Dates for your Diary

**November**
- Saturday 30: GVBR returns
- Tuesday 4: Year 7 Melbourne Zoo excursion
- Friday 7: Year 8 Funfields excursion
- Monday 10: New Year 7 Information Evening
- Tuesday 11: New Year 7 Orientation Day
- Tuesday 11: Year 7 Funfields Day
- Wednesday 12: Year 9 end of year Fun Day
- Tuesday 18: Years 7-9 Pool Day

From the Principal

Although the year is coming to a close there is still a lot of activity going on at Warrandyte. On Monday 19 November I had the pleasure of attending the Year 12 Valedictory evening to farewell the Year 12 students for another year. All the students looked lovely out of their school uniform and dressed in their finery. The evening went off without too many hitches, with some of the highlights being the ‘Then and Now’ PowerPoint presentation showing the student’s progression through their schooling as well as the outstanding musical performance by Mark Johnstone, Julia Lewis, Tamsin Mackie and Ashleigh Zovic.

With the Year 10 and 11 exams over, this week signified the beginning of the VCE Transition program, with Year 10 students progressing into their Year 11 subjects and Year 11s into their Year 12 subjects. There are also quite a few Year 9 students participating in the program due to the large number of students who are taking part in our VCE acceleration program for 2013. The Transition program is going very well and will continue for the next two weeks.

On Friday, forty students and four teachers left to go on the Great Victorian Bike Ride. So far they have experienced a range of weather from low 30s on the first day, to pouring rain on Tuesday. Reports have been that they are all having a great time though and I look forward to hearing all the fantastic stories when they return. A big thanks to Ante Sunjo who organised the ride and his supporting team of Stephan Parkin, Steven Griffin and Clare Rayner.

**Pamela Dunstall**

**Acting Principal**
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
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.

*Helene Butterworth*

*Executive Assistant*

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**PE News**

**Year 7/8 Boys Rugby Robbie Kearns State Finals**

Wow what a day! It was certainly packed with excitement, drama and lots of Warrandyte Pride. The boys played four games. Their marking, tackling and running with ball skills improved throughout the day. All games were very close. We lost to Manor Lakes by 3 tries to 1, lost to Parkdale (the eventual group winners) by 1 try, won to Bellarine 5 tries to 3, and drew our final game with Thomastown with 4 tries each. The boys were a credit to our school. Spectators and many of the Melbourne Storm organisers
consistently commented on our commitment, improvement and the level of our play. I would also like to thank two key sports leaders who were amazing, Jonty Rushton and Mitchell Selleck. They consistently motivated, inspired and supported individual players as well as the whole team.

Well done again and I look forward to working with you next season!

Team: Lachlan Clear, Ryley Douglass, Tim Griffiths, Tom Roberts, Jake Willis, Dylan Krajnc, Shayne Brown, Shamus Geraghty, Joseph Livesey, Chris Shiels & Patrick Vardy. The boys were supported by Nicholas Wade and Sam Henkes.

**Year 7 Water Safety Beach Day**

All our Year 7’s went along to the Sandridge Life Saving Centre last Wednesday. They had a very busy day, completing activities in the water and on the beach. The focus was on improving their awareness, experience and knowledge of all the possible risks and dangers they could encounter. Unfortunately statistics of injuries and drowning’s are still increasing, so this is still such a valuable day to take part in.

The whole year level participated and even though the sun was out it was still quite cold. Well done to everyone and thank you to the members of staff who were involved.

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**Science News**

**Welcome Back Vic**

In the last semester we have started an Animal Club which is open to any student interested in helping with the upkeep of the animals housed in the Science Department. Last week, the Animal Club welcomed back Vic the Murray-Darling python, with the assistance of Brett Williams (Chloe Williams’s dad). Mr Williams (BJW Electrical Contractors) kindly donated his time, the parts and electrical expertise to repair the heat lamp, thermostat and light for the snake exhibit. The Animal Club are grateful for Mr Williams’s assistance in aiding the return of Vic. Thanks to Mr Ferguson for housing Vic while the exhibit was being repaired.

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Kathryn West
Science Leader
Wellbeing News

YMCA Youth Volunteer Program

Congratulations to the following WHS students who have been successful in their application into the Overseas & Indigenous Volunteer Programs to be run next year.

Youth Volunteer Projects – **Northern Territory, January 2013**

- Sasha Holmes
- Taylor Padfield

Youth Volunteer Projects – **Vietnam, July 2013**

- Mitchell Selleck
- Emmanuel Konstandinou
- Eliza Phillips
- Brittany Anderson
- Coco Hunt
- Claudia Bentley
- Louise Bartley
- Mia Saunders

The congratulatory email to parents and young people included an invitation to the Youth Volunteer Project – **Information Evening**, on the 4 December at the Manningham Council offices.

**Year 7 Student Leaders**

Thanks to our wonderful Year 7 class captains who helped to run the pre-transition morning tea for a small group of Year 6 students who will be joining the WHS community next year. We played games and the students ran some fun activities to help orientate the new students. It’s always such a pleasure to work with the student leaders as they bring enthusiasm, maturity and cheer to any role they are given. Well done to:

Holleigh Mann
Andrea Fidock
Luan Philip-Owen
Emma Withoff
Tom Downie
Liam Goldburg
Georgia Siddall

**Launch of the Step-Up Program & Guest Speaker for Year 9s**

On Friday the 14 December all Year 9 students will be involved in the launch of a new initiative for the Year 10 students in 2013. Step-Up is a curriculum support program running each Wednesday afternoon designed to supplement the learning undertaken in class and to build independence skills for future success.

A special guest speaker **Hugh van Cuylenburg**, Director of the **Resilience Project**, has been invited to share with us his experiences of volunteer work in some of the poorest parts of the globe. Hugh is an inspirational young man and has a powerful message about happiness and resilience to share.

Natalie Manser
Wellbeing Leader
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2013 FROM THE ENGLISH FACULTY

Reading underpins all that we do in our English classes and it is vital that students develop their ability to read and understand a wide variety of text types. Reading regularly will assist with comprehension skills, spelling, understanding of grammar and language conventions and broaden a student’s knowledge of the world. Many students do not read enough and this is often reflected in their class work. That is why we ask parents to support us and their children by ensuring the following:

1. All class texts are to be read prior to the start of the school year.

In order to best prepare for the coming year it is expected that all students from Years 7 -12 read their English class novels prior to the start of the school year. It is imperative that students have knowledge of the text before the class begins a unit of work.

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2. Wide Reading - minimum of 5x20 minute sessions per week

Students select their own choice of novel/text during Wide Reading lessons and are expected to read a minimum of 5 x 20 minute sessions per week. As part of their English assessment students will be required to keep a reading journal which logs their weekly reading.

“\textit{The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.}”
- Dr. Seuss, “I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!”

We thank you for your support.

Judy Steel
English Leader
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

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
WARRANDYTE FUN RUN

The 2013 Run Warrandyte Fun Run, proudly sponsored by the Warrandyte Community Bank Branch – Bendigo Bank, will take place on Sunday 10th 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. Any volunteer assistance on the day would be greatly appreciated – please call Duncan Large 0414 125 425.
Salvo Community Christmas Celebration

Sunday 2nd December 2012
3:30pm - 4:30pm
followed by a sausage sizzle

- Bring the whole family -

- Carol Singing
- School Musical Groups
- Christmas fun
- Brass Band

37 Taunton Street
DONCASTER EAST
(Mel 34B 10)

Enquiries Phone: 9842 4744

Welcome home... to the Salvos