It’s a Celebration!

Congratulations to the Parents’ Association and the numerous staff, students, family and friends who volunteered their time and expertise to plan, organise and run a tremendously successful Warrandyte High School 2017 Trivia Night. The theme was ‘It’s a Celebration’, and that was certainly the spirit on the night. A great time was had by all who attended as we alternated between focused concentration on the challenging trivia questions, and social chit chat with old friends and new. All the while raising money for improvements to our school theatre.

75 minute periods

In 2018 Warrandyte High School will be changing from 50 minute periods to 75 minute periods.

Earn $305 a week!

Correct, our vibrant international student program is expanding wonderfully and we need more homestay providers! Have you considered it? Why not? Earn $305 a week! It is very rewarding in so many ways.

Want to know more? Email me or Summer Guo via Compass or contact the school and ask for me or our international coordinator, Summer Guo.

Complete an application form which is downloadable from our website! Simply click on the International tab and you will see the link for the application form. Looking forward to hearing from you!!

Our Sister School in China is visiting us!

Breaking news – 15 Year 7 students from our sister school in China are spending one week with us in late July! Already so many WHS families are wonderfully opening their homes for the week for one or more of these students.

I still need a couple more homestays – hence contact the office or email me directly if you are interested in hosting one of our sister school students from China from Saturday July 22 – Saturday July 29. All adults in your home will simply need a valid Working with Children card and you will even receive $250 AUD towards expenses! What a culturally rich experience for you and your family!

Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin
Assistant Principal: Joseph Caruana
School Captains: Vivien Todd and James Puls-Welsh
Wonga Park Primary visited Warrandyte High School
Recently we were delighted to host the Year 5 students from Wonga Park Primary School here at Warrandyte High School. What fun the students had! What an educational extravaganza it was with Science, English and Food Technology all featuring in the exciting morning! The Year 5s were exceedingly polite, eager to learn and very bright! It was fantastic offering them a taste of high school life here at Warrandyte High School. A collection of our current students, all of whom attended Wonga Park Primary School were our helpers on the day. They too did a fantastic job assisting with the lessons and they made wonderful tour guides! Indeed a special thank you is extended to: Lili Al Algawi, Nathan Hellings, Jorja Newton, Jaedon Williams, Scott Winstone, Mathilda Hartley, James Hellings, Ryan Southall and Kyle Williams – all former Wonga Park students currently attending Warrandyte High School.

Powerful Learning at WHS!
At Warrandyte High School we continue to be anything but complacent! We are all life-long learners, students and teachers alike, we are always constantly seeking to improve. Indeed we have commenced our 2017 five week Cycle of Inquiry! This involves teachers observing teachers; teachers providing feedback to teachers. Teachers constantly refining their craft!

Whole school, consistent literacy strategies and high expectations across the school are two of our fundamental priorities. Implementing our engaging whole class direct instructional model is another exciting initiative on which we are focusing. Elements of this include teachers welcoming students as they enter the learning area; students engaging in a “starter” activity within the first 3 minutes of the lesson and much much more!
What exciting times, no?
Never a dull moment at Warrandyte High!

Year 9 and 10s at the Manningham Council
Recently some of our students, mainly in Year 10, participated in a “Speed Interview, Career Pathways” initiative which was held at the Manningham Council in Doncaster. Our students did a fantastic job seizing the opportunity to interview a host of employees from a wide range of professions and trades. What a great opportunity this was for our students to gain first hand information about an assortment of professions including: childcare; plumbing; retail and small business; beauty and hairdressing, hospitality and baristra.

Our students took advantage of this wonderful opportunity to interview staff and local businesses about their occupation and career pathway. In addition, our students were able to seek advice about training and employment in these industries.

Warrandyte High School – catering for all students interesting in a wide range of pathways!

Joe Caruana
Assistant Principal

GVBR Team Warrandyte Riders
It is with great excitement that I’d like to inform you of the upcoming Training ride schedule and launch of the Team Warrandyte GVBR website; http://warrandytehighgvbr.weebly.com/
Keep up to date on the pulse with all the correspondence, communicate through the Teams social pages and get those great happy snaps of our epic 9 day journey around the Gippsland coast.
The next meeting will be this Friday 26 May (Lunchtime) 1pm.
If you are interested jump on the website and catch you all at the meeting.
Your $200 deposit needs to be paid to the office, with shirt size by Friday 4 August 4pm to confirm your spot on the team.

Brendon Rule
GVBR Coordinator

Hello, my name is Reggie.
I was born on Valentine’s Day, Feb 14, in the breeding centre of Guide Dogs Victoria in Kew.
When I was 7 weeks old, my assigned puppy raisers took me to their home. Things did not work out so well so I returned to the breeding centre where I stayed for one week. On Friday May 5, my new puppy raiser, Jill, arrived to take me to her home.
At Jill’s I met their pet Quinn and Guide Dog Puppy Laura who was staying with Jill. We had great fun over the weekend playing tug of war. I sleep all night and toilet outside. Occasionally I forget, especially when playing with Quinn, but I am improving.
Currently I am walking informally on the lead and only on very quiet roads.
I had my 13-week puppy class last week and learnt more things. I met my brothers and sister and other puppies from P Litter but when we had free play I was a little scared. I am learning to recognise the phrase ‘Leave it’ and ‘Yes’. I found that if I responded correctly I would receive a treat. Of course, my tummy was very full at the end of puppy class.
I have already had many visitors, which I love so please keep visiting me.
Love Reggie
Term 2 has started off busy in the sports department with multiple teams including senior soccer and basketball, junior and intermediate Girls AFL, junior Boys Netball and the full school house cross country and athletics carnivals. For a more detailed review on the cross country and athletics see the individual articles below. The combined junior and intermediate girls AFL team went out striving for victory being ably led by the year 10 girls in the team supporting and the more junior students who for some where challenging themselves to play competitive football for the first time. These played 2 games in which the competition was fiercely competitive and whilst they did not come away winning either game at no stage did the girls give up. Throughout the day the girls continually demonstrated excellent teamwork skills and supported each other in every way possibly by making some great tackles, passing the ball round and kicking some great individual and team goals. Well done to all girls who participated on the day.

The 2 junior boys netball teams also went out on the same day with the year 8 boys wanting to take it one step further and winning this year. The team worked hard throughout the day and learnt a lot as for most of them it was the first time they had played netball. A great effort from those boys. The year 8 team went into each game very focused with their goal insight and whilst some games were very competitive, the boys showed their overall domination winning every game and will now progress through to the Eastern Region Metropolitan Regional Finals in July. Congratulations to these boys and we wish them the best of luck at the next round.

For some of the Year 12 students the senior basketball and soccer was there last opportunity to represent the school at interschool sport. Both the girls and boys basketball teams had a hard draw with 4 full games and only 5 and 6 in the team. This however did not deter the students but only made them work harder and demonstrate some fantastic teamwork skills. The boys team worked hard the entire day and despite not winning a game were extremely competitive in 2 of their games. The girls had a hard draw with 4 games and came away with 1 win and were very competitive in 2 other games. The great thing to see was their development as a team throughout the day and their presence under tough conditions. The boys’ soccer also faced a rough draw with 3 full games against some very competitive competition. To the boys credit again they never gave up and represented the school with pride. For all the year 12 students who represented the school at interschool sport, we wish them well for the remainder of their studies and for their leadership skills and also gain valuable experience under tough conditions.

A group of 50 students will now go on to represent the school at the division cross country being held on Monday 29 May. We wish all students the best of luck at the next round and hope to see many of them completing personal best times and going through to the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals.

Warrandyte High School House Athletics carnival

Whilst the morning was a chilly and frosty one the forecast for the remainder of the day was for a mainly sunny and 20 degrees What more could you ask for to have a very successful athletics carnival a group of enthusiastic, passionate and motivated students ready to try their best and that is exactly what we got.

On Thursday 4 May 7 bus loads of Warrandyte High School students descended on Doncaster Athletics Track full of colour and with loud voices ready to run, jump, throw and cheer their houses to victory. The weather conditions encouraged students to participate and challenge themselves to perform at their best competing in many events. Many events were tightly contested with some new records being re-written. Congratulations goes to Georgia D’Amico and Layla Edsell who broke the Javelin record for their age groups and Olivia Jennings who broke the 13 year old 800m record which has stood since 1995. In the end Michel were awarded House Athletics Champions for 2017. Congratulations Michel.

The final points tally was:

- Michel – 1015
- Stiggant – 902
- Anderson – 862
- Newman – 773

In addition a House Athletics Champion Trophy was awarded to one student from each house. These students were recognized for gaining the most number of points for their house and for their eager participation on the day.

The House Athletics Champions were:

- Michel – Ethan Buchanan
- Stiggant – Ryan Seini
- Anderson – Piper Davis
- Newman – Skye Gedyce

Students who won an event will now progress through to the Mullum Division Athletics competition being held later in term 3. We wish all these students the best of luck and am sure they will challenge themselves to give 100% and represent the school with pride.

The day is not only about recognising athletic success but also about building house spirit, leadership and cross year level friendships for all students as well as students and teachers building relationships outside the classroom setting. As part of this 6 students were awarded as being best dressed on the day. Each year we see more amazing costumes which resulted in an expansion of the best dressed competition to include a highly commended category. The overall winners of the best dressed were the Mystery Inc group which consisted of Andi Fidock, (Veilma) Jamie Dyason, (Daphne), Tom Downie (Shaggy), Vivien Todd (Mystery Machine), Grace Carty (Scooby Doo) and Kristen Robertson (Fred). Highly commended prizes were also awarded to Ryan Seini, and Jake Hellings, the Jelly Beans (Keely Hudson, Aleece Biewer, Jacinta Shepard, Joker (Asher Esterhuizen), Drag queens (Camren Jones, Aaron Lee), Emily Kvalheim, Cloudy McCarthy, Alice Savers, Anna Jaksic, Dorothy (Sophia Edge), Firemen (Adam Smith, Luke Sutton) and Soldiers (Brielle Barrow, Lydia Phelan).

In addition, students were also recognised for helping at events enabling them to develop their leadership skills and also gain valuable points to their house. A special thank you to Hope Watts and Martin Tomich who helped out at events for the entire day. Student helpers make the day run a lot smoother and the teachers were greatly appreciative of your help.

All students should be congratulated on their efforts and behaviour on the day. The staff at the athletics track made special mention of the Warrandyte students’ behaviour, politeness and enthusiasm throughout the day. A big thank you also goes to all the staff who contributed to making the 2017 House Athletics Carnival a successful and enjoyable day.

Katie Cook
Sports Leader