$4.1 million Warrandyte High School commitment

Last week Ryan Smith, the Member for Warrandyte, announced that an elected Liberal Government will commit $4.1 million towards Warrandyte High School. As the Local Member, Ryan has been a great supporter of the school and has been advocating for significant infrastructure funding for the past four years. While this funding is still dependent upon the outcome of the upcoming election, the school is excited by the opportunities it would bring to refurbish and develop our buildings and resources to support the learning of our students in state of the art facilities.

We Will Rock You

Our school production “We Will Rock You” rocked the school last week. Once again our students put on a wonderfully entertaining show as the music of Freddie Mercury and Queen provided the backdrop to a time honoured struggle between freedom of expression and oppression. This year’s production also saw the Warrandyte High School directing debut of ex-students Morgan Thomas-Connor and Tamsin Mackie. It was fantastic to have Morgan and Tamsin driving the show and I would like to congratulate the entire cast for their professional performance and thank all the staff, students and parents who worked in the background and gave up their time willingly to enable the show to occur. A more detailed review of the show is included later in this edition of Gang Gang.

Student Drop-off outside General Office: Urgent and Dangerous Issue

Unfortunately this is an ongoing issue which I need to draw once again to your attention. Parents continue to stop their cars outside the General Office to drop-off and collect students from school. This is an incredibly dangerous practice as students exit from these cars into traffic. There is also the very real possibility of these illegally stopped cars being struck from behind by other cars entering the car park. This dangerous situation is being created by parents. There are drop-off areas at the top of the school on the service roads parallel to Warrandyte Road and also behind the gymnasium. As parents you are role models. Please put the welfare of your own children and the children of others before the few minutes saved by this dangerous action.

Interim Reports

Interim reports became available on Compass on Wednesday 12 September.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held on Thursday 20 September between 12 noon and 8pm. Compass bookings for Parent/Teacher Interviews opened on Thursday 13 September. There will be no formal classes on 20 September; however, students are expected to attend their interviews with their parents. Please select your interview times carefully and allow 5 minutes between each interview to ensure adequate time to travel between appointments.

If you have any problems please call the General Office for assistance on 9844 2749.

Parents making a Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Booking

To access PTS Conferences log into the Compass parent portal using your Username and Password. If you are unsure of your log in details please contact the school.

On the Compass homepage a list of your students will be listed. If a conference has been opened for any of your students a link to the PTS Conference will appear under their name. Click on the link. This will display the PTS Conference Dashboard which includes a list of all of the conferences for all of the students linked to your parent account. If a conference is open for bookings ‘False’ will appear in the ‘Locked’ column.

Each event in the list is specific to one of your students, therefore if you have two or more students with conferences during the same event, that event will appear once for every student in the list of Available events. To make bookings for one students’ conference click on that Event in the table. This will display a list of all available booking times. A list of teachers linked to this student will be displayed at the bottom of the screen. To see when a teacher is available for an appointment you can click on their name in this list. A teachers schedule for PTS Conference will appear – this screen is read only; bookings cannot be made on this page.

China Trip

This Sunday 16 September, eight students and two teachers will head off to start a two week tour of China which will include a homestay visit to our Sister School, Xinghai EMS in Suzhou Province. We look forward to the photos and stories from their trip on their return.

Stephen Parkin
Principal
The Deakin Oration 2018
at Parliament House

On Friday 17 August, our school Captains, Jasmine Grisold and Callum Khaw attended the annual Deakin Oration at Parliament House honouring Australia’s second Prime Minister and Victorian MP, Alfred Deakin. It was an opportunity to hear from a prominent Victorian about a topical issue. This year the oration was presented by Nobel Peace Prize winner Timo Ruff. Dr Ruff who was the founding co-chair of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which started as a grassroots movement in Melbourne and in 2017 won the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr Ruff spoke about the group’s efforts in helping to achieve the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Dr Ruff brought a copy of the Nobel Peace Prize 2017 for students to see the award up close as part of a display in the Queen’s Hall.

The Parliament’s broadcast team recorded the event and transmitted it via Facebook Live.

As part of the event, there was a question and answer session where students had the opportunity to ask questions from the floor.

Christena Gazeas
Humanities Leader

Taking The Challenge

As part of the Taking the Challenge Program, our ELC students actively participated the fundraiser for Salvation Army Homeless together with all Year 9 Students at school.

The girls group cooked Chinese dumplings for selling and the boys group prepared cakes. They set up the tables and put food, plates and source ready during Wednesday Lunch time. The business went very successfully, especially

The Chinese dumplings were sold out very quickly! The girls group finally fundraised around $48! This is the first fundraiser program our ELC students have and they think it has so much fun!

Christena Gazeas
Humanities Leader

Eureka Stars!

Oh Wow! Year 10 students Abby Hambleton and Owen Kelly have shone very brightly. They have just won $1000 and a great amount of fame and admiration at the Australian Museum Eureka Prizes for their 3 minute video “STARS BEAT SAND.”

On Wednesday 29 August they, along with Ms Bloom and Mr Davies, were flown to Sydney, put up in a very flash central Sydney hotel and attended a $300/head black tie dinner where their video was shown on a huge screen in front of 800 of Australia’s best scientists. The applause for it was deafening. Abby and Owen are both to taste black caviar for the first time!

Each year we enter the SLEEK GEEKS secondary schools video competition section that is run by media personality Dr Karl Kruszelnicki and maths wizard Adam Spencer. There are hundreds of entries each year and they were awarded 3rd prize ($1000). Warrandyte High was the only State School in Australia that made the finals; the rest were all private schools!

Abby and Owen were blown away when they heard astronomer Carl Sagan say in a science class that “there are more stars in the universe than grains of sand on all the beaches of Earth”. They couldn’t believe it - so as good scientists, they decided to test the claim by experiment. They start by measuring grains of sand under a microscope. Then they use some year 9 maths to work out how many grains in a cubic metre. Next, they estimate, using stated assumptions, how many grains of sand on Earth’s beaches. Then they use astronomy to calculate the number of stars in the universe and compare the two numbers.

They are staggered to find that Carl Sagan was right! Their estimate is that there are 500 times more stars than beach sand grains on the entire Earth! This is a truly mind-boggling concept (just think of one beach!) and it shows the amazing things that science can predict and test. An original song featuring their musical skills summarises the experiment and results.

Interestingly, despite being officially judged 3rd, it was obvious from the relative applause for each video that they were the crowd favourites. Also, Abby and Owen were inundated by people coming up to them afterwards praising their video. One professor said to them: “Carl Sagan was my hero and a great inspiration to me: and now you two are!”

They also gained more fame the next day when the Midday News on ABC TV featured famous scientist Robyn Williams explaining step by step what they had done and how wonderful he thought it was.

Abby and Owen worked very hard over an extended period of time and as a result have achieved great success. Well done…… and now for next year!

Claire Bloom & David Davies

Summer Guo
International Student Coordinator

Eureka Prizes 2018
Hello Everyone

I have news from Reggie. Reggie is now a Guide Dog and Jill went to see him walk his ‘Graduation’ walk today. He has a glowing report from his handler, John. Reggie is strong, confident and a loving dog says John. Reggie easily navigated the busy Fairfield strip shops, taking John to the train station and finding him a seat.

The next part of Reggies training is to find a suitable client. This will take place in the next few weeks which will then include a few weeks of inhouse training with Reggie and client together and then out to the clients home. It is important that there is compatibility between the client and Reggie which will then progress into an amazing team.

I, however, am still progressing along nicely. Obviously I have a long way to go before I can do what Reggie is doing. I still am concentrating on ignoring the lovely smells on the ground as I walk. I need to be a little more settled when I go out to places. I find it a little tricky to keep still even though I do it all day in Jill’s office.

Thank you to all my visitors. I love a cuddle and pat so please keep coming to see me.

Love Roza

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**Incursion - Year 11 Health and Human Development**

Students in Year 11 Health and Human Development have recently been studying the transition into parenthood and examining the factors that influence development during the prenatal and early childhood stages.

We were very fortunate to have Kristin Thomson, Maternal Child Health Nurse, from the Maroondah City Council visit our classroom. She spoke extensively with students about her role in working with parents and young babies and children. Monitoring the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development is an integral part of her role in our community.

Ms Fiona Dzur kindly brought her two daughters to the class, Aylin 2 years old and Laura 4 months. Students were able to see first-hand the different developmental stages the infant and preschooler were currently at. Aylin had great fun playing with her toys in the classroom and showing us her advanced language skills. The students were enthralled watching her in action.

The following week is was fantastic Mrs Chantelle Wilson brought Indi, 14 months into the classroom. Students were able to observe Indi and where she was on the developmental stage framework. Indi was content to play in front of the class and display her fine and gross motor skills. Chantelle also generously shared her experiences as a new parent and spoke with the students about the transition into parenthood, how she felt emotionally and how she has adjusted to her new role. Students found the connection from the classroom to the real world invaluable in their learning.

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**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Never fear Breakfast Club is here!

Every Wednesday
8:15am – 8:55am
Sitting area of the Food Tech rooms

Please come along, bring your friends and have a **free** piece of fruit or a warm toastyc

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Leigh Thomson
Health Leader
SCHOOLS, SPORTING CLUBS & RUNNING CLUBS

Participate in Run Warrandyte and raise money for your School, Club or nominated charity!

Do you need extra funds for your school or club?
Run Warrandyte is an active and fun way to get the kids or runners involved to achieve this.

How Does It Work?
Once you’re registered with Run Warrandyte you will be on the Run Warrandyte Website.

Runners then have two options:
Create a fundraising page which they link to your cause and then get family and friends to donate.

OR They can directly donate to your cause or charity.

How Do I Register
To apply online visit the Run Warrandyte website, go to Fundraise and click on

REGISTER A NEW CHARITY OR CAUSE

Or
Email admin@runwarrandyte.com or call 0402 057 246

Visit our website runwarrandyte.com

All profits from event registrations go to the Warrandyte Sporting Group keeping our kids playing footy, cricket and netball all year
ELTHAM MUDBRICK TOUR 2018

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21, OPEN HOUSE 10AM–4PM

Join us on a tour of five beautiful and individual mudbrick houses in the Eltham area.

Nillumbik’s mudbrick houses, always unique architecturally, are part of an alternative housing movement ahead of its time built with environmentally sustainable and recycled materials in natural harmony with the bush landscape.

The tour maintains a 50+ year tradition pioneered by Alistair Knox and is run by Eltham High School community volunteers to help support its renowned music program, with major sponsor Nillumbik Shire Council and other Nillumbik community sponsors. Eltham High School ensemble musicians will perform in The Barn Gallery at Montsalvat on the day between 10am and noon.

This year’s Eltham Mudbrick Tour showcases a selection of mudbrick houses designed, built, extended, or renovated between 1973 and 2018 by mudbrick house professionals including Alistair Knox, John Pizzi and Mark Sinclair, and owner builders including artists, a doctor and a local postman. All of the householders have artistic interests, from professional potters and artists to passionate leadlighters, mosaic artists, and musicians. Natural bush gardens include the work of local native landscaper Sam Cox and green-fingered householders, with many fun and beautiful artworks, sculptures and outbuildings.

Tickets at www.trybooking.com
Adults: $25 [Children under 16 free]
Concession: Seniors/Students/Health card $20
Photo ID required on the day

For more information:
www.elthammudbricktour.org
Facebook: Eltham Mudbrick Tour

• Tour starts from Montsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham
• Free parking and regular shuttle buses between the houses
• Enjoy homemade cakes and drinks at one house
• Allow three to four hours; some walking is required.
# 2018-19 Venom Tryouts
## Boys Tryouts

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### Tryout Venues:
- WSC – Warrandyte Sports Complex – Drysdale Rd, Warrandyte
- DSEC – Doncaster Secondary College – 123 Church Rd, Doncaster
- CHPS – Croydon Hills Primary School – Campaspe Dr, Croydon Hills

### Key Information for Players:
1. Please arrive at each session approximately 15 minutes before the allocated start time. **Sign-in will be open fifteen (15) minutes prior to allocated start time.** At this time players will receive an entry number (this will be the number for all tryouts/Intra-Club Games).
2. Please wear a Back/White (or Navy/White) reversible singlet (or alternatively bring a light and dark t-shirt) and bring a NATID basketball and a NATID drink bottle with you.
3. Please note if you are attending Venom tryouts having been a rep player at another basketball association you MUST have a signed permission to train form or clearance form from your current/previous club to be allowed to tryout. THIS MUST BE EMAILLED TO admin@warrandytebasketball.org.au PRIOR TO THE FIRST TRYOUT SESSION.

### Register Online:
[https://www.trybooking.com/XX1G](https://www.trybooking.com/XX1G)
Registration Closes THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER @ 4:00 PM