From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 4 – a particularly important term for Year 12 students. Next week they will complete the last of the formal classes as they prepare for the exams ahead. It is always a time of mixed emotions for us as they finish thirteen years of formal schooling. As teachers we have emotional ties to the wellbeing of our students who we have invested in so heavily and though we feel sad that they are leaving us, we know they are well prepared and we are excited for them as they set out on the next stage of their journey through life.

A number of articles in this edition of Gang Gang describe another journey, the recently returned trip to Italy undertaken by twenty Warrandyte High School students and three staff. I will keep my description brief. The students were outstanding, the staff were fantastic, Italy was beautiful and the cultural exchange for our students was invaluable.

Outstanding and fantastic are also not unreasonable adjectives for the student and staff talent that was on display at the SRC organised ‘Warrandyte High’s Got Talent’ Quests held last week. Held over two days, this exceptionally well organized competition gave many brave and talented students the opportunity to display their outstanding musical and performance talents for the entertainment of their peers. The standard was consistently high and the audience was generous and appreciative. Congratulations to the SRC and to all the performers for putting on a wonderful show.

Then, not to be outdone, the staff followed up with their own Talent Quest. Once again the standard was high and thoroughly entertaining and the student audience was generous with its applause.

I am now looking forward excitedly to next week when the musical talent of Warrandyte High School students will again be on display at our Annual Music Concert.

Stephen Parkin
Principal
Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply: Contact the school general office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.

For more information about the EMA, visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx

Jill Treeby
Business Manager

Science News

Eureka Science Awards

For the last four years, Warrandyte High has been entering the Sleek Geeks Eureka Science Schools Prize. This national contest involves small groups of students making a three minute short film that communicates a scientific concept in an accessible and engaging way. In 2011, our music video, Hail Hail Hydrogen was awarded third place. Whilst we didn't make the finals this year, we'd like to congratulate both our 2013 entries.

Cassie Roberts, Year 10, entered “Action Cetaceans”, an entertaining, historical and biological study of whales. Cassie was one of the five Highly Commended, Secondary School entries. Cassie took the camera on the road, visiting a whaling museum, and more! Well done, and congratulations, Cassie (and her assistants). You can view Cassie’s entry here: http://australianmuseum.net.au/2013-Sleek-Geeks-Science-Eureka-Prize

Year 12 students, Claire Kopeitz and Billy Sunjo, demonstrated the old bed of nails trick in an amusing and engaging film, entitled (not surprisingly) “Bed of Nails”. Unfortunately, their film was not short listed, but their efforts were fantastic. Well done to Billy for braving the sharp nails and Claire for dressing in a genie outfit and editing the clip under a very tight deadline.

Claire Bloom and Dave Davies
Sport News

New Triathlon Victoria All Schools Series:

There is a new season of competition about to start with a schools competition this year. There are lots of prizes to win. Swim, bike and run in various distances from kids, mini and older events. If you are interested in joining our school team and participating in a triathlon please get in touch with Mrs Rayner. If you would like more information please go to:

http://www.starttofinish.com.au/content/race-information/gjv0vs

Try something new. It would be great to have a number of students participate in this series!

1. Year 7 Water Safety Day: This event has been on the calendar all year, it is such a valuable experience for our students to attend and work with Life Saving Victoria. Percentages of deaths or injuries are still massive around water. Please complete the permission forms and payment as soon as possible. You can access all the relevant information from Compass. If you would like further information please contact Mrs Rayner.

2. Sport lunch time competitions

It is time to decide who the home group champions are going to be for 2013. We are starting our lunch time competitions in each year group. The first sport will be half court basketball. So make a team and get to your year level’s event which will be Year 9 on a Monday, Year 7 on a Tuesday and Year 8 on a Wednesday.

Results and draws have been posted on the sports noticeboard outside the gym. Have a look and support your home group!

Clare Rayner
PE Leader

Humanities News

The last week of term three was a big one for the Year 7s, with lots of interesting and exciting things happening during the Humanities ALP. They watched ‘Around the World in 80 Days’ as inspiration, played some geography games and then started planning the trip of their lifetime. They had to budget for their trip to ten different cities around the world (including Pompeii), plan their routes, airfares and even accommodation. The week was finished off with an excursion to the Cinema Nova to watch a documentary on Pompeii, and a visit to the Melbourne Museum as well as plenty of prizes in our ‘Let's Get Quizzical’ Geography quiz.

Thanks to the staff that made it all happen: Ms Gazeas, Ms Forster-Muir, Ms McDonald, Mr Kahukiwa, Ms Lucy Hooke and Ms Bloom. We couldn't have made it happen without you.

Ms Dzur
Humanities Leader
Hello everyone!!

Yes, we are back and the Italy Trip was fantastic!!! If you were not aware, twenty Warrandyte students from different year levels left, together with Dr Parkin, Ms Butterworth and myself on the 14 September to spend two weeks travelling around Italy. We were blessed by wonderful weather throughout our stay. September is the best month to travel around Europe!!

Rome was our first stop. The students were astounded by the sheer beauty of this ancient city. Our hotel was located in the very heart of Rome and its historical centre. Walking distance from the major sights: the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Roman Forum, Piazza Navona, Campo di Fiori, Fontana di Trevi, Piazza di Spagna etc. The students did a lot of walking and wonderful sightseeing, with the help of a great tour guide who revealed the beauty of the ancient buildings and the treasures of Saint Peter and the Vatican Museums. As the locals do, every day we experienced walking on the cobbled stone streets of the historical centre, not an easy task and watched in wonder as some of the women in high heels mastered the art beautifully. The hop on and hop off bus tours were god blessed whenever our feet were too sore to take another step. Lunching and dining in the eternal city was fantastic and we stopped many times for double and triple treats of ice cream in the best gelaterias in town. When not sightseeing, students went on wild shopping sprees equalled only to the ones in Florence.

On our way to our farm house retreat “Il Grande Prato”, to rest after our Roman stay, we stopped in Siena. A medieval city nestled in the Tuscan countryside; Siena is surrounded by imposing and perfectly preserved medieval walls. Students saw the most particular “Piazza” in the world. Piazza del Campo’s shell shaped square hosts one of the most famous festivals in the world: Il Palio di Siena, a medieval horse race which takes place right in the Piazza.

Il Grande Prato was a dream come true. Surrounded by secular poplars, pencil pines, olive trees and perched on a hill with stunning views of the surrounding countryside, it welcomed us with open arms together with the delightful owner. On the first evening, once settled in, students had their first cooking lesson: they learned how to make homemade pasta under the supervision of a middle aged local cook named Nina. She unravelled the mysteries of dough making. Students had their homemade pasta for dinner along with lots of other homemade goodies. The next day an inviting pool enticed us into slumbering all day on the lounge chairs. Students swam, read, chatted and sunbathed. The soft ring of a bell told us when it was time to have lunch, dinner and our second cooking lesson. This time students made pizza and “cantucci”, typical Tuscan dry biscuits. Our dinner on our last night at Il Grande Prato was spent eating many servings of pizza and cantucci.

Florence, like a true lady of the Middle Ages welcomed us. Brunelleschi’s red dome of Santa Maria Maggiore was the first of the many architectural wonders that this city lay before us. Like an open air museum the city showed us her ancient and renowned jewels; Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio, l’Accademia, Palazzo Pitti, il Battistero etc. etc. Students saw the majesty of Michelangelo’s David. Seen from close, the sculpture is majestic, as well as overpowering.

Students attended Italian classes in the morning in Florence and brushed up on their Italian, whilst the afternoons were left to do some more sightseeing and shopping. Although Florence was fenced off due to the city hosting an international cycling competition, this did not stop us from moving around, enjoying the food and the sights. On one of our afternoons off we went to Pisa. The Leaning Tower of Pisa was worth the trip. Students climbed to the top of the tower and enjoyed quite an “interesting” view of the city.
Our next and last stop before heading back home was Venice. The magical city of Venice showed us her jewels as we glided gracefully on the Canal Grande on the Vaporetto (the venetian water taxi) together with other tourists and local commuters. The old and yet beautiful facade of the ancient buildings on both sides of the canal were witness to many stories of the past. Shakespeare’s Othello seemed to be lurking at every corner ready to jump out. The students were left wordless when confronted by the vastness and romantic, timeless atmosphere of Piazza S. Marco. Especially at dusk, when the evening mist falls over the city, the square acquires a spell binding air. The Byzantine Cathedral bearing the same name, dazzled the students with its beauty. The tour guide amazed us with anecdotes of times gone by. The master glassmaker on the island of Murano entertained the students with the wonders of his craft. Not one student took the ferryboat back, without a “glass” memory of that afternoon excursion.

Needless to say what made this trip an absolute success were the students themselves. Many thanks go to them. They took everything in, learned a lot, listened patiently to my endless explanations and reveries and understood my nostalgic moments. They were for me a great source of energy and inspiration and to see that special look of happiness and surprise in their eyes wherever we went, was something wonderful to watch.

Many thanks also go to Dr Parkin and Ms Butterworth for their tireless and constant support throughout the trip. They were great travelling companions and we shared many a laughs in the course of the trip.

Can’t wait for our next trip!!

Antonella Bitta
Italian Teacher

Our journey started in Rome after two plane trips lasting a total of about nineteen hours, (thank goodness for inflight entertainment), and a stopover in Dubai for four hours. From the time we landed to the time we all dragged our suitcases up Hotel Dina’s stairs and settled into our rooms, we could see that Italy was going to be very different from Australia. In Rome we saw the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona and Campo de’ Fiori where we had most of our lunches in the market. We also discovered the Vatican, St Peter’s Basilica, the Colosseum and the Roman Forum with the help of our tour guide Lorenzo. For a bit of a history lesson we stopped at the ‘Time Elevator’, which I found really enjoyable. Over all Rome was beautiful in a way that can’t be explained.
On the way to the Il Grande Prato in Tuscany we stopped at Siena for an hour or so to look around and have lunch. When we arrived at Il Grande Prato I knew it was one of my favourites. It was a simple house up on top of a hill far away from the business of the city and on the way to the city of Florence. While we were in Florence we saw and went along the Ponte Vecchio, we used the Piazza del Duomo as our meeting point, saw David in all his glory, went for a walk all the way to San Marco’s Church. We also had our Italian lessons there, at the ABC Learning Centre.

Next stop Venice, I think I loved Venice the most because there were no cars, scooters, motorbikes not even a push bike. I would love to get lost in the streets there but our group only got lost once…or twice. When we were there we saw Piazza San Marco including the Church and Museum, travelled the Grand Canal, wandered the Rialto Bridge, viewed the Doges Palace and stuck out our hands in the Bridge of Sighs.

Italy was a magical place and I wish upon heaven and earth that I get to go back there one day. Thank you to the school for this wonderful opportunity.

Morgan Storey
Year 10 Student

Wow what an experience! We walked our legs off all over Rome, Florence and Venice. How lucky we were to have perfect weather for the whole time we were in Italy no rain at all, you could even say a bit hot on some days! This allowed us to walk everywhere in Rome, in and out of the ever present traffic to all the wonderful sights and experiences. We did catch the underground during the morning peak hour, another wonderful experience. How quickly we all learnt to keep an eye on each other and count to 20!

During cooking classes at our Farm Stay in the Tuscany region, one student did say that they don’t cook at home but this is fun. In Florence we had an extra obstacle, the Tuscany 2013 World Championship bike race through the streets of Florence. Each morning we had to be across the barricaded race track nice and early. Siena was outstanding, trying to understand what it would have been like living behind the stone wall and then there was Venice, terracotta rooves, beautiful buildings on the canals which come to life at night with the lights reflecting on the water. We really did get the feel of Italy through touch, sound and interaction.

Helene Butterworth
Leadership Acknowledgement

Congratulations to Chloe Davies, Maggie Elvin, Holly Mulder and Dale Smith Year 10 students who attended Warrandyte/Donvale Rotary dinner meeting reporting back on their participation at the Rotary ran Leadership camp earlier this year. All four students did a fantastic job and showed outstanding leadership.

Four Way Speaking Contest
Taylor Padfield and Chloe Davies Year 10 students represented Warrandyte High School this year in the Rotary Four Way Speaking Competition. Both students performed fantastically on the night and congratulations to Chloe Davies who made it through to the semi finals and competed Tuesday night. Chloe delivered a very informative speech on battery faming of pigs.

Uniform Shop has moved!
FCW at Warrandyte High School is now just up the corridor from where it was, enter via the same door. Open hours are Tuesday afternoons 3.00 – 3.45pm and Thursday mornings 8.00 – 9.30 am. Uniforms can also be ordered online at www.fcw.com.au.

VCE Jumpers for 2014
In order to enable the embroidery of the VCE Logo onto the school jumpers for 2014, any students who requires their existing jumper to be embroidered with VCE Logo, is to bring it to the school office by the date of their final assembly. The jumpers will be available for collection from the school office beginning of Term 1, 2014.

The jumper must be laundered prior to handing in, clearly named and placed in a named plastic bag with an envelope containing the $10 payment, before handing in to the school office. For students wishing to purchase a new jumper, please do so before being handed in for embroidery, following the same procedure.
For those students new to VCE, details are available in the Student Planner of the change of VCE School Uniform.

Senior School final assembly are as follows:

• Year 10 – 9.30 on Friday 13 December 2013
• Year 11 – 9.30 on Monday 9 December 2013

Full school uniform is required at these assemblies for all students. Reports will be distributed following the assemblies.

If you have any further questions regarding this process please contact the school on 9844 2749.

**Working Bee Sunday 27 October**

Our last working bee for 2013 will be on Sunday 27 October. The plan for the day is mulching, we have received a donation of mulch which needs to be spread around our gardens and we also have a few fix up jobs required.

We start working around 10am and finish for lunch (supplied) at around 12noon. It’s a fun morning and what a difference we make. Please fill in the attached form and drop it into the General Office or email me on butterworth.helene.h@edumail.vic.gov.au if you have any question or advice and it is great to know for catering who is coming on the day.

*Helene Butterworth*

*Executive Assistant*
Working Bees give every family an opportunity to assist in the improvement of the school grounds and buildings for our students.

**What is there to do?**

- Mulching garden beds
- Repair to wire fence
- Cleaning out of drains

Please bring along your shovels, barrows, building equipment.

Please complete and forward to the General Office.

I/we will be able to attend the Working Bee on 27 October

- or -

I/we are unable to attend this time, but enclose a donation of $20 to assist in building and grounds maintenance

Name: __________________________  Contact Number: ______________
Canteen News

The Canteen is trying out some delicious new home made recipes which include soup, various pasta bakes and jacket potatoes.

Daily specials are as follows – ordering would be appreciated.

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The Canteen is selling hot toasted sandwiches at recess for $2.50. Ham and cheese, and ham, cheese and tomato are available. Egg and bacon rolls are periodically available at recess as well.

Roster

Volunteers are always welcome in the canteen. If you are available on a Friday only, Karen is always able to change her day. The canteen staff look forward to seeing you in 2013.

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Cheryl Hart
Canteen Leader
ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2014, please telephone Carry On on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and applications should be submitted by 7 November 2013.
Talking Teens

Do you wonder why they aren’t listening to you or how to deal with their anger?
Do you want to maintain a connection with them?
How do we talk so they will listen?
Take some time out for parents
This is an opportunity to call in, ask questions, meet other parents and share ideas that work!

Who: Dads, mums & carers of teenagers 12 -18 years
When: Thursday 24 October - 21 November (5 weeks)
       7.00 – 9.00 pm
Where: Norwood Secondary School, Byron Road, Ringwood
Cost: Free (bookings essential)
Contact: Helena at Parentzone on 9735 6134 or mobile 0488 501 204

SPANISH CLASSES
The Victorian School of Languages at Doncaster Secondary College is considering introducing Spanish classes on Thursday afternoons (4:00 pm. to 6:30 p.m.) in 2014.
To have the language introduced, we need expressions of interest submitted ASAP. If your child could be interested in this potential Spanish class, please email your child’s name, grade, plus your name, address and phone number to Emma Freitas, at emma.barngeong@gmail.com this week.
As classes are government funded, fees are approximately $75 per year.
Templestowe Heights Primary School

Art and Craft Show

"It All Starts With An Idea"

Art show dates:
Grand opening
Friday 18th October
7.30-9PM
Family Day
Saturday 19th October
11-4PM

Student Art Work
Craft Stalls
Devonshire Tea
Raffles
Artist Workshop
Join in the Fun

Templestowe Heights Primary School
Warrandyte Community Centre

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Saturday 19 October
11.00 am – 3.00 pm
168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte
Come and explore the new Warrandyte Community Centre and enjoy a variety of family activities:

Free Kids Stuff
• Face painting
• Jumping castle
• Animal farm
• Art and craft

Join the Club
• Become a library member
• Join classes and workshops
• Find out more about memberships

Enjoy the Fun
• Community BBQ
• Music and entertainment
• Workshops and demonstrations
• Arts and historical displays
• Guided tours of the centre

Explore the Services
• Warrandyte Library
• Information Centre
• Warrandyte Diary
• Warrandyte Neighbourhood House
• Community Facilities

For more information visit
www.manningham.vic.gov.au or call 9840 9246
Victorian School of Languages

Is your child interested in learning another language?

At Doncaster Secondary College on Thursdays after school in 2014, the Victorian School of Languages will be offering:

Japanese

Greek

Chinese (Cantonese & Mandarin)

These classes are available to any Victorian school student.*

Grade 1 to Year 10 students: $70 per year

Year 11 & 12 VCE students: $85 per year

* Note: Overseas (non-permanent resident) students: please contact Area Manager

The Victorian School of Languages is a government language school within the Department of Education, consistently producing exceptionally high results in VCE languages every year. There are currently 55 languages offered through the Victorian School of Languages at 40 different schools around the state. Most classes run on Saturdays, but some run after school during the week. VSL also offers a range of Distance Education language programmes, through to VCE.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in one of the VSL languages offered on Thursdays at

VSL at Doncaster Secondary College, please contact us at:

Email: east1@vsl.vic.edu.au
Phone: 9840-0082

Information regarding other languages and other VSL centres can be found on the VSL website:


Or contact the VSL Head Office directly:

Email: vsl@vsl.vic.edu.au
Phone: 9474-0500
Warrandyte Junior Football Club

“It’s all about the kids”
Registration Day
Sunday 10 November 2013
Warrandyte Community Centre – Yarra Street

AGM 11:00 am
Football registration from midday

DISCOUNTS APPLY- Attend the AGM
- Registration on the day or prior

QUINTON’S SUPA IGA
How the locals like it.