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Diary Dates

SEPT

Friday 6 September

Last Day of Term – 2:30 finish

OCTOBER

Monday 7 October

Term 4 commences

Wednesday 23 October

VET Rec Wilson's Prom 3 day
hike commences



From the Assistant Principal

2019 Musical Production

The Little Mermaid was the 2019 Warrandyte High School Production. It was a huge success and utterly engaging, refreshing and entertaining. I just can't decide which was my favourite scene? It was so professionally put together! It was fantastic seeing students involved, both on stage and back stage, from all year levels.

A huge thank you is extended to the many teachers and former students and volunteer parents who gave up so many hours to help make this a memorable experience for our students. It was lovely seeing so many teachers, parents and students all volunteering to assist in all aspects of the behind the scenes work without which there is no show!

What will the 2020 musical production be? Now that is the question!

Italy 2019

Students and teachers are in Italy, in Tuscany to be precise, right now as this newsletter goes to print! Already they have experienced the magic of the Eternal City, Rome and they are currently enjoying the enchantment of the Italian countryside in Tuscany! Still on their itinerary are destinations which include Venice, Verona, Milan, Le Cinque Terre and Sienna! How amazing, no? Every two years Warrandyte High School offers this magical Italy experience! We look forward to hearing from our 2019 participants upon their return from Italy later this year.

Naplan

This month NAPLAN data became available.

We are very pleased with our students' NAPLAN data across all the areas of numeracy and literacy. Particularly exciting was our Year 7-9 reading data which featured strong, above state mean high growth. How wonderful, no? Teachers are already engaging in data analysis with the aim of generating an action plan to bring about even further improvement into 2020!

Leadership Experiences

Recently six of our Year 10 students participated in a weekend long leadership camp experience known as Rypen which they found very rewarding. A special thank you is extended to the Warrandyte Rotary club, with which we have a strong affiliation, for sponsoring these placements. Correct – all expenses were covered by the wonderful Rotary association! In fact, initially Rotary made available 4 sponsored places but the demand from our students was so strong (which is so fantastic) that Rotary magnanimously sponsored a fifth and sixth Year 10 student.

Let's hear from some of our Year 10 participants directly:

My experience at RYPEN:

When I first became aware of this unique opportunity, I applied mainly because I wanted to get out of the house for a few days. But now, I am truly glad I went on this camp and got to meet some brilliant people. On the first day I arrived, I was given a name tag and sat down on a table with people that I didn't know at all. But during the camp, we participated in numerous team bonding and trust activities with each other. After those activities, the gap between the other people in my team and I started to close



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School Captains:

Skye Gedye, Nicholas Dodds

and we began to become close friends even after just three days up in Mount Evelyn.

It truly was a wonderful time I had and I strongly recommend others to give it a go. You get to meet new people and perhaps become good friends with people who were complete strangers to you. I am hoping to apply next year to be a leader for a team with new people.

Fletcher Konynenburg, Yr10 student at Warrandyte High School

On the afternoon of Friday the 14th of September, 6 students from our school went to the RYPEN leadership camp, sponsored by the Rotary Club. When we arrived at the camp we were split up into colour groups so that we could meet totally different people. Everyone in my group was absolutely amazing and so friendly. Each group had a mentor and a leader and red groups were so friendly and caring. Every single activity we did at the camp was thoroughly planned out and everyone put so much effort into it.

We participated in trust and communication activities on the first night with our group. The next day (Saturday) we played more games and we also did Mission RYPEN - a group of activities that entailed rock climbing, crate stacking and climbing, low ropes course, water balloons, scavenger hunts and shadow charades.

Saturday night we had a dance party with the theme "through the decades". It was so much fun and everyone dressed up in some way or form. We then had a late night campfire where we all sang songs. Sunday morning we did an activity called 'Napoleons Castle', it was basically an escape room where we all had to work together to complete the puzzles in an hour.

Sadly our camp did have to come to an end, but we learnt so many useful lessons, and made so many fun memories. I would love to say thanks to Rotary Club for sponsoring us and to Warrandyte High School for making giving me this opportunity.



From the left: Emma Dodds, May Griffiths, Jessica Zheng, Sotir Stojanovic, Fletcher Konynenburg – Rypen Leadership Camp participants.

To anyone who is considering doing the camp, I would definitely encourage you to do it!

May Griffiths, Yr10 student at Warrandyte High School

The RYPEN camp was an enriching experience that enabled me to meet many amazing people. When we arrived at the RYPEN camp we were kindly greeted and then taught some engaging get to know you activities. After that, we were put into our colour group and we got to meet our colour group leader and mentor who guided us through the camp. After dinner, all of the groups made their own team flag which we used to cheer on our team throughout the rest of the camp.

Following this was a trivia quiz where we worked in our teams to answer the questions. These activities were a lot of fun and they enabled us to get to know our team mates and begin to build friendships with them.

The next day we began with a range of energiser and trust activities. We talked about what

personal identity means. This was very interesting as everyone had lots of relevant information to add to the conversation. Mission RYPEN was great, this involved each group rotating around different activities, trying to earn the most points through teamwork and skill. All of these points contributed to our 100 acts of kindness task where we aimed to get the most points in order to win money for the charity of our groups choosing.

I really enjoyed this camp and would recommend it to everyone. It was an engaging experience that allowed us to meet many new people and work together through a range of activities that were not only fun, but educational. I have made so many friends throughout this camp who I will definitely keep in contact with and I have made heaps of memories that I will never forget.

Emma Dodds, Year 10 Student at Warrandyte High School

Jo Caruana
Assistant Principal

Positive Behaviour WINNERS

Last week

- Year 7 - Alana West –for working well in Maths
- Year 8 - Emerson Humphris –for completing her maths work to a high standard
- Year 9 - Emily Myers – for having a positive attitude towards her learning
- Year 10 - Luke Myers – for demonstrating an excellent understanding of bones/ muscles in PE
- Year 11 - Ethan Stark –for keeping up to date & ahead in HHD
- Year 12 - Josh Fulton – for always being attentive and giving his best

This week

- Year 7 - Caden Young – kicking goals in Drama
- Year 8 – Brayden Plumridge – achieving great results in English
- Year 9 - Claire Le Clerq – for always quietly getting on with her classwork
- Year 10 – Oakie Oehlmann – for her diligence and taking up the challenge in Science
- Year 11 – Caitlyn Bull – Always willing to help her peers
- Year 12 - Alice Sawers - For being proactive in seeking assistance outside of class regularly

Christena Gazeas

Sport News

Intermediate Basketball

On Tuesday the 27 August 3 teams of Year 9 and 10 students made the journey to Dandenong Basketball stadium to represent WHS. Our Girls team was made up of several footy players but only one basketballer, with this in mind the girls should be very proud with their results, winning 1 match, drawing 1 and losing the other. Maddison Trewella did admirably as the team's lone basketball player, offering lots of tips and tricks to her teammates. The Boys A team faced some very tough opposition throughout the day, only managing one win, but proving to be very capable of playing high level basketball. The boys B team gelled as a team quickly and played to their strengths all day. The boys managed to make the final, where with less than a second to go a Nathan Hellings shot bounced on the ring four times for dramatic effect, before dropping in and WHS a two point win!

As teachers we were very impressed with the leadership and sportsmanship that was displayed by all students on the day, great job team!

Tim Jones
Sport Teacher



Year 7 Interschool Basketball and Hockey

On Friday 6 September all Year 7 students represented the school at the divisional Basketball and Hockey competitions. Students had been working hard throughout the term to develop their skills, learn new rules and develop their understanding of different tactics for their chosen sport. In total four Basketball teams and one Hockey team ventured out ready to compete against the other schools. Basketball headed to Dandenong stadium where throughout the day the teams played multiple games where they faced competition of differing abilities.

The boys A team was entered into the 'academy' division where they challenged themselves against teams of an extremely high calibre who train multiple times per week. The boys took this challenge on and whilst they did not come away with a win at all times they played great team basketball and continued to encourage and support each other throughout the games. The boys B team started off strongly winning their first 2 games. In their 3rd game the competition stepped up and whilst they worked well as a team some unlucky misses and eventual foul trouble meant the boys finished 2nd in their pool. The boys regrouped for their final to decide 3rd v 4th.

This game was extremely competitive with multiple lead changes however in the second half the boys refocused, played to their strengths and ended up coming away with a great win. On the girls side both teams were entered into the B division where all players were eager to compete. The girls A team were extremely strong in this division winning all their pool games and resulting in them competing off in the grand final. The grand final was the first time the girls had been really challenged during

the day however all team members stood up to the challenge. At half time the score difference was only 4 points and with a couple of minutes remaining and some girls getting into foul trouble the other school started their comeback. With some strong rebounding and excellent passing the girls hung on to win their division. An excellent result for the girls. The girls B team also faced some strong competition throughout the day winning a couple of their pool games resulting in them playing off for 5 v 6th. In true spirit the girls played a strong game and worked as a team to come away winning their final game. Of note 6 year 9 students (Lili Al Gawi, Kate Bean, Laura Beckett, Alayna Habel, Lovelia Harrison and Olivia Jennings) and 2 Year 10 students (Aaron Hewitt, Brady Poole) took on leadership positions on the day. In pairs they were responsible for a team each where they had to coach and score for their team.

At all times these students demonstrated excellent leadership skills. They worked exceptionally well with all the Year 7 students, ensuring their teams were ready for each game, continually encouraging all students and providing some great coaching tips. All student helpers should be very proud of their efforts as without their help the day would not have run as smoothly.

The Year 7 mixed hockey team not only had to face the challenges of the other schools but also had to deal with some cold and wet conditions. For many students this was the first time they had participated in a Hockey competition and throughout the day it was terrific to see the students skills develop and their understanding of the game, the different



rules and different strategies develop. On the day the students played a total of four games against some strong competition. Whilst the team did not come away with a win all students should be very proud of themselves. At no stage throughout the day did any student give up and they continued to challenging themselves to improve in each game and developed some excellent teamwork skills.

All year 7 students should be congratulated on their efforts and behaviour on the day. All students represented the school with pride and at all times demonstrated excellent teamwork skills and encouragement for each other and the other teams.

Katie Cook
Sports Leader

Vet Sport and Recreation Athletics Carnival



On Wednesday 28 August the unit 1&2 Vet Sport and Recreation students were involved in running the Warrandyte Primary School athletics carnival. As part of their course the students had to plan aspects of the day and then run the different events including setting up the track, running the track and field events and packing everything away.

Students took their responsibilities very seriously and worked exceptionally well as a team throughout the entire day.

The feedback from the primary school was extremely positive stating that the Warrandyte High School students made a huge difference in the running of the day. From meeting at 8:30 in the morning to set everything up till the end of the day where students were packing things away in the rain they were professional at all times. All staff from the primary school commented on how wonderful the students were, firstly in the way they interacted with the primary school students and secondly the professional manner in which they just got on with their jobs. The primary school PE teacher was blown away when she went down to start marshalling for the hurdles and the VET Sport and Recreation students already had it totally under control and knew exactly what they were doing.

It was also the fastest pack up of hurdles ever seen with all students completely involved and understanding of their roles and responsibilities. All events ran extremely smoothly and it was a fantastic learning experience for the VET Sport and Recreation students. I also was very proud in the way in which the students presented

themselves throughout the entire day (in somewhat difficult cold and wet conditions). At all times students were engaged in running their events or helping other students with their events whilst engaging with the primary school students and staff.

Congratulations to all the Vet Sport and Recreation students. They represented Warrandyte High School at the highest of level and all members of the high school community should be very proud of them. Already the primary school has started talking about further opportunities to make links between the primary school and high school to provide leadership opportunities to our students. This is something that both the primary school and high school look forward to continuing to develop. Congratulations to all those involved.

Katie Cook
VET Sport & Recreation



Warranwood Primary School

Spring Fair

Food Stalls

Art Show

*Pre-loved
Stall*

*Silent
Auction*



*Community
Displays*

*Market
Stalls*

Rides

Entertainment

Saturday

19 October

Noon to 7pm

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