
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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Boroondara Tennis Centre
Cnr Bulleen & Thompsons Rd, North Balwyn
www.boroondaratenniscentre.com.au

Ladies Social Competition – Tues/Wed/Thurs Mornings
Ladies, prepare yourself for the new year and come down and join in Ladies In-house Social Competition, in a fun atmosphere at the Boroondara Tennis Centre! Catering for all abilities, creche facilities available on site, and a cappuccino included, what more could you want!

Cardio tennis, group coaching & private lessons also available.

For all enquiries please contact the centre on (03) 9850 4500
WARRANTYE FUN RUN

The 2013 Run Warrandyte Fun Run, proudly sponsored by the Warrandyte Community Bank Branch – Bendigo Bank, will take place on Sunday 10 February 2013! An oval run, Ruby Tuesday 2.25km, Quinton’s Supa IGA 4km, eko-green cleaning 8km and the new 12km distance ensures all ages and fitness levels can participate in this wonderful community event. The course will begin and end on Taroona Ave near the netball courts, and coincide with the Junior Football Club Registration Day. Everyone is invited to enjoy the fun.

Information and on-line entries are available at [www.runwarrandyte.blogspot.com](http://www.runwarrandyte.blogspot.com). Any volunteer assistance on the day would be greatly appreciated – please call Duncan Large 0414 125 425.
Get your voice heard at the Manningham Youth Forum.

Be a part of the Manningham Youth Forum and have a chance to express your opinions (we know you’ve got lots of them) and have an impact in your local community. At the same time you’ll get to meet a bunch of like-minded people, while learning skills to benefit you in your future career.

If you’re aged between 15 and 25 and live, work or study in Manningham, you’re eligible! For more info call Manningham City Council on (03) 9840 9453 or visit manningham.vic.gov.au/youthforum
Manningham Youth Forum

Manningham Youth Forum provides opportunities for young people to discuss and express opinions on youth and community issues. It assists participants to enhance their leadership skills and awareness of governance, citizenship and advocacy.

The Manningham Youth Forum acts as an Advisory Committee to Council by advising on matters referred by Council and on issues which the Youth Forum considers as important. The Youth Forum may comment on local, state, national and global issues including State and Federal Government policies and act as a collective voice for young people in Manningham.

Membership

The Youth Forum is comprised of up to 20 young people appointed by Council and the membership of the Forum is open to young people aged between 15 – 25 years who live, study and/or work within Manningham.

Selection of the members is made by calling for nominations through an expression of interest process from eligible young people. Each secondary school in Manningham also has the opportunity to nominate two young persons.

A member is appointed for a period of one year and may continue for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Roles and Responsibilities

The primary responsibility of the Youth Forum is to advise Council on issues referred by Council and any other relevant matters that affect the local community and may include opportunities to:

a) Participate in discussions of issues that affect the lives of local young people
b) Influence local plans and policies, and
c) Represent Manningham at regional, state and national levels as appropriate.

Meetings

The Youth Forum will meet twice during each school term.

The meetings of the Youth Forum are held on Mondays at the Council offices from 4.30 to 6.30 pm. Members are expected to attend meetings of the Forum and contribute towards discussions.

Chairing and Minute taking of the Forum meetings shall be rotated among the members. Typing and distribution of minutes are undertaken by a Council officer.

Council officers, representatives of organisations and other speakers are invited to make presentations to the Youth Forum on specific topics.
Manningham Youth Forum
Nomination Form

Please ensure both sides of this form are completed.

Applicant Details
Name of Applicant ____________________________
Address ____________________________ Postcode __________
Age _______ School ____________________________
Telephone (Home) ____________________________ Telephone (Mobile) _______ Email address ____________________________

Community Involvement
Please list any involvement - both previous and current - you have had at school, with sporting clubs and in the wider community (Scouts and Guides, church groups, charities, etc.)
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Special Interests
Please list any areas of particular interest.
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Reasons For Applying
Please explain what you expect to achieve by becoming a member of the Manningham Youth Forum.
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Signature of Applicant ____________________________ Date _______

Return To: The Manager
Social and Community Services
Manningham City Council
PO Box 1
Doncaster Victoria 3108

All Nomination Forms must be submitted by
Friday 15 February 2013.