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*Stephen Parkin*

*Principal*
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

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

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).
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**Contact:** School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is **28 February 2013**.

**Student Accident Insurance**

A reminder to parents that DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

_Jill Treeby_  
Business Manager

**Working Bee Sunday 17 March**

Our first working bee for 2013 will be on Sunday 17 March. Lunch will be supplied. Please see future editions of the newsletter for updates on all our working bee information.

_Helene Butterworth_  
Executive Assistant

**2013 Immunisations**

All Year 7 and Year 10 students along with Year 9 boys only have been issued with an immunisation package which includes information and an immunisation card which needs to be completed and returned to the General Office by Friday 15 March.

_Ann Brown_  
First Aid

**PE NEWS**

**Premier's Active Families Challenge:**

We are joining this challenge again this year as we are firm believers that physical activity promotes so many positive and valuable aspects of life.

For the period from 4 March to 14 April your challenge is to complete 30 minutes of activity each day and you could win prizes. Simply by registering your involvement you can gain discounts and free entrances to swimming pools, fitness centres, etc. For further information please see Mrs Rayner in the PE office, or visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge) Be rewarded for your hard work! Sign up and pass the message onto others.
Year 9 & 10 Lacrosse

Well done to all the participants in the lacrosse sessions. New skills were certainly developed alongside the strategies and tactics that the students already embrace within their other sports. This proves to the students that once developed, tactics and strategies are often transferable between different sports. We hope to continue to build within this sport and look forward to tackling some tournaments latter in the year.

Clare Rayner
PE Leader

Student Wellbeing News

Year 7 Clans Day and Peer Support

On Friday the 15 February all Year 7 students participated in our annual Clans Day event. It was a fabulous success with a myriad of events for all to become involved with. There was a ‘Countries’, Tug of War, ‘Up-Ball’, ‘Watermelon Rugby’, ‘Sculptionary’, a trivia competition and The Clans Challenge with flag making, costume designing and dancing and singing. All Year 7 students participated with determination and passion. It was wonderful to witness the culture of inclusion and support evident throughout the day. Congratulations to students in 7.3 who won the event for 2013.

The Peer Support Leaders were training hard in the past few days prior to the event, with Kate Wilde and myself. They also participated in the games and activities with significant commitment and demonstrated able leadership in their running of events on the day. Thanks and well done to you all:

Amy Silva
Caley Allan
Rachel Vardy
Kelly Miller
Isabel McCabe
April Krajnc
Tara Stafford
Angelica Black
Brittney Lucas Sewart
Chloe Knoll
Zara Jackson
Haley Paul
Maverick Knight
There will be more Peer Support organised and led events for Year 7’s coming up next week when we commence our Lunchtime activities program.

Year 10 Step-up Program

On Wednesdays during period 5 & 6 all Year 10 students (not participating in VET) are now involved in the Step Up program. This program is specially designed to support the academic development of our new senior students. We have already had our first guest speaker for the term when Adam from *Elevate Education* came out to talk with the students about ‘Time Management’ including how to develop study time tables. We have much more planned throughout the term including many hours of study time made available to complete class work and receive tutoring from the Step-up Staff.

Year 12 Big Love Conference

On Thursday 21 February we presented our annual *Study Skills and Motivational Conference: The BIG LOVE*, packed with fabulous speakers and workshops as stated below.

**Workshop A: Life in India** Presenter: **HUGH VAN CUYLENBURG** (From *The Resilience Project*). Hugh shared his inspirational story about a journey into the far-flung places of the Earth and the wisdom he gained. Hugh’s messages about Gratitude, Positivity, Kindness have been learned from Indian children with nothing and little to be optimistic about.

**Workshop B: Aiming High** Presenter: **STEVE MORRIS** (From *The Resilience Project & Richmond Football Club*) Steve provided a unique and entertaining take on career planning and setting and achieving goals to get what you want from your life.

**Workshop D: Study Skills Workshop.** Presenters: **ELEVATE EDUCATION** This very important time management session provided students with strategies for motivation and goal setting. It also assisted students to develop a study routine allowing for other parts of their lives such as socialising and part-time work and how to work smarter.

*Natalie Manser*
*Wellbeing Leader*
Music News

VCE Music is well and truly underway and our students are enthusiastic and improving their overall musicianship and performance skills at an excellent pace. All our VCE music students are also enrolled in the instrumental Music program and as a result we are now entitled to receive an exclusive one on one 50 minute lesson with their Instrumental Music Teacher during one of the students' weekly spare. This is made possible due to the Eastern Metropolitan Region rewarding VCE music students with extra funding toward their Instrumental Music Lessons. A great incentive for aspiring younger classroom and instrumental music students.

As a result of three of our VCE Music students playing piano as their first instrument, we are appointing local piano teacher Lucy Paris to teach at the school one day a week. Places are limited and we only have five 50 minute shared places left. These Piano students will share their 50 minutes with only one other student to ensure they will each get at least 25 minutes of exclusive tuition and then the other 25 minutes demonstrating their practice for their piano teacher. Lucy comes highly recommended and was responsible for training Clare Kopietz towards receiving an 'A' for her Unit 4 external VCE Piano performance exam 2012. So the standard of expertise of our Instrumental Music teachers is maintaining an exceptional elite professionalism.

Year 7 Recruitment Night was an excellent demonstration of positive advocacy from all our Music teachers, many Instrumental music students who performed in a micro concert band for the Year 7 cohort and their families. I wish to particularly commend our music captains Jenna McNamara and Nathan France who delivered an authentic and convincing endorsement for our program. Cranbourne Music were sensational in filling the redundant Billy Hyde shoes with an excellent display of musical instruments and accessories. They also offered an exception deal with a hire to purchase arrangement for any instrument.

I am thrilled with the achievements and direction of our music program within our Warrandyte High School Community.

Kal Stavropoulos
Music Leader

Library News

The Library is going to the dogs….

Welcome to 2013…..

One of the prime functions of the library is to encourage and inspire students to pick up a book and read. The importance of being a well-read and competent reader cannot be underestimated. If students wish to improve in all aspects of their education, picking up a book and reading is a good place to begin.

With this in mind the library runs a number of activities to encourage student (and staff) reading. And in term 1 our activities have a very doggy theme.
BOOK CLUBS

If you enjoy reading and sharing what you have read with others you should join one of our book clubs.

Book clubs meet at lunchtimes in the library 2 – 3 times a term.

There are three clubs:

Year 7 Book Club
Year 8-9 Book Club
Year 10 – 12 Book Club

If you are interested in joining a book club you should come to the library and sign up.

Meetings will be advertised on the Bulletin and on the noticeboard outside the library.

ON - LINE BOOK CLUB

If lunchtimes are too busy for you and you can’t make it to a book club but would like to share your reading with others students then why not join the WHS online Book Club. The name of the club is *Inside a Dog with the Light On* and you can join by going to [http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all](http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all) and requesting an invite to the club.

COMPETITIONS

There will be a number of dog inspired competitions running during the term so check out the noticeboard outside the library and the student bulletin for details.

*Visit the library soon – we have something to suit everyone’s tastes.*

Judy Steel

*Library Leader*

Canteen News

The new school year has started with a spate of hot weather that has seen ice-creams, icy poles and in particular slurpees being popular items. Did you know that the canteen also offers a wide range of Healthy Eating Options such as:

Fresh Healthy Rolls – salad wraps, chicken salad rolls/wraps & ham salad rolls and wraps

Vegetarian Options – falafel wraps & vegetarian salad rolls

Specials each day – spaghetti bolognase, chilli chicken wraps & souvlaki
Fresh Yoghurt & Coulis

Fruit juices

Lunches may be ordered before school and during recess. There is a separate counter to collect lunch orders that fast tracks service for students. There is a full menu and price list included in this Gang Gang.

**Daily specials are as follows** – ordering would be appreciated.

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*Cheryl Hart*

*Canteen Leader*
SANDWICHES $4.00
Salad, Chicken, Ham (low fat), Tuna, Curried Egg
Rolls and Pita Bread extra 50c.

EXTRAS $0.50
Ham (low fat), Chicken, Avocado, Cucumber, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Onion, Cheese (low fat)

SAUCES $0.20
Soy, Chilli, Mustard, Tomato, Mayonnaise

HOT FOOD
Steamed Dim Sim $1.00
Chicken Strip $1.50
Jumbo Sausage Roll $2.80
Noodles Chicken, Oriental, Beef $2.60
Hot Dog (low fat) $3.00
Soup (home made) & Roll $3.00
Pizza Ham & Pineapple; Margherita $4.00
Pies Chicken & Veg; Cottage; Beef $4.00
Vegetable Roll $4.00
Lasagne Meat $4.50
Hot Chicken Roll & Mayo $4.50
Falafel Wrap $5.00
Chicken Wraps $5.00

SNACKS
Fruit fresh $1.50
Frozen Yoghurt $1.50
Yoghurt & fruit coulis $2.20
Donuts jam ball $2.30
Smiths Chips, Shapes $2.40
Cookies $2.80

DRINKS
Up & Go Strawberry, Chocolate, Vanilla $2.30
Milo/Herbal Tea $1.50
200ml Just Juice $1.70
Frozen Prima & Spoon $2.00
Cans Soft Drink: Diet/Zero $3.00
375ml Pure Juice – various flavours $3.50
Bottled Water Pump $3.50
Mt Franklin $3.00
600ml Big M $3.50
600ml Bottles Soft Drink Diet/Zero $3.50
Sports Drinks, Lipton Iced Tea $3.50

ICY POLES/ICE CREAMS $0.60 to 3.20
Fruit Slushy $2.00

SPOONS & CUPS $0.20

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Friday Souvlaki – Chicken or Lamb

Orders only
Salad Plate with Meat Chicken or Tuna $6.00
Salad plate $5.00
Salad Tubs $4.50

Recess Only
Pizza Rounda $2.50
Hash Browns $1.00
Dim Sims $1.00
Cheese & Bacon Roll $2.20

Prices will be adjusted according to wholesale food prices
A 7 week program for mothers, fathers, partners, step-parents, carers who are supporting individuals with drug and alcohol issues

The Parent Support Program aims to –

• Develop skills and strategies that improve communication and family relationships

• Increase parental/carer confidence

• Reduce parental/carer stress and tension

• Increase parental/carer knowledge of drugs and alcohol

Commencing Tuesdays 12th February to 26th March, 2013

Includes handouts and refreshments

*****BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL *****

VENUE: 7 – 11 Shipley St, Box Hill
TIME: Evening 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
COST: Free
CONTACT: Emma at Anglicare on 9896 6322
VCE Support

Italian Conversation

Small classes with experienced tutor to support VCE students with their oral skills and oral exams.

**Thursdays 4.30pm -6.00pm**

Pines Learning

1/520 Blackburn Rd

Doncaster East 3109

Call 9842 6726 for further details

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Allergy Safe Food

Planning to Plate

Do you have family or friends with food allergies?

Suzanna Paxton, author, registered nurse and mother of 2 children with life threatening allergies will present 2 workshops

**Tuesday 5 March, 2013**

9am -12.30pm

Pines Learning

1/520 Blackburn Rd Doncaster East 3109

Gold coin donation to the Ilhan Allergy Foundation

**Bookings Essential on 9842 6726**
The Maroondah Rugby Club is undertaking a recruitment drive to attract players from Under 8 to 18’s for the 2013 season.

Can you please help by asking your school office to include the notice (shown below) in their next school newsletter and repeat for the next 2 weeks.

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**Maroondah Rugby Club**

**2013 Registration Day**

**Saturday 23 February**

**Griff Hunt Reserve**

**Lyons Road, North Croydon**

**10.30 am to 12.30 pm**

Rugby is a team sport, fun and energetic.

It’s a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and improve fitness.

Players wanted for all age groups including Under 8’s to 18’s.

Come along to renew your membership or become a new member of our great club. Have the opportunity to meet some of the Melbourne Rebels players and get an autograph or photo.

For more information contact: Robyn on 0411 477 306 or visit our website at: [www.maroondahrugby.com.au](http://www.maroondahrugby.com.au)

**Games are held early Saturday mornings**

**Season starts last weekend in April**

**Training: Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm**

**Come down and give rugby union a try!**
4 TEAMS IN A GRAND FINAL
2 FLAGS
WHAT A SEASON 2012
Play where the AFL Stars started
Paul Salmon Ess/Haw, Dean Bailey Ess/Melb Coach, Kevin Walsh
Ess, Gary O'Donnell Ess,
David Wirrpanda Eagles, Nick Malceski Swans & Sam Blease Melb.

$150 for 1st child in family; $100 for 2nd & subsequent children
New players are welcome in all age divisions including
U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17's.

REGISTRATIONS WELCOME.
Register NOW to Guarantee Your Place!
Please bring completed Registration forms, Payment by EFT (details on-line)
Further details are available at www.nrfc.com.au
or contact Brian Vellacott on
0405 700 717 for further information.

BE PART OF THE TEAM!
ALL AGES - ALL SIZES
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

REGISTRATION DAY:
SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013
11AM TO 4PM
ELTHAM RUGBY UNION CLUB
58 BRIDGE STREET, ELTHAM
ELTHAMRUGBY.COM.AU
FUN RUN
Saturday 2nd March 2013.
Race starts 8.30am sharp!

2.5km event:
Individual children and family entry
$5.00 per entry
(family is 1 entry & must cross finish together)

5km event:
Individual entries
Teams

Showbags for all participants

No roads!!
Start/finish at St Anne's.
Course: Domeney Sporting Ground & 100 Acres Reserve
Park Orchards.
FULLY MARSHALLED

Register on the day:
Registration opens 7.30am
at St Anne's Primary School
(please bring forms completed)

Post Early Registrations to:
St Anne's Primary School
Attn: Nina Foxwell,
54 Knees Road,
Park Orchards, 3114.

All enquiries:
Nina Foxwell 0409 564 724

2nd March 2013.
REGISTRATION FORM:
8.30am start
2.5km & 5km
$5.00 per entry

Course: St Anne's Primary School and 100 Acres Reserve.

Name:
Date of Birth:
Address:

Home Phone: ___________________ Mob: ___________________

Parent/Guardian (a valid ID):
Consent for Minor’s Entry:

School (if applicable):

Do you suffer from any medical conditions: ___________________
Do you suffer from any allergies: ___________________
If yes, please bring relevant medications on race day.

Parent/Guardian signature:

Payment on Race Day at Race Number Collection Desk.
Dates for your Diary

**February**
- Monday 25: VCE Theatre Studies Rehearsal
- Wednesday 27: Scribblit launch
- Thursday 28: Year 8 Sport Round Robin

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The dispute between the Australian Education Union and the State Government appears no closer to resolution and the AEU bans on organizing or participating in activities which require AEU members to work beyond 38 hours per week in 2013 is continuing. This ban seeks to highlight the often unrecognized and under-rewarded out-of-hours contribution made by AEU members to enable many school activities to be held. Camps which were booked last year with cancellation deadlines prior to 22 October 2012 are exempt from this ban. For this reason the Year 7 Camp, Year 8 Camp, Music Camp and Italian Tour will proceed this year. However, there is still a question mark over all other camps and out-of-school activities.

Stephen Parkin
Principal
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

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

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and

- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

  * i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).
Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

**Contact:** School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is **28 February 2013**.

**Student Accident Insurance**

A reminder to parents that DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

**Jill Treeby**  
*Business Manager*

**Working Bee Sunday 17 March**

Our first working bee for 2013 will be on Sunday 17 March. Lunch will be supplied. Please see future editions of the newsletter for updates on all our working bee information.

**Helene Butterworth**  
*Executive Assistant*

**2013 Immunisations**

All Year 7 and Year 10 students along with Year 9 boys only have been issued with an immunisation package which includes information and an immunisation card which needs to be completed and returned to the General Office by Friday 15 March.

**Ann Brown**  
*First Aid*

**PE NEWS**

**Premier's Active Families Challenge:**

We are joining this challenge again this year as we are firm believers that physical activity promotes so many positive and valuable aspects of life.

For the period from 4 March to 14 April your challenge is to complete 30 minutes of activity each day and you could win prizes. Simply by registering your involvement you can gain discounts and free entrances to swimming pools, fitness centres, etc. For further information please see Mrs Rayner in the PE office, or visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge) Be rewarded for your hard work! Sign up and pass the message onto others.
Year 9 & 10 Lacrosse

Well done to all the participants in the lacrosse sessions. New skills were certainly developed alongside the strategies and tactics that the students already embrace within their other sports. This proves to the students that once developed, tactics and strategies are often transferable between different sports. We hope to continue to build within this sport and look forward to tackling some tournaments latter in the year.

Clare Rayner
PE Leader

Student Wellbeing News

Year 7 Clans Day and Peer Support

On Friday the 15 February all Year 7 students participated in our annual Clans Day event. It was a fabulous success with a myriad of events for all to become involved with. There was a ‘Countries’, Tug of War, ‘Up-Ball’, ‘Watermelon Rugby’, ‘Sculptionary’, a trivia competition and The Clans Challenge with flag making, costume designing and dancing and singing. All Year 7 students participated with determination and passion. It was wonderful to witness the culture of inclusion and support evident throughout the day. Congratulations to students in 7.3 who won the event for 2013.

The Peer Support Leaders were training hard in the past few days prior to the event, with Kate Wilde and myself. They also participated in the games and activities with significant commitment and demonstrated able leadership in their running of events on the day. Thanks and well done to you all:

Amy Silva
Caley Allan
Rachel Vardy
Kelly Miller
Isabel McCabe
April Krajnc
Tara Stafford
Angelica Black
Brittney Lucas Sewart
Chloe Knoll
Zara Jackson
Haley Paul
Maverick Knight
There will be more Peer Support organised and led events for Year 7’s coming up next week when we commence our Lunchtime activities program.

**Year 10 Step-up Program**

On Wednesdays during period 5 & 6 all Year 10 students (not participating in VET) are now involved in the Step Up program. This program is specially designed to support the academic development of our new senior students. We have already had our first guest speaker for the term when Adam from *Elevate Education* came out to talk with the students about ‘Time Management’ including how to develop study time tables. We have much more planned throughout the term including many hours of study time made available to complete class work and receive tutoring from the Step-up Staff.

**Year 12 Big Love Conference**

On Thursday 21 February we presented our annual *Study Skills and Motivational Conference: The BIG LOVE*, packed with fabulous speakers and workshops as stated below.

**Workshop A: Life in India** Presenter: **HUGH VAN CUYLENBURG** (From *The Resilience Project*). Hugh shared his inspirational story about a journey into the far-flung places of the Earth and the wisdom he gained. Hugh’s messages about Gratitude, Positivity, Kindness have been learned from Indian children with nothing and little to be optimistic about.

**Workshop B: Aiming High** Presenter: **STEVE MORRIS** (From *The Resilience Project & Richmond Football Club*) Steve provided a unique and entertaining take on career planning and setting and achieving goals to get what you want from your life.

**Workshop D: Study Skills Workshop.** Presenters: **ELEVATE EDUCATION** This very important time management session provided students with strategies for motivation and goal setting. It also assisted students to develop a study routine allowing for other parts of their lives such as socialising and part-time work and how to work smarter.

*Natalie Manser*
*Wellbeing Leader*
Music News

VCE Music is well and truly underway and our students are enthusiastic and improving their overall musicianship and performance skills at an excellent pace. All our VCE music students are also enrolled in the instrumental Music program and as a result we are now entitled to receive an exclusive one on one 50 minute lesson with their Instrumental Music Teacher during one of the students' weekly spare. This is made possible due to the Eastern Metropolitan Region rewarding VCE music students with extra funding toward their Instrumental Music Lessons. A great incentive for aspiring younger classroom and instrumental music students.

As a result of three of our VCE Music students playing piano as their first instrument, we are appointing local piano teacher Lucy Paris to teach at the school one day a week. Places are limited and we only have five 50 minute shared places left. These Piano students will share their 50 minutes with only one other student to ensure they will each get at least 25 minutes of exclusive tuition and then the other 25 minutes demonstrating their practice for their piano teacher. Lucy comes highly recommended and was responsible for training Clare Kopietz towards receiving an 'A' for her Unit 4 external VCE Piano performance exam 2012. So the standard of expertise of our Instrumental Music teachers is maintaining an exceptional elite professionalism.

Year 7 Recruitment Night was an excellent demonstration of positive advocacy from all our Music teachers, many Instrumental music students who performed in a micro concert band for the Year 7 cohort and their families. I wish to particularly commend our music captains Jenna McNamara and Nathan France who delivered an authentic and convincing endorsement for our program. Cranbourne Music were sensational in filling the redundant Billy Hyde shoes with an excellent display of musical instruments and accessories. They also offered an exception deal with a hire to purchase arrangement for any instrument.

I am thrilled with the achievements and direction of our music program within our Warrandyte High School Community.

Kal Stavropoulos
Music Leader

Library News

The Library is going to the dogs…. 

Welcome to 2013…..

One of the prime functions of the library is to encourage and inspire students to pick up a book and read. The importance of being a well-read and competent reader cannot be underestimated. If students wish to improve in all aspects of their education, picking up a book and reading is a good place to begin.

With this in mind the library runs a number of activities to encourage student (and staff) reading. And in term 1 our activities have a very doggy theme.
BOOK CLUBS

If you enjoy reading and sharing what you have read with others you should join one of our book clubs.

Book clubs meet at lunchtimes in the library 2 – 3 times a term.

There are three clubs:
Year 7 Book Club
Year 8-9 Book Club
Year 10 – 12 Book Club

If you are interested in joining a book club you should come to the library and sign up.

Meetings will be advertised on the Bulletin and on the noticeboard outside the library.

ON - LINE BOOK CLUB

If lunchtimes are too busy for you and you can’t make it to a book club but would like to share your reading with others students then why not join the WHS online Book Club. The name of the club is *Inside a Dog with the Light On* and you can join by going to [http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all](http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all) and requesting an invite to the club.

COMPETITIONS

There will be a number of dog inspired competitions running during the term so check out the noticeboard outside the library and the student bulletin for details.

Visit the library soon – we have something to suit everyone’s tastes.

Judy Steel
Library Leader

Canteen News

The new school year has started with a spate of hot weather that has seen ice-creams, icy poles and in particular slurpees being popular items. Did you know that the canteen also offers a wide range of Healthy Eating Options such as:

- Fresh Healthy Rolls – salad wraps, chicken salad rolls/wraps & ham salad rolls and wraps
- Vegetarian Options – falafel wraps & vegetarian salad rolls
- Specials each day – spaghetti bolognaise, chilli chicken wraps & souvlaki
Fresh Yoghurt & Coulis

Fruit juices

Lunches may be ordered before school and during recess. There is a separate counter to collect lunch orders that fast tracks service for students. There is a full menu and price list included in this Gang Gang.

**Daily specials are as follows** – ordering would be appreciated.

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**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_
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- **Wednesday**  
  - Butter Chicken & Rice $5.00  
  - Hot Dog Cheese & Sauce $3.50
- **Thursday**  
  - Chicken Schnitzel  
  - Fish & Wedges
- **Friday**  
  - Souvlaki – Chicken or Lamb

**Orders only**

- Salad Plate with Meat Chicken or Tuna $6.00
- Salad plate $5.00
- Salad Tubs $4.50

**Recess Only**

- Pizza Rounda $2.50
- Hash Browns $1.00
- Dim Sims $1.00
- Cheese & Bacon Roll $2.20

Prices will be adjusted according to wholesale food prices
A 7 week program for mothers, fathers, partners, step-parents, carers who are supporting individuals with drug and alcohol issues

The Parent Support Program aims to –

• Develop skills and strategies that improve communication and family relationships

• Increase parental/carers confidence

• Reduce parental/carers stress and tension

• Increase parental/carers knowledge of drugs and alcohol

Commencing Tuesdays 12th February to 26th March, 2013

Includes handouts and refreshments

*****BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL*****

VENUE: 7 – 11 Shipley St, Box Hill
TIME: Evening 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
COST: Free
CONTACT: Emma at Anglicare on 9896 6322
VCE Support

Italian Conversation

Small classes with experienced tutor
to support VCE students with their
oral skills and oral exams.

**Thursdays 4.30pm -6.00pm**

Pines Learning
1/520 Blackburn Rd
Doncaster East 3109

Call 9842 6726 for further details

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Allergy Safe Food

Planning to Plate

Do you have family or friends with food allergies?

Suzanna Paxton, author, registered nurse and
mother of 2 children with life threatening allergies

will present 2 workshops

**Tuesday 5 March, 2013**

9am -12.30pm

Pines Learning
1/520 Blackburn Rd Doncaster East 3109

Gold coin donation to the Ilhan Allergy Foundation

**Bookings Essential on 9842 6726**
The Maroondah Rugby Club is undertaking a recruitment drive to attract players from Under 8 to 18’s for the 2013 season.

Can you please help by asking your school office to include the notice (shown below) in their next school newsletter and repeat for the next 2 weeks.

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**Maroondah Rugby Club**

**2013 Registration Day**

**Saturday 23 February**

**Griff Hunt Reserve**

**Lyons Road, North Croydon**

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Rugby is a team sport, fun and energetic.

It’s a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and improve fitness.

Players wanted for all age groups including Under 8’s to 18’s.

Come along to renew your membership or become a new member of our great club. Have the opportunity to meet some of the Melbourne Rebels players and get an autograph or photo.

For more information contact: Robyn on 0411 477 306 or visit our website at: [www.maroondahrugby.com.au](http://www.maroondahrugby.com.au)

Games are held early Saturday mornings

Season starts last weekend in April

Training: Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm

Come down and give rugby union a try!
4 TEAMS IN A GRAND FINAL
2 FLAGS
WHAT A SEASON 2012
Play where the AFL Stars started
Paul Salmon Ess/Haw, Dean Bailey Ess/Melb Coach, Kevin Walsh
Ess, Gary O'Donnell Ess,
David Wirrpanda Eagles, Nick Malceski Swans & Sam Blease Melb.

$150 for 1st child in family; $100 for 2nd & subsequent children
New players are welcome in all age divisions including
U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17’s.

REGISTRATIONS WELCOME.
Register NOW to Guarantee Your Place!
Please bring completed Registration forms, Payment by EFT (details on-line)
Further details are available at www.nrtc.com.au
or contact Brian Vellaclott on
0409 700 717 for further information.

BE PART OF THE TEAM!
ALL AGES - ALL SIZES
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

REGISTRATION DAY:
SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013
11AM TO 4PM
ELTHAM RUGBY UNION CLUB
58 BRIDGE STREET, ELTHAM
ELTHAMRUGBY.COM.AU
FUN RUN
Saturday 2nd March 2013.
Race starts 8.30am sharp!

2.5km event:
Individual children and family entry

$5.00 per entry
(by family is 1 entry & must cross finish together)

NO ROADS!!
Start/finish at St Anne’s.
Course: Domeney Sporting Ground & 100 Acres Reserve
Park Orchards.
FULLY MARSHALLED

Showbags for all participants

Register on the day:
Registration opens 7.30am
at St Anne’s Primary School
(please bring forms completed)

Post Early Registrations to:
St Anne’s Primary School
Attn: Nina Foxwell,
54 Knees Road,
Park Orchards, 3114.

All enquiries:
Nina Foxwell 0409 564 724

2nd March 2013.
REGISTRATION FORM:
Registration opens 7.30am
2.5km & 5km
$5.00 per entry

Course: St Anne’s Primary School and 100 Acres Reserve.

Name:
Date of Birth:
Address:

Home Phone: _______________ Mob: _______________

Parent/Guardian (1 adult only):

£ Signature: ____________________________

School (if applicable):

Do you suffer from any medical condition: ____________________

If you suffer from any medical condition please tick which one

If any ticked bring follow-up medications on race day.

Parent/Guardian (1 adult only):

Signature: ____________________________

Payment on Race Day at Race Number Collection Desk.
Dates for your Diary

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From the Principal

A blink of an eye and we are nearly halfway through the term! Classes have really settled and I have enjoyed going into rooms and seeing the learning that is taking place.

The Year 9 program, *Taking the Challenge*, is continuing to build on its impressive first year. The focus is on the unique challenges and delights of being a Year 9 student. There are whole group tasks, small group learning tasks and an individual extension project. Their small group project this term is creating a film and I look forward to viewing the finished products. The *Step Up* program, introduced this year extends the approach of the Taking the Challenge program into Year 10.

There is also some exciting changes taking place in Year 7 and 8 with the Active Learning Projects this year focussing on innovation in English, Maths, Science and Humanities. There will be much more on this in later editions of Gang Gang.

The Year 7 Clans Day was fantastic. Teachers were exhausted at the end of the day so it must have been fun! The day is a critical part of our transition strategy for our new Year 7 students and it was fabulous to witness the skill and enthusiasm of the Year 10 and 11 Peer Support Leaders who had undertaken a two day training program.

The Warrandyte High School House Swimming Sports held last Wednesday was a fabulous event. The weather could not have been kinder with blue skies and a cool breeze. The students looked wonderful decked out in their House colours and competed in good spirits for both individual and House glory. There will be a full report on this event in the next edition of Gang Gang.
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Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

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**Student Accident Insurance**

A reminder to parents that DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.  

   **Jill Treeby**  
   *Business Manager*

**Working Bee Sunday 17 March**

Our first working bee for 2013 will be on Sunday 17 March. Lunch will be supplied. Please see future editions of the newsletter for updates on all our working bee information.  

   **Helene Butterworth**  
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**2013 Immunisations**

All Year 7 and Year 10 students along with Year 9 boys only have been issued with an immunisation package which includes information and an immunisation card which needs to be completed and returned to the General Office by Friday 15 March.  

   **Ann Brown**  
   *First Aid*

**PE NEWS**

**Premier's Active Families Challenge:**

We are joining this challenge again this year as we are firm believers that physical activity promotes so many positive and valuable aspects of life.

For the period from 4 March to 14 April your challenge is to complete 30 minutes of activity each day and you could win prizes. Simply by registering your involvement you can gain discounts and free entrances to swimming pools, fitness centres, etc. For further information please see Mrs Rayner in the PE office, or visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge) Be rewarded for your hard work! Sign up and pass the message onto others.
Year 9 & 10 Lacrosse

Well done to all the participants in the lacrosse sessions. New skills were certainly developed alongside the strategies and tactics that the students already embrace within their other sports. This proves to the students that once developed, tactics and strategies are often transferable between different sports. We hope to continue to build within this sport and look forward to tackling some tournaments latter in the year.

Clare Rayner
PE Leader

Student Wellbeing News

Year 7 Clans Day and Peer Support

On Friday the 15 February all Year 7 students participated in our annual Clans Day event. It was a fabulous success with a myriad of events for all to become involved with. There was a ‘Countries’, Tug of War, ‘Up-Ball’, ‘Watermelon Rugby’, ‘Sculptionary’, a trivia competition and The Clans Challenge with flag making, costume designing and dancing and singing. All Year 7 students participated with determination and passion. It was wonderful to witness the culture of inclusion and support evident throughout the day. Congratulations to students in 7.3 who won the event for 2013.

The Peer Support Leaders were training hard in the past few days prior to the event, with Kate Wilde and myself. They also participated in the games and activities with significant commitment and demonstrated able leadership in their running of events on the day. Thanks and well done to you all:

Amy Silva
Caley Allan
Rachel Vardy
Kelly Miller
Isabel McCabe
April Krajnc
Tara Stafford
Angelica Black
Brittney Lucas Sewart
Chloe Knoll
Zara Jackson
Haley Paul
Maverick Knight
There will be more Peer Support organised and led events for Year 7’s coming up next week when we commence our Lunchtime activities program.

Year 10 Step-up Program

On Wednesdays during period 5 & 6 all Year 10 students (not participating in VET) are now involved in the Step Up program. This program is specially designed to support the academic development of our new senior students. We have already had our first guest speaker for the term when Adam from *Elevate Education* came out to talk with the students about ‘Time Management’ including how to develop study time tables. We have much more planned throughout the term including many hours of study time made available to complete class work and receive tutoring from the Step-up Staff.

Year 12 Big Love Conference

On Thursday 21 February we presented our annual *Study Skills and Motivational Conference: The BIG LOVE*, packed with fabulous speakers and workshops as stated below.

**Workshop A: Life in India** Presenter: **HUGH VAN CUYLENBURG** (From *The Resilience Project*). Hugh shared his inspirational story about a journey into the far-flung places of the Earth and the wisdom he gained. Hugh’s messages about Gratitude, Positivity, Kindness have been learned from Indian children with nothing and little to be optimistic about.

**Workshop B: Aiming High** Presenter: **STEVE MORRIS** (From *The Resilience Project & Richmond Football Club*) Steve provided a unique and entertaining take on career planning and setting and achieving goals to get what you want from your life.

**Workshop D: Study Skills Workshop.** Presenters: **ELEVATE EDUCATION** This very important time management session provided students with strategies for motivation and goal setting. It also assisted students to develop a study routine allowing for other parts of their lives such as socialising and part-time work and how to work smarter.

*Natalie Manser*  
*Wellbeing Leader*
Music News

VCE Music is well and truly underway and our students are enthusiastic and improving their overall musicianship and performance skills at an excellent pace. All our VCE music students are also enrolled in the instrumental Music program and as a result we are now entitled to receive an exclusive one on one 50 minute lesson with their Instrumental Music Teacher during one of the students' weekly spare. This is made possible due to the Eastern Metropolitan Region rewarding VCE music students with extra funding toward their Instrumental Music Lessons. A great incentive for aspiring younger classroom and instrumental music students.

As a result of three of our VCE Music students playing piano as their first instrument, we are appointing local piano teacher Lucy Paris to teach at the school one day a week. Places are limited and we only have five 50 minute shared places left. These Piano students will share their 50 minutes with only one other student to ensure they will each get at least 25 minutes of exclusive tuition and then the other 25 minutes demonstrating their practice for their piano teacher. Lucy comes highly recommended and was responsible for training Clare Kopietz towards receiving an 'A' for her Unit 4 external VCE Piano performance exam 2012. So the standard of expertise of our Instrumental Music teachers is maintaining an exceptional elite professionalism.

Year 7 Recruitment Night was an excellent demonstration of positive advocacy from all our Music teachers, many Instrumental music students who performed in a micro concert band for the Year 7 cohort and their families. I wish to particularly commend our music captains Jenna McNamara and Nathan France who delivered an authentic and convincing endorsement for our program. Cranbourne Music were sensational in filling the redundant Billy Hyde shoes with an excellent display of musical instruments and accessories. They also offered an exception deal with a hire to purchase arrangement for any instrument.

I am thrilled with the achievements and direction of our music program within our Warrandyte High School Community.

Kal Stavropoulos
Music Leader

Library News

The Library is going to the dogs….

Welcome to 2013…..

One of the prime functions of the library is to encourage and inspire students to pick up a book and read. The importance of being a well-read and competent reader cannot be underestimated. If students wish to improve in all aspects of their education, picking up a book and reading is a good place to begin.

With this in mind the library runs a number of activities to encourage student (and staff) reading. And in term 1 our activities have a very doggy theme.
**BOOK CLUBS**

If you enjoy reading and sharing what you have read with others you should join one of our book clubs.

Book clubs meet at lunchtimes in the library 2 – 3 times a term.

There are three clubs:

Year 7 Book Club

Year 8-9 Book Club

Year 10 – 12 Book Club

If you are interested in joining a book club you should come to the library and sign up.

Meetings will be advertised on the Bulletin and on the noticeboard outside the library.

**ON - LINE BOOK CLUB**

If lunchtimes are too busy for you and you can’t make it to a book club but would like to share your reading with others students then why not join the WHS online Book Club. The name of the club is *Inside a Dog with the Light On* and you can join by going to [http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all](http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all) and requesting an invite to the club.

**COMPETITIONS**

There will be a number of dog inspired competitions running during the term so check out the noticeboard outside the library and the student bulletin for details.

*Visit the library soon – we have something to suit everyone’s tastes.*

*Judy Steel*

*Library Leader*

**Canteen News**

The new school year has started with a spate of hot weather that has seen ice-creams, icy poles and in particular slurpees being popular items. Did you know that the canteen also offers a wide range of Healthy Eating Options such as:

Fresh Healthy Rolls – salad wraps, chicken salad rolls/wraps & ham salad rolls and wraps

Vegetarian Options – falafel wraps & vegetarian salad rolls

Specials each day – spaghetti bolognase, chilli chicken wraps & souvlaki
Fresh Yoghurt & Coulis

Fruit juices

Lunches may be ordered before school and during recess. There is a separate counter to collect lunch orders that fast tracks service for students. There is a full menu and price list included in this Gang Gang.

**Daily specials are as follows** – ordering would be appreciated.

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**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_
SANDWICHES     $4.00
Salad, Chicken, Ham (low fat), Tuna, Curried Egg
Rolls and Pita Bread extra 50c.

EXTRAS         $0.50
Ham (low fat), Chicken, Avocado, Cucumber, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Onion, Cheese (low fat)

SAUCES         $0.20
Soy, Chilli, Mustard, Tomato, Mayonnaise

HOT FOOD
Steamed Dim Sim $1.00
Chicken Strip $1.50
Jumbo Sausage Roll $2.80
Noodles Chicken, Oriental, Beef $2.60
Hot Dog (low fat) $3.00
Soup (home made) & Roll $3.00
Pizza Ham & Pineapple; Margherita $4.00
Pies Chicken & Veg; Cottage; Beef $4.00
Vegetable Roll $4.00
Lasagne Meat $4.50
Hot Chicken Roll & Mayo $4.50
Falafel Wrap $5.00
Chicken Wraps $5.00

SNACKS
Fruit fresh $1.50
Frozen Yoghurt $1.50
Yoghurt & fruit coulis $2.20
Donuts jam ball $2.30
Smiths Chips, Shapes $2.40
Cookies $2.80

DRINKS
Up & Go Strawberry, Chocolate, Vanilla $2.30
Milo/Herbal Tea $1.50
200ml Just Juice $1.70
Frozen Prima & Spoon $2.00
Cans Soft Drink: Diet/Zero $3.00
375ml Pure Juice – various flavours $3.50
Bottled Water Pump $3.50
Mt Franklin $3.00
600ml Big M $3.50

ICY POLES/ICE CREAMS $0.60 to 3.20
Fruit Slushy $2.00

SPONS & CUPS $0.20

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Orders only
Salad Plate with Meat Chicken or Tuna $6.00
Salad plate $5.00
Salad Tubs $4.50

Recess Only
Pizza Rounda $2.50
Hash Browns $1.00
Dim Sims $1.00
Cheese & Bacon Roll $2.20

Prices will be adjusted according to wholesale food prices
PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

A 7 week program for mothers, fathers, partners, step-parents, carers who are supporting individuals with drug and alcohol issues

The Parent Support Program aims to –

- Develop skills and strategies that improve communication and family relationships
- Increase parental/carer confidence
- Reduce parental/carer stress and tension
- Increase parental/carer knowledge of drugs and alcohol

Commencing Tuesdays 12th February to 26th March, 2013

Includes handouts and refreshments

*****BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL *****

VENUE: 7 – 11 Shipley St, Box Hill
TIME: Evening 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
COST: Free
CONTACT: Emma at Anglicare on 9896 6322
VCE Support

Italian Conversation
Small classes with experienced tutor to support VCE students with their oral skills and oral exams.

**Thursdays 4.30pm -6.00pm**

Pines Learning
1/520 Blackburn Rd
**Doncaster East 3109**
Call **9842 6726** for further details

Allergy Safe Food

Planning to Plate
Do you have family or friends with food allergies?

Suzanna Paxton, author, registered nurse and mother of 2 children with life threatening allergies will present 2 workshops

**Tuesday 5 March, 2013**

**9am -12.30pm**

Pines Learning
1/520 Blackburn Rd Doncaster East 3109

Gold coin donation to the Ilhan Allergy Foundation

**Bookings Essential on 9842 6726**
The Maroondah Rugby Club is undertaking a recruitment drive to attract players from Under 8 to 18’s for the 2013 season.

Can you please help by asking your school office to include the notice (shown below) in their next school newsletter and repeat for the next 2 weeks.

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**Maroondah Rugby Club**

**2013 Registration Day**

**Saturday 23 February**

**Griff Hunt Reserve**

**Lyons Road, North Croydon**

**10.30 am to 12.30 pm**

Rugby is a team sport, fun and energetic.

It’s a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and improve fitness.

Players wanted for all age groups including Under 8’s to 18’s.

Come along to renew your membership or become a new member of our great club. Have the opportunity to meet some of the Melbourne Rebels players and get an autograph or photo.

For more information contact: Robyn on 0411 477 306 or visit our website at: [www.maroondahrugby.com.au](http://www.maroondahrugby.com.au)

*Games are held early Saturday mornings*

*Season starts last weekend in April*

*Training: Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm*

Come down and give rugby union a try!
4 TEAMS IN A GRAND FINAL
2 FLAGS
WHAT A SEASON 2012
Play where the AFL Stars started
Paul Salmon Ess/Haw, Dean Bailey Ess/Melb Coach, Kevin Walsh
Ess, Gary O'Donnell Ess,
David Wirrpanda Eagles, Nick Malceski Swans & Sam Blease Melb.

$150 for 1st child in family; $100 for 2nd & subsequent children
New players are welcome in all age divisions including
U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17's.

REGISTRATIONS WELCOME.
Register NOW to Guarantee Your Place!
Please bring completed Registration forms, Payment by EFT (details on-line)
Further details are available at www.nrfc.com.au
or contact Brian Vellacott on
0409 700 717 for further information.

BE PART OF THE TEAM!
ALL AGES - ALL SIZES
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

REGISTRATION DAY:
SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013
11AM TO 4PM
ELTHAM RUGBY UNION CLUB
58 BRIDGE STREET, ELTHAM
ELTHAMRUGBY.COM.AU
FUN RUN
Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March 2013.
Race starts 8.30am sharp!

2.5km event:
Individual children and family entry
$5.00 per entry
(no family is 1 entry & must cross finish together)

5km event:
Individual entries
Teams

PRIZES AWARDED TO FIRST PLACE IN ALL CATEGORIES

NO ROADS!!
Start/finish at St Anne's.
Course: Domeney Sporting Ground & 100 Acres Reserve
Park Orchards.
FULLY MARSHALLED

Register on the day:
Registration opens 7.30am
at St Anne's Primary School
(please bring forms completed)

Post Early Registrations to:
St Anne's Primary School
Attn: Nina Foxwell,
54 Knees Road,
Park Orchards, 3114.

All enquiries:
Nina Foxwell 0409 564 724

2nd March 2013.
REGISTRATION FORM:
2.5km & 5km
$5.00 per entry
(age on day)

Course: St Anne’s Primary School and 100 Acres Reserve.

Name:
Date of Birth:
Address:

Contact Name:

School (if applicable):

Do you suffer from any medical conditions?

If you suffer from any medical conditions, please provide the following information:

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Parent/Guardian's Address:

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Payment on Race Day at Race Number Collection Desk.
Dates for your Diary

February
- Monday 25: VCE Theatre Studies Rehearsal
- Wednesday 27: Scribblit launch
- Thursday 28: Year 8 Sport Round Robin

March
- Monday 4: VCE Theatre Studies Rehearsal
- Tuesday 5: Year 12 Studio Arts Excursion
- Tuesday 5: Year 10 Parents Pathways Evening

From the Principal

A blink of an eye and we are nearly halfway through the term! Classes have really settled and I have enjoyed going into rooms and seeing the learning that is taking place.

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

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).
Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 28 February 2013.

Student Accident Insurance

A reminder to parents that DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

Jill Treeby  
Business Manager

Working Bee Sunday 17 March

Our first working bee for 2013 will be on Sunday 17 March. Lunch will be supplied. Please see future editions of the newsletter for updates on all our working bee information.

Helene Butterworth  
Executive Assistant

2013 Immunisations

All Year 7 and Year 10 students along with Year 9 boys only have been issued with an immunisation package which includes information and an immunisation card which needs to be completed and returned to the General Office by Friday 15 March.

Ann Brown  
First Aid

PE NEWS

Premier's Active Families Challenge:

We are joining this challenge again this year as we are firm believers that physical activity promotes so many positive and valuable aspects of life.

For the period from 4 March to 14 April your challenge is to complete 30 minutes of activity each day and you could win prizes. Simply by registering your involvement you can gain discounts and free entrances to swimming pools, fitness centres, etc. For further information please see Mrs Rayner in the PE office, or visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge Be rewarded for your hard work! Sign up and pass the message onto others.
Year 9 & 10 Lacrosse

Well done to all the participants in the lacrosse sessions. New skills were certainly developed alongside the strategies and tactics that the students already embrace within their other sports. This proves to the students that once developed, tactics and strategies are often transferable between different sports. We hope to continue to build within this sport and look forward to tackling some tournaments latter in the year.

Clare Rayner
PE Leader

Student Wellbeing News

Year 7 Clans Day and Peer Support

On Friday the 15 February all Year 7 students participated in our annual Clans Day event. It was a fabulous success with a myriad of events for all to become involved with. There was a ‘Countries’, Tug of War, ‘Up-Ball’, ‘Watermelon Rugby’, ‘Sculptionary’, a trivia competition and The Clans Challenge with flag making, costume designing and dancing and singing. All Year 7 students participated with determination and passion. It was wonderful to witness the culture of inclusion and support evident throughout the day. Congratulations to students in 7.3 who won the event for 2013.

The Peer Support Leaders were training hard in the past few days prior to the event, with Kate Wilde and myself. They also participated in the games and activities with significant commitment and demonstrated able leadership in their running of events on the day. Thanks and well done to you all:

Amy Silva
Caley Allan
Rachel Vardy
Kelly Miller
Isabel McCabe
April Krajnc
Tara Stafford
Angelica Black
Brittney Lucas Sewart
Chloe Knoll
Zara Jackson
Haley Paul
Maverick Knight
Year 10 Step-up Program

On Wednesdays during period 5 & 6 all Year 10 students (not participating in VET) are now involved in the Step Up program. This program is specially designed to support the academic development of our new senior students. We have already had our first guest speaker for the term when Adam from *Elevate Education* came out to talk with the students about ‘Time Management’ including how to develop study time tables. We have much more planned throughout the term including many hours of study time made available to complete class work and receive tutoring from the Step-up Staff.

Year 12 Big Love Conference

On Thursday 21 February we presented our annual Study Skills and Motivational Conference: The BIG LOVE, packed with fabulous speakers and workshops as stated below.

**Workshop A: Life in India** Presenter: **HUGH VAN CUYLENBURG** (From *The Resilience Project*). Hugh shared his inspirational story about a journey into the far-flung places of the Earth and the wisdom he gained. Hugh’s messages about Gratitude, Positivity, Kindness have been learned from Indian children with nothing and little to be optimistic about.

**Workshop B: Aiming High** Presenter: **STEVE MORRIS** (From *The Resilience Project & Richmond Football Club*) Steve provided a unique and entertaining take on career planning and setting and achieving goals to get what you want from your life.

**Workshop D: Study Skills Workshop.** Presenters: **ELEVATE EDUCATION** This very important time management session provided students with strategies for motivation and goal setting. It also assisted students to develop a study routine allowing for other parts of their lives such as socialising and part-time work and how to work smarter.

*Natalie Manser*
Wellbeing Leader
**Music News**

VCE Music is well and truly underway and our students are enthusiastic and improving their overall musicianship and performance skills at an excellent pace. All our VCE music students are also enrolled in the instrumental Music program and as a result we are now entitled to receive an exclusive one on one 50 minute lesson with their Instrumental Music Teacher during one of the students' weekly spare. This is made possible due to the Eastern Metropolitan Region rewarding VCE music students with extra funding toward their Instrumental Music Lessons. A great incentive for aspiring younger classroom and instrumental music students.

As a result of three of our VCE Music students playing piano as their first instrument, we are appointing local piano teacher Lucy Paris to teach at the school one day a week. Places are limited and we only have five 50 minute shared places left. These Piano students will share their 50 minutes with only one other student to ensure they will each get at least 25 minutes of exclusive tuition and then the other 25 minutes demonstrating their practice for their piano teacher. Lucy comes highly recommended and was responsible for training Clare Kopietz towards receiving an 'A' for her Unit 4 external VCE Piano performance exam 2012. So the standard of expertise of our Instrumental Music teachers is maintaining an exceptional elite professionalism.

Year 7 Recruitment Night was an excellent demonstration of positive advocacy from all our Music teachers, many Instrumental music students who performed in a micro concert band for the Year 7 cohort and their families. I wish to particularly commend our music captains Jenna McNamara and Nathan France who delivered an authentic and convincing endorsement for our program. Cranbourne Music were sensational in filling the redundant Billy Hyde shoes with an excellent display of musical instruments and accessories. They also offered an exception deal with a hire to purchase arrangement for any instrument.

I am thrilled with the achievements and direction of our music program within our Warrandyte High School Community.

*Kal Stavropoulos*

*Music Leader*

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**Library News**

The Library is going to the dogs…

Welcome to 2013….

One of the prime functions of the library is to encourage and inspire students to pick up a book and read. The importance of being a well-read and competent reader cannot be underestimated. If students wish to improve in all aspects of their education, picking up a book and reading is a good place to begin.

With this in mind the library runs a number of activities to encourage student (and staff) reading. And in term 1 our activities have a very doggy theme.
BOOK CLUBS
If you enjoy reading and sharing what you have read with others you should join one of our book clubs.

Book clubs meet at lunchtimes in the library 2 – 3 times a term.

There are three clubs:
Year 7 Book Club
Year 8-9 Book Club
Year 10 – 12 Book Club

If you are interested in joining a book club you should come to the library and sign up.

Meetings will be advertised on the Bulletin and on the noticeboard outside the library.

ON - LINE BOOK CLUB
If lunchtimes are too busy for you and you can’t make it to a book club but would like to share your reading with others students then why not join the WHS online Book Club. The name of the club is Inside a Dog with the Light On and you can join by going to http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all and requesting an invite to the club.

COMPETITIONS
There will be a number of dog inspired competitions running during the term so check out the noticeboard outside the library and the student bulletin for details.

Visit the library soon – we have something to suit everyone’s tastes.

Judy Steel
Library Leader

Canteen News
The new school year has started with a spate of hot weather that has seen ice-creams, icy poles and in particular slurpees being popular items. Did you know that the canteen also offers a wide range of Healthy Eating Options such as:

Fresh Healthy Rolls – salad wraps, chicken salad rolls/wraps & ham salad rolls and wraps
Vegetarian Options – falafel wraps & vegetarian salad rolls
Specials each day – spaghetti bolognaise, chilli chicken wraps & souvlaki
Fresh Yoghurt & Coulis

Fruit juices

Lunches may be ordered before school and during recess. There is a separate counter to collect lunch orders that fast tracks service for students. There is a full menu and price list included in this Gang Gang.

**Daily specials are as follows** – ordering would be appreciated.

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**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
**SANDWICHES**  $4.00
Salad, Chicken, Ham (low fat), Tuna, Curried Egg
Rols and Pita Bread extra 50c.

**EXTRAS**  $0.50
Ham (low fat), Chicken, Avocado, Cucumber, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Onion, Cheese (low fat)

**SAUCES**  $0.20
Soy, Chilli, Mustard, Tomato, Mayonnaise

**HOT FOOD**
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**SPOONS & CUPS**  $0.20

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### Specials @ $5.00

**Monday**
Chilli Chicken Sub
Falafel Wrap

**Tuesday**
Meatball Sub or Chicken Burger
or
Spaghetti Bolognaise

**Wednesday**
Butter Chicken & Rice $5.00
or
Hot Dog Cheese & Sauce $3.50

**Thursday**
Chicken Schnitzel
Fish & Wedges

**Friday**
Souvlaki – Chicken or Lamb

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### Orders only

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Prices will be adjusted according to wholesale food prices
PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

A 7 week program for mothers, fathers, partners, step-parents, carers who are supporting individuals with drug and alcohol issues

The Parent Support Program aims to –

• Develop skills and strategies that improve communication and family relationships

• Increase parental/carer confidence

• Reduce parental/carer stress and tension

• Increase parental/carer knowledge of drugs and alcohol

Commencing Tuesdays 12th February to 26th March, 2013

Includes handouts and refreshments

*****BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL *****

VENUE: 7 – 11 Shipley St, Box Hill
TIME: Evening 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
COST: Free
CONTACT: Emma at Anglicare on 9896 6322
**VCE Support**

**Italian Conversation**

Small classes with experienced tutor to support VCE students with their oral skills and oral exams.

**Thursdays 4.30pm -6.00pm**

**Pines Learning**

1/520 Blackburn Rd

**Doncaster East 3109**

Call **9842 6726** for further details

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**Allergy Safe Food**

**Planning to Plate**

Do you have family or friends with food allergies?

Suzanna Paxton, author, registered nurse and mother of 2 children with life threatening allergies will present 2 workshops

**Tuesday 5 March, 2013**

**9am -12.30pm**

**Pines Learning**

1/520 Blackburn Rd Doncaster East 3109

Gold coin donation to the Ilhan Allergy Foundation

**Bookings Essential on 9842 6726**
The Maroondah Rugby Club is undertaking a recruitment drive to attract players from Under 8 to 18’s for the 2013 season.

Can you please help by asking your school office to include the notice (shown below) in their next school newsletter and repeat for the next 2 weeks.

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**Maroondah Rugby Club**

**2013 Registration Day**

**Saturday 23 February**

**Griff Hunt Reserve**

**Lyons Road, North Croydon**

**10.30 am to 12.30 pm**

Rugby is a team sport, fun and energetic.

It’s a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and improve fitness.

Players wanted for all age groups including Under 8’s to 18’s.

Come along to renew your membership or become a new member of our great club. Have the opportunity to meet some of the Melbourne Rebels players and get an autograph or photo.

For more information contact: Robyn on 0411 477 306 or visit our website at: [www.maroondahrugby.com.au](http://www.maroondahrugby.com.au)

Games are held early Saturday mornings

Season starts last weekend in April

Training: Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm

**Come down and give rugby union a try!**
4 TEAMS IN A GRAND FINAL
2 FLAGS
WHAT A SEASON 2012
Play where the AFL Stars started
Paul Salmon Ess/Haw, Dean Bailey Ess/Melb Coach, Kevin Walsh
Ess, Gary O’Donnell Ess,
David Wirrpanda Eagles, Nick Malceski Swans & Sam Blease Melb.

$150 for 1st child in family; $100 for 2nd & subsequent children
New players are welcome in all age divisions including
U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17’s.

REGISTRATIONS WELCOME.
Register NOW to Guarantee Your Place!
Please bring completed Registration forms, Payment by EFT (details on-line)
Further details are available at www.nrfc.com.au
or contact Brian Vellacott on
0405 700 717 for further information.

BE PART OF THE TEAM!
ALL AGES - ALL SIZES
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

REGISTRATION DAY:
SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013
11AM TO 4PM
ELTHAM RUGBY UNION CLUB
58 BRIDGE STREET, ELTHAM
ELTHAMRUGBY.COM.AU
FUN RUN
Saturday 2nd March 2013.
Race starts 8.30am sharp!

2.5km event:
Individual children and family entry
$5.00 per entry
(no family is 1 entry & must cross finish together)

5km event:
Individual entries
Teams

NO ROADS!!
Start/finish at St Anne's.
Course: Domeney Sporting Ground & 100 Acres Reserve
Park Orchards.
FULLY MARSHALLED

Register on the day:
Registration opens 7.30am
at St Anne’s Primary School
(please bring forms completed)

Post Early Registrations to:
St Anne’s Primary School
Attn: Nina Foxwell,
54 Knees Road,
Park Orchards, 3114.

All enquiries:
Nina Foxwell 0409 564 724

2nd March 2013.
REGISTRATION FORM:
2.5km & 5km
$5.00 per entry
per entry

Course: St Anne’s Primary School and 100 Acres Reserve.

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Home Phone: Mob:

Parent/Guardian (if under 18):

Emergency Contact (Name):

School (if applicable):

Do you suffer from any medical condition:

If yes, please tick all that apply;

If yes, please bring relevant medications on race day.

If yes, please bring relevant medications on race day.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Payment on Race Day at Race Number Collection Desk.
From the Principal

A blink of an eye and we are nearly halfway through the term! Classes have really settled and I have enjoyed going into rooms and seeing the learning that is taking place.

The Year 9 program, Taking the Challenge, is continuing to build on its impressive first year. The focus is on the unique challenges and delights of being a Year 9 student. There are whole group tasks, small group learning tasks and an individual extension project. Their small group project this term is creating a film and I look forward to viewing the finished products. The Step Up program, introduced this year extends the approach of the Taking the Challenge program into Year 10.

There is also some exciting changes taking place in Year 7 and 8 with the Active Learning Projects this year focussing on innovation in English, Maths, Science and Humanities. There will be much more on this in later editions of Gang Gang.

The Year 7 Clans Day was fantastic. Teachers were exhausted at the end of the day so it must have been fun! The day is a critical part of our transition strategy for our new Year 7 students and it was fabulous to witness the skill and enthusiasm of the Year 10 and 11 Peer Support Leaders who had undertaken a two day training program.

The Warrandyte High School House Swimming Sports held last Wednesday was a fabulous event. The weather could not have been kinder with blue skies and a cool breeze. The students looked wonderful decked out in their House colours and competed in good spirits for both individual and House glory. There will be a full report on this event in the next edition of Gang Gang.
The leased netbooks have been distributed to Years 7&10 students and now all students in the school have access to anywhere, anytime learning. Whilst there is still a place for handwriting and drawing, this technology allows students to develop key skills that are absolutely essential in today’s environment.

After the recent Photo Day, the photographers commented on the polite and co-operative behaviour of our students. We had to manage this year without the theatre and the day went off without a hitch. There were only a few students out of uniform (bangles and jewellery or torn polo shirts). Please support us in ensuring that students are in correct uniform when they leave the house.

Top Designs
Congratulations to Year 12 students Riley Griffiths and Mollie Wilkins who have both had their work accepted into Top Designs 2013. This prestigious exhibition showcases the work of the top performing students across the State in Design based VCE subjects. In total 108 students have their work displayed. Of these, only 8 were chosen from VET Interactive Digital Multimedia. Of these 8 students, 2 come from Warrandyte High School. This is an outstanding achievement and Riley and Mollie (who both completed VET IDM in 2012 as an acceleration subject) and their teacher, Claire Bloom, deserve the highest praise. The exhibition runs from 15 March until 30 June at the Melbourne Museum.

Dates and Deadlines
An electronic copy of Dates and Deadlines (the school calendar of events) will be posted on the school website this week. A hard copy will also be posted out to all parents with the School Council ballot papers (see below article). Please note that the AEU work bans are likely to impact of some events currently included in Dates and Deadlines for 2013. I will inform parents of any changes as soon as I am aware of them.

School Council Elections
At the close of nominations the number of DEECD Employee nominations equalled the number of DEECD vacancies on the School Council. As such, I declare that Pamela Dunstall and Kathy Hooke are the successful candidates and I welcome them back onto the School Council. The number of Parent Member nominations exceeded the number of positions available on the Council so we will be proceeding to a ballot. Every eligible parent voter will receive further information from me regarding the ballot process, including ballot papers, over the next two weeks. The ballot closes at 4pm on Tuesday 19 March 2013.

AEU –Bans on activities outside the 38 hour working week
The dispute between the Australian Education Union and the State Government appears no closer to resolution and the AEU bans on organizing or participating in activities which require AEU members to work beyond 38 hours per week in 2013 is continuing. This ban seeks to highlight the often unrecognized and under-rewarded out-of-hours contribution made by AEU members to enable many school activities to be held. Camps which were booked last year with cancellation deadlines prior to 22 October 2012 are exempt from this ban. For this reason the Year 7 Camp, Year 8 Camp, Music Camp and Italian Tour will proceed this year. However, there is still a question mark over all other camps and out-of-school activities.

Stephen Parkin
Principal
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

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

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

  * i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).
Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

**Contact:** School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is **28 February 2013**.

**Student Accident Insurance**

A reminder to parents that DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

*Jill Treeby*

*Business Manager*

**Working Bee Sunday 17 March**

Our first working bee for 2013 will be on Sunday 17 March. Lunch will be supplied. Please see future editions of the newsletter for updates on all our working bee information.

*Helene Butterworth*

*Executive Assistant*

**2013 Immunisations**

All Year 7 and Year 10 students along with Year 9 boys only have been issued with an immunisation package which includes information and an immunisation card which needs to be completed and returned to the General Office by Friday 15 March.

*Ann Brown*

*First Aid*

**PE NEWS**

**Premier's Active Families Challenge:**

We are joining this challenge again this year as we are firm believers that physical activity promotes so many positive and valuable aspects of life.

For the period from 4 March to 14 April your challenge is to complete 30 minutes of activity each day and you could win prizes. Simply by registering your involvement you can gain discounts and free entrances to swimming pools, fitness centres, etc. For further information please see Mrs Rayner in the PE office, or visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge) Be rewarded for your hard work! Sign up and pass the message onto others.
Year 9 & 10 Lacrosse

Well done to all the participants in the lacrosse sessions. New skills were certainly developed alongside the strategies and tactics that the students already embrace within their other sports. This proves to the students that once developed, tactics and strategies are often transferable between different sports. We hope to continue to build within this sport and look forward to tackling some tournaments latter in the year.

Clare Rayner
PE Leader

Student Wellbeing News

Year 7 Clans Day and Peer Support

On Friday the 15 February all Year 7 students participated in our annual Clans Day event. It was a fabulous success with a myriad of events for all to become involved with. There was a ‘Countries’, Tug of War, ‘Up-Ball’, ‘Watermelon Rugby’, ‘Sculptionary’, a trivia competition and The Clans Challenge with flag making, costume designing and dancing and singing. All Year 7 students participated with determination and passion. It was wonderful to witness the culture of inclusion and support evident throughout the day. Congratulations to students in 7.3 who won the event for 2013.

The Peer Support Leaders were training hard in the past few days prior to the event, with Kate Wilde and myself. They also participated in the games and activities with significant commitment and demonstrated able leadership in their running of events on the day. Thanks and well done to you all:

Amy Silva
Caley Allan
Rachel Vardy
Kelly Miller
Isabel McCabe
April Krajnc
Tara Stafford
Angelica Black
Brittney Lucas Sewart
Chloe Knoll
Zara Jackson
Haley Paul
Maverick Knight
Year 10 Step-up Program

On Wednesdays during period 5 & 6 all Year 10 students (not participating in VET) are now involved in the Step Up program. This program is specially designed to support the academic development of our new senior students. We have already had our first guest speaker for the term when Adam from *Elevate Education* came out to talk with the students about ‘Time Management’ including how to develop study time tables. We have much more planned throughout the term including many hours of study time made available to complete class work and receive tutoring from the Step-up Staff.

Year 12 Big Love Conference

On Thursday 21 February we presented our annual *Study Skills and Motivational Conference: The BIG LOVE*, packed with fabulous speakers and workshops as stated below.

**Workshop A: Life in India** Presenter: *HUGH VAN CUYLENBURG* (From *The Resilience Project*). Hugh shared his inspirational story about a journey into the far-flung places of the Earth and the wisdom he gained. Hugh’s messages about Gratitude, Positivity, Kindness have been learned from Indian children with nothing and little to be optimistic about.

**Workshop B: Aiming High** Presenter: *STEVE MORRIS* (From *The Resilience Project & Richmond Football Club*) Steve provided a unique and entertaining take on career planning and setting and achieving goals to get what you want from your life.

**Workshop D: Study Skills Workshop.** Presenters: *ELEVATE EDUCATION* This very important time management session provided students with strategies for motivation and goal setting. It also assisted students to develop a study routine allowing for other parts of their lives such as socialising and part-time work and how to work smarter.

*Natalie Manser*
*Wellbeing Leader*
Music News

VCE Music is well and truly underway and our students are enthusiastic and improving their overall musicianship and performance skills at an excellent pace. All our VCE music students are also enrolled in the instrumental Music program and as a result we are now entitled to receive an exclusive one on one 50 minute lesson with their Instrumental Music Teacher during one of the students’ weekly spare. This is made possible due to the Eastern Metropolitan Region rewarding VCE music students with extra funding toward their Instrumental Music Lessons. A great incentive for aspiring younger classroom and instrumental music students.

As a result of three of our VCE Music students playing piano as their first instrument, we are appointing local piano teacher Lucy Paris to teach at the school one day a week. Places are limited and we only have five 50 minute shared places left. These Piano students will share their 50 minutes with only one other student to ensure they will each get at least 25 minutes of exclusive tuition and then the other 25 minutes demonstrating their practice for their piano teacher. Lucy comes highly recommended and was responsible for training Clare Kopietz towards receiving an 'A' for her Unit 4 external VCE Piano performance exam 2012. So the standard of expertise of our Instrumental Music teachers is maintaining an exceptional elite professionalism.

Year 7 Recruitment Night was an excellent demonstration of positive advocacy from all our Music teachers, many Instrumental music students who performed in a micro concert band for the Year 7 cohort and their families. I wish to particularly commend our music captains Jenna McNamara and Nathan France who delivered an authentic and convincing endorsement for our program. Cranbourne Music were sensational in filling the redundant Billy Hyde shoes with an excellent display of musical instruments and accessories. They also offered an exception deal with a hire to purchase arrangement for any instrument.

I am thrilled with the achievements and direction of our music program within our Warrandyte High School Community.

Kal Stavropoulos
Music Leader

Library News

The Library is going to the dogs….

Welcome to 2013…..

One of the prime functions of the library is to encourage and inspire students to pick up a book and read. The importance of being a well-read and competent reader cannot be underestimated. If students wish to improve in all aspects of their education, picking up a book and reading is a good place to begin.

With this in mind the library runs a number of activities to encourage student (and staff) reading. And in term 1 our activities have a very doggy theme.
BOOK CLUBS

If you enjoy reading and sharing what you have read with others you should join one of our book clubs.

Book clubs meet at lunchtimes in the library 2 – 3 times a term.

There are three clubs:

Year 7 Book Club
Year 8-9 Book Club
Year 10 – 12 Book Club

If you are interested in joining a book club you should come to the library and sign up.

Meetings will be advertised on the Bulletin and on the noticeboard outside the library.

ON - LINE BOOK CLUB

If lunchtimes are too busy for you and you can’t make it to a book club but would like to share your reading with others students then why not join the WHS online Book Club. The name of the club is Inside a Dog with the Light On and you can join by going to [http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all](http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all) and requesting an invite to the club.

COMPETITIONS

There will be a number of dog inspired competitions running during the term so check out the noticeboard outside the library and the student bulletin for details.

Visit the library soon – we have something to suit everyone’s tastes.

Judy Steel
Library Leader

Canteen News

The new school year has started with a spate of hot weather that has seen ice-creams, icy poles and in particular slurpees being popular items. Did you know that the canteen also offers a wide range of Healthy Eating Options such as:

Fresh Healthy Rolls – salad wraps, chicken salad rolls/wraps & ham salad rolls and wraps
Vegetarian Options – falafel wraps & vegetarian salad rolls
Specials each day – spaghetti bolognase, chilli chicken wraps & souvlaki
Fresh Yoghurt & Coulis

Fruit juices

Lunches may be ordered before school and during recess. There is a separate counter to collect lunch orders that fast tracks service for students. There is a full menu and price list included in this Gang Gang.

**Daily specials are as follows** – ordering would be appreciated.

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**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
**Warrandyte High School**

**Canteen Price List**

**February 2013**

- **Eat most**
- **Eat in moderation**
- **Stop and think**

### Sandwiches
- $4.00
- Salad, Chicken, Ham (low fat), Tuna, Curried Egg
- Rolls and Pita Bread extra 50c.

### Extras
- $0.50
- Ham (low fat), Chicken, Avocado, Cucumber, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Onion, Cheese (low fat)

### Sauces
- $0.20
- Soy, Chilli, Mustard, Tomato, Mayonnaise

### Hot Food

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### Snacks
- $1.50
- Fruit fresh
- $1.50
- Frozen Yoghurt
- $2.20
- Yoghurt & fruit coulis
- $2.30
- Donuts jam ball
- $2.40
- Smiths Chips, Shapes
- $2.80
- Cookies

### Drinks

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<td>Up &amp; Go Strawberry, Chocolate, Vanilla</td>
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<td>Milo/Herbal Tea</td>
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<td>Frozen Prima &amp; Spoon</td>
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### ICY POLES/ICE CREAMS
- $0.60 to 3.20
- Fruit Slushy                      | $2.00 |

### Spoons & Cups
- $0.20

### Specials @ $5.00

- **Monday**
  - Chilli Chicken Sub
  - Falafel Wrap
- **Tuesday**
  - Meatball Sub or Chicken Burger
  - Spaghetti Bolognaise
- **Wednesday**
  - Butter Chicken & Rice $5.00
  - Hot Dog Cheese & Sauce $3.50
- **Thursday**
  - Chicken Schnitzel
  - Fish & Wedges
- **Friday**
  - Souvlaki – Chicken or Lamb

### Orders only

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### Recess Only

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<td>Cheese &amp; Bacon Roll</td>
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Prices will be adjusted according to wholesale food prices.
PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

A 7 week program for mothers, fathers, partners, step-parents, carers who are supporting individuals with drug and alcohol issues

The Parent Support Program aims to –

• Develop skills and strategies that improve communication and family relationships

• Increase parental/carer confidence

• Reduce parental/carer stress and tension

• Increase parental/carer knowledge of drugs and alcohol

Commencing Tuesdays 12th February to 26th March, 2013

Includes handouts and refreshments

*****BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL *****

VENUE: 7 – 11 Shipley St, Box Hill
TIME: Evening 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
COST: Free
CONTACT: Emma at Anglicare on 9896 6322
VCE Support

Italian Conversation

Small classes with experienced tutor to support VCE students with their oral skills and oral exams.

**Thursdays 4.30pm -6.00pm**

Pines Learning

1/520 Blackburn Rd

Doncaster East 3109

Call **9842 6726** for further details

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Allergy Safe Food

Planning to Plate

Do you have family or friends with food allergies?

Suzanna Paxton, author, registered nurse and mother of 2 children with life threatening allergies will present 2 workshops

**Tuesday 5 March, 2013**

9am -12.30pm

Pines Learning

1/520 Blackburn Rd Doncaster East 3109

Gold coin donation to the Ilhan Allergy Foundation

**Bookings Essential on 9842 6726**
The Maroondah Rugby Club is undertaking a recruitment drive to attract players from Under 8 to 18’s for the 2013 season.

Can you please help by asking your school office to include the notice (shown below) in their next school newsletter and repeat for the next 2 weeks.

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**Maroondah Rugby Club**

**2013 Registration Day**

**Saturday 23 February**

*Griff Hunt Reserve*

*Lyons Road, North Croydon*

*10.30 am to 12.30 pm*

Rugby is a team sport, fun and energetic.

It’s a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and improve fitness.

Players wanted for all age groups including Under 8’s to 18’s.

Come along to renew your membership or become a new member of our great club. Have the opportunity to meet some of the Melbourne Rebels players and get an autograph or photo.

For more information contact: Robyn on 0411 477 306 or visit our website at: [www.maroondahrugby.com.au](http://www.maroondahrugby.com.au)

*Games are held early Saturday mornings*

*Season starts last weekend in April*

*Training: Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm*

**Come down and give rugby union a try!**
4 TEAMS IN A GRAND FINAL
2 FLAGS
WHAT A SEASON 2012
Play where the AFL Stars started
Paul Salmon Ess/Haw, Dean Bailey Ess/Melb Coach, Kevin Walsh
Ess, Gary O'Donnell Ess,
David Wirrpanda Eagles, Nick Malceski Swans & Sam Blease Melb.

$150 for 1st child in family; $100 for 2nd & subsequent children
New players are welcome in all age divisions including
U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17's.

REGISTRATIONS WELCOME.
Register NOW to Guarantee Your Place!
Please bring completed Registration forms, Payment by EFT (details on-line)
Further details are available at www.nrtc.com.au
or contact Brian Velacott on
0409 700 717 for further information.

BE PART OF THE TEAM!
ALL AGES - ALL SIZES
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

REGISTRATION DAY:
SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013
11AM TO 4PM
ELTHAM RUGBY UNION CLUB
58 BRIDGE STREET, ELTHAM
ELTHAMRUGBY.COM.AU
FUN RUN
Saturday 2nd March 2013.
Race starts 8.30am sharp!

2.5km event:
Individual children and family entry
$5.00 per entry
(ie. family is 1 entry & must cross finish together)

5km event:
Individual entries
Teams

Showbags for all participants

PRIZES AWARDED TO FIRST PLACE IN ALL CATEGORIES

Register on the day:
Registration opens 7.30am
at St Anne’s Primary School
(please bring forms completed)

Post Early Registrations to:
St Anne’s Primary School
Attn: Nina Foxwell,
54 Knees Road,
Park Orchards, 3114.

All enquiries:
Nina Foxwell 0409 564 724

NO ROADS!!
Start/finish at St Anne’s.
Course: Domeney Sporting Ground & 100 Acres Reserve
Park Orchards.
FULLY MARSHALLED

2nd March 2013.
REGISTRATION FORM:
2.30am start
2.5km & 5km
$5.00 per entry

Date of Birth:
Address:
Home Phone: Mob:
Parent/Guardian (if under 18):

Do you suffer from any medical conditions?
If yes, please list:
If yes, please bring following medications on race day:

Parent/Guardian signature:
Payment on Race Day at Race Number Collection Desk.
From the Principal

A blink of an eye and we are nearly halfway through the term! Classes have really settled and I have enjoyed going into rooms and seeing the learning that is taking place.

The Year 9 program, *Taking the Challenge*, is continuing to build on its impressive first year. The focus is on the unique challenges and delights of being a Year 9 student. There are whole group tasks, small group learning tasks and an individual extension project. Their small group project this term is creating a film and I look forward to viewing the finished products. The *Step Up* program, introduced this year extends the approach of the Taking the Challenge program into Year 10.

There is also some exciting changes taking place in Year 7 and 8 with the Active Learning Projects this year focussing on innovation in English, Maths, Science and Humanities. There will be much more on this in later editions of Gang Gang.

The Year 7 Clans Day was fantastic. Teachers were exhausted at the end of the day so it must have been fun! The day is a critical part of our transition strategy for our new Year 7 students and it was fabulous to witness the skill and enthusiasm of the Year 10 and 11 Peer Support Leaders who had undertaken a two day training program.

The Warrandyte High School House Swimming Sports held last Wednesday was a fabulous event. The weather could not have been kinder with blue skies and a cool breeze. The students looked wonderful decked out in their House colours and competed in good spirits for both individual and House glory. There will be a full report on this event in the next edition of Gang Gang.
The leased netbooks have been distributed to Years 7 & 10 students and now all students in the school have access to anywhere, anytime learning. Whilst there is still a place for handwriting and drawing, this technology allows students to develop key skills that are absolutely essential in today's environment.

After the recent Photo Day, the photographers commented on the polite and co-operative behaviour of our students. We had to manage this year without the theatre and the day went off without a hitch. There were only a few students out of uniform (bangles and jewellery or torn polo shirts). Please support us in ensuring that students are in correct uniform when they leave the house.

**Top Designs**  
Congratulations to Year 12 students Riley Griffiths and Mollie Wilkins who have both had their work accepted into Top Designs 2013. This prestigious exhibition showcases the work of the top performing students across the State in Design based VCE subjects. In total 108 students have their work displayed. Of these, only 8 were chosen from VET Interactive Digital Multimedia. Of these 8 students, 2 come from Warrandyte High School. This is an outstanding achievement and Riley and Mollie (who both completed VET IDM in 2012 as an acceleration subject) and their teacher, Claire Bloom, deserve the highest praise. The exhibition runs from 15 March until 30 June at the Melbourne Museum.

**Dates and Deadlines**  
An electronic copy of Dates and Deadlines (the school calendar of events) will be posted on the school website this week. A hard copy will also be posted out to all parents with the School Council ballot papers (see below article). Please note that the AEU work bans are likely to impact of some events currently included in Dates and Deadlines for 2013. I will inform parents of any changes as soon as I am aware of them.

**School Council Elections**  
At the close of nominations the number of DEECD Employee nominations equalled the number of DEECD vacancies on the School Council. As such, I declare that Pamela Dunstall and Kathy Hooke are the successful candidates and I welcome them back onto the School Council. The number of Parent Member nominations exceeded the number of positions available on the Council so we will be proceeding to a ballot. Every eligible parent voter will receive further information from me regarding the ballot process, including ballot papers, over the next two weeks. The ballot closes at 4pm on Tuesday 19 March 2013.

**AEU – Bans on activities outside the 38 hour working week**  
The dispute between the Australian Education Union and the State Government appears no closer to resolution and the AEU bans on organizing or participating in activities which require AEU members to work beyond 38 hours per week in 2013 is continuing. This ban seeks to highlight the often unrecognized and under-rewarded out-of-hours contribution made by AEU members to enable many school activities to be held. Camps which were booked last year with cancellation deadlines prior to 22 October 2012 are exempt from this ban. For this reason the Year 7 Camp, Year 8 Camp, Music Camp and Italian Tour will proceed this year. However, there is still a question mark over all other camps and out-of-school activities.

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Eligibility:
To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.
  * i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at **29 January 2013** (Instalment One) and **15 July 2013** (Instalment Two).
Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

**Contact:** School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is **28 February 2013**.

**Student Accident Insurance**

A reminder to parents that DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

*Jill Treeby*

*Business Manager*

**Working Bee Sunday 17 March**

Our first working bee for 2013 will be on Sunday 17 March. Lunch will be supplied. Please see future editions of the newsletter for updates on all our working bee information.

*Helene Butterworth*

*Executive Assistant*

**2013 Immunisations**

All Year 7 and Year 10 students along with Year 9 boys only have been issued with an immunisation package which includes information and an immunisation card which needs to be completed and returned to the General Office by Friday 15 March.

*Ann Brown*

*First Aid*

**PE NEWS**

**Premier’s Active Families Challenge:**

We are joining this challenge again this year as we are firm believers that physical activity promotes so many positive and valuable aspects of life.

For the period from 4 March to 14 April your challenge is to complete 30 minutes of activity each day and you could win prizes. Simply by registering your involvement you can gain discounts and free entrances to swimming pools, fitness centres, etc. For further information please see Mrs Rayner in the PE office, or visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge) Be rewarded for your hard work! Sign up and pass the message onto others.
Year 9 & 10 Lacrosse

Well done to all the participants in the lacrosse sessions. New skills were certainly developed alongside the strategies and tactics that the students already embrace within their other sports. This proves to the students that once developed, tactics and strategies are often transferable between different sports. We hope to continue to build within this sport and look forward to tackling some tournaments latter in the year.

Clare Rayner
PE Leader

Student Wellbeing News

Year 7 Clans Day and Peer Support

On Friday the 15 February all Year 7 students participated in our annual Clans Day event. It was a fabulous success with a myriad of events for all to become involved with. There was a ‘Countries’, Tug of War, ‘Up-Ball’, ‘Watermelon Rugby’, ‘Sculptionary’, a trivia competition and The Clans Challenge with flag making, costume designing and dancing and singing. All Year 7 students participated with determination and passion. It was wonderful to witness the culture of inclusion and support evident throughout the day. Congratulations to students in 7.3 who won the event for 2013.

The Peer Support Leaders were training hard in the past few days prior to the event, with Kate Wilde and myself. They also participated in the games and activities with significant commitment and demonstrated able leadership in their running of events on the day. Thanks and well done to you all:

Amy Silva
Caley Allan
Rachel Vardy
Kelly Miller
Isabel McCabe
April Krajnc
Tara Stafford
Angelica Black
Brittney Lucas Sewart
Chloe Knoll
Zara Jackson
Haley Paul
Maverick Knight
Callum Grant
Dale Smith
Josh Kennedy
Jakeb Cullen-Hall
Holly Mulder
Maggie Elvin
Imogen Maillardet
Sarah Lawson

There will be more Peer Support organised and led events for Year 7’s coming up next week when we commence our Lunchtime activities program.

**Year 10 Step-up Program**

On Wednesdays during period 5 & 6 all Year 10 students (not participating in VET) are now involved in the Step Up program. This program is specially designed to support the academic development of our new senior students. We have already had our first guest speaker for the term when Adam from *Elevate Education* came out to talk with the students about ‘Time Management’ including how to develop study time tables. We have much more planned throughout the term including many hours of study time made available to complete class work and receive tutoring from the Step-up Staff.

**Year 12 Big Love Conference**

On Thursday 21 February we presented our annual Study Skills and Motivational Conference: The BIG LOVE, packed with fabulous speakers and workshops as stated below.

**Workshop A: Life in India** Presenter: **HUGH VAN CUYLENBURG** (From *The Resilience Project*). Hugh shared his inspirational story about a journey into the far-flung places of the Earth and the wisdom he gained. Hugh’s messages about Gratitude, Positivity, Kindness have been learned from Indian children with nothing and little to be optimistic about.

**Workshop B: Aiming High** Presenter: **STEVE MORRIS** (From *The Resilience Project & Richmond Football Club*) Steve provided a unique and entertaining take on career planning and setting and achieving goals to get what you want from your life.

**Workshop D: Study Skills Workshop.** Presenters: **ELEVATE EDUCATION** This very important time management session provided students with strategies for motivation and goal setting. It also assisted students to develop a study routine allowing for other parts of their lives such as socialising and part-time work and how to work smarter.

*Natalie Manser*

*Wellbeing Leader*
**Music News**

VCE Music is well and truly underway and our students are enthusiastic and improving their overall musicianship and performance skills at an excellent pace. All our VCE music students are also enrolled in the instrumental Music program and as a result we are now entitled to receive an exclusive one on one 50 minute lesson with their Instrumental Music Teacher during one of the students' weekly spare. This is made possible due to the Eastern Metropolitan Region rewarding VCE music students with extra funding toward their Instrumental Music Lessons. A great incentive for aspiring younger classroom and instrumental music students.

As a result of three of our VCE Music students playing piano as their first instrument, we are appointing local piano teacher Lucy Paris to teach at the school one day a week. Places are limited and we only have five 50 minute shared places left. These Piano students will share their 50 minutes with only one other student to ensure they will each get at least 25 minutes of exclusive tuition and then the other 25 minutes demonstrating their practice for their piano teacher. Lucy comes highly recommended and was responsible for training Clare Kopietz towards receiving an 'A' for her Unit 4 external VCE Piano performance exam 2012. So the standard of expertise of our Instrumental Music teachers is maintaining an exceptional elite professionalism.

Year 7 Recruitment Night was an excellent demonstration of positive advocacy from all our Music teachers, many Instrumental music students who performed in a micro concert band for the Year 7 cohort and their families. I wish to particularly commend our music captains Jenna McNamara and Nathan France who delivered an authentic and convincing endorsement for our program. Cranbourne Music were sensational in filling the redundant Billy Hyde shoes with an excellent display of musical instruments and accessories. They also offered an exception deal with a hire to purchase arrangement for any instrument.

I am thrilled with the achievements and direction of our music program within our Warrandyte High School Community.

*Kal Stavropoulos*

*Music Leader*

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**Library News**

The Library is going to the dogs….

Welcome to 2013…..

One of the prime functions of the library is to encourage and inspire students to pick up a book and read. The importance of being a well-read and competent reader cannot be underestimated. If students wish to improve in all aspects of their education, picking up a book and reading is a good place to begin.

With this in mind the library runs a number of activities to encourage student (and staff) reading. And in term 1 our activities have a very doggy theme.
**BOOK CLUBS**

If you enjoy reading and sharing what you have read with others you should join one of our book clubs.

Book clubs meet at lunchtimes in the library 2 – 3 times a term.

There are three clubs:

- Year 7 Book Club
- Year 8-9 Book Club
- Year 10 – 12 Book Club

If you are interested in joining a book club you should come to the library and sign up.

Meetings will be advertised on the Bulletin and on the noticeboard outside the library.

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**ON - LINE BOOK CLUB**

If lunchtimes are too busy for you and you can't make it to a book club but would like to share your reading with others students then why not join the WHS online Book Club. The name of the club is *Inside a Dog with the Light On* and you can join by going to [http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all](http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all) and requesting an invite to the club.

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**COMPETITIONS**

There will be a number of dog inspired competitions running during the term so check out the noticeboard outside the library and the student bulletin for details.

*Visit the library soon – we have something to suit everyone’s tastes.*

*Judy Steel*

*Library Leader*

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**Canteen News**

The new school year has started with a spate of hot weather that has seen ice-creams, icy poles and in particular slurpees being popular items. Did you know that the canteen also offers a wide range of Healthy Eating Options such as:

- Fresh Healthy Rolls – salad wraps, chicken salad rolls/wraps & ham salad rolls and wraps
- Vegetarian Options – falafel wraps & vegetarian salad rolls
- Specials each day – spaghetti bolognaise, chilli chicken wraps & souvlaki
Fresh Yoghurt & Coulis

Fruit juices

Lunches may be ordered before school and during recess. There is a separate counter to collect lunch orders that fast tracks service for students. There is a full menu and price list included in this Gang Gang.

**Daily specials are as follows** – ordering would be appreciated.

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**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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# Warrandyte High School Canteen Price List

**February 2013**

[Checklist]
- Eat most
- Eat in moderation
- Stop and think

## Sandwiches

**SANDWICHES**

- $4.00
  - Salad, Chicken, Ham (low fat), Tuna, Curried Egg
  - Rolls and Pita Bread extra 50c.

## Extras

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- $0.50
  - Ham (low fat), Chicken, Avocado, Cucumber, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Onion, Cheese (low fat)

## Sauces

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- $0.20
  - Soy, Chilli, Mustard, Tomato, Mayonnaise

## Hot Food

### Steamed Dim Sim

- $1.00

### Chicken Strip

- $1.50

### Jumbo Sausage Roll

- $2.80

### Noodles

- $2.60
  - Chicken, Oriental, Beef

### Hot Dog (low fat)

- $3.00

### Soup (home made) & Roll

- $3.00

### Pizza

- $4.00
  - Ham & Pineapple; Margherita

### Pies

- $4.00
  - Chicken & Veg; Cottage; Beef

### Vegetable Roll

- $4.00

### Lasagne

- $4.50

### Hot Chicken Roll & Mayo

- $4.50

### Falafel Wrap

- $5.00

### Chicken Wraps

- $5.00

## Snacks

### Fruit fresh

- $1.50

### Frozen Yoghurt

- $1.50

### Yoghurt & fruit coulis

- $2.20

### Donuts jam ball

- $2.30

### Smiths Chips, Shapes

- $2.40

### Cookies

- $2.80

## Drinks

### Up & Go Strawberry, Chocolate, Vanilla

- $2.30

### Milo/Herbal Tea

- $1.50

### 200ml Just Juice

- $1.70

### Frozen Prima & Spoon

- $2.00

### Cans Soft Drink: *Diet/Zero*

- $3.00

### 375ml Pure Juice – various flavours

- $3.50

### Bottled Water Pump

- $3.50
  - Mt Franklin
  - 600ml Big M
  - 600ml Bottles Soft Drink *Diet/Zero*
  - Sports Drinks, Lipton Iced Tea

### ICY POLES/ICE CREAMS

- $0.60 to 3.20
  - Fruit Slushy

### Spoons & Cups

- $0.20

### SPECIALS @ $5.00

**Monday**

- Chilli Chicken Sub
- Falafel Wrap

**Tuesday**

- Meatball Sub or Chicken Burger
- Spaghetti Bolognaise

**Wednesday**

- Butter Chicken & Rice $5.00
- Hot Dog Cheese & Sauce $3.50

**Thursday**

- Chicken Schnitzel
- Fish & Wedges

**Friday**

- Souvlaki – Chicken or Lamb

### Orders only

- **Salad Plate with Meat Chicken or Tuna** $6.00
- **Salad plate** $5.00
- **Salad Tubs** $4.50

### Recess Only

- **Pizza Rounda** $2.50
- **Hash Browns** $1.00
- **Dim Sims** $1.00
- **Cheese & Bacon Roll** $2.20

Prices will be adjusted according to wholesale food prices.
A 7 week program for mothers, fathers, partners, step-parents, carers who are supporting individuals with drug and alcohol issues

The Parent Support Program aims to –

• Develop skills and strategies that improve communication and family relationships

• Increase parental/carer confidence

• Reduce parental/carer stress and tension

• Increase parental/carer knowledge of drugs and alcohol

Commencing Tuesdays 12th February to 26th March, 2013

Includes handouts and refreshments

*****BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL*****

VENUE: 7 – 11 Shipley St, Box Hill
TIME: Evening 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
COST: Free
CONTACT: Emma at Anglicare on 9896 6322
VCE Support
Italian Conversation
Small classes with experienced tutor
to support VCE students with their
oral skills and oral exams.

**Thursdays 4.30pm -6.00pm**

Pines Learning
1/520 Blackburn Rd
Doncaster East 3109
Call 9842 6726 for further details

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Allergy Safe Food
Planning to Plate
Do you have family or friends with food allergies?
Suzanna Paxton, author, registered nurse and
mother of 2 children with life threatening allergies
will present 2 workshops

**Tuesday 5 March, 2013**

9am -12.30pm

Pines Learning
1/520 Blackburn Rd Doncaster East 3109
Gold coin donation to the Ilhan Allergy Foundation

**Bookings Essential on 9842 6726**
The Maroondah Rugby Club is undertaking a recruitment drive to attract players from Under 8 to 18’s for the 2013 season.

Can you please help by asking your school office to include the notice (shown below) in their next school newsletter and repeat for the next 2 weeks.

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**Maroondah Rugby Club**

**2013 Registration Day**

**Saturday 23 February**

**Griff Hunt Reserve**

**Lyons Road, North Croydon**

**10.30 am to 12.30 pm**

Rugby is a team sport, fun and energetic.

It’s a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and improve fitness.

Players wanted for all age groups including Under 8’s to 18’s.

Come along to renew your membership or become a new member of our great club. Have the opportunity to meet some of the Melbourne Rebels players and get an autograph or photo.

For more information contact: Robyn on 0411 477 306 or visit our website at: [www.maroondahrugby.com.au](http://www.maroondahrugby.com.au)

Games are held early Saturday mornings

Season starts last weekend in April

Training: Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm

Come down and give rugby union a try!
4 TEAMS IN A GRAND FINAL
2 FLAGS
WHAT A SEASON 2012
Play where the AFL Stars started
Paul Salmon Ess/Haw, Dean Bailey Ess/Melb Coach, Kevin Walsh
Ess, Gary O'Donnell Ess,
David Wirrpanda Eagles, Nick Malceski Swans & Sam Blease Melb.

$150 for 1st child in family; $100 for 2nd & subsequent children
New players are welcome in all age divisions including
U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17's.

REGISTRATIONS WELCOME.
Register NOW to Guarantee Your Place!
Please bring completed Registration forms, Payment by EFT (details on-line)
Further details are available at www.nlcfc.com.au
or contact Brian Velacott on
0409 700 717 for further information.

BE PART OF THE TEAM!
ALL AGES - ALL SIZES
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

REGISTRATION DAY:
SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013
11AM TO 4PM
ELTHAM RUGBY UNION CLUB
58 BRIDGE STREET ELTHAM
ELTHAMRUGBY.COM.AU
FUN RUN
Saturday 2nd March 2013.
Race starts 8.30am sharp!

2.5km event:
Individual children and family entry
$5.00 per entry
(ie family is 1 entry & must cross finish together)

5km event:
Individual entries
Teams

No roads!!
Start/finish at St Anne’s.
Course: Domeney Sporting Ground & 100 Acres Reserve
Park Orchards.
Fully marshalled

Prizes awarded
to first place in
all categories

Register on the day:
Registration opens 7.30am
at St Anne’s Primary School
(please bring forms completed)

Post Early Registrations to:
St Anne’s Primary School
Attn: Nina Foxwell,
54 Knees Road,
Park Orchards, 3114.

All enquiries:
Nina Foxwell 0409 564 724

Registration Form:
2.5km & 5km
$5.00 per entry

Course: St Anne’s Primary School and 100 Acres Reserve.

Name:
Date of Birth:
Address:

Home Phone: ____________ Mob: ____________

Parent/Guardian (if under 18):
Consent for Race/Event:

School (if applicable):

Do you suffer from any medical condition:
If you do, please tick below:

If you are under 18, please bring a signed parental consent form.

Parent/Guardian signature:
Payment on Race Day at Race Number Collection Desk.
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A blink of an eye and we are nearly halfway through the term! Classes have really settled and I have enjoyed going into rooms and seeing the learning that is taking place.

The Year 9 program, *Taking the Challenge*, is continuing to build on its impressive first year. The focus is on the unique challenges and delights of being a Year 9 student. There are whole group tasks, small group learning tasks and an individual extension project. Their small group project this term is creating a film and I look forward to viewing the finished products. The *Step Up* program, introduced this year extends the approach of the Taking the Challenge program into Year 10.

There is also some exciting changes taking place in Year 7 and 8 with the Active Learning Projects this year focusing on innovation in English, Maths, Science and Humanities. There will be much more on this in later editions of Gang Gang.

The Year 7 Clans Day was fantastic. Teachers were exhausted at the end of the day so it must have been fun! The day is a critical part of our transition strategy for our new Year 7 students and it was fabulous to witness the skill and enthusiasm of the Year 10 and 11 Peer Support Leaders who had undertaken a two day training program.

The Warrandyte High School House Swimming Sports held last Wednesday was a fabulous event. The weather could not have been kinder with blue skies and a cool breeze. The students looked wonderful decked out in their House colours and competed in good spirits for both individual and House glory. There will be a full report on this event in the next edition of Gang Gang.
The leased netbooks have been distributed to Years 7&10 students and now all students in the school have access to anywhere, anytime learning. Whilst there is still a place for handwriting and drawing, this technology allows students to develop key skills that are absolutely essential in today’s environment.

After the recent Photo Day, the photographers commented on the polite and co-operative behaviour of our students. We had to manage this year without the theatre and the day went off without a hitch. There were only a few students out of uniform (bangles and jewellery or torn polo shirts). Please support us in ensuring that students are in correct uniform when they leave the house.

**Top Designs**

Congratulations to Year 12 students Riley Griffiths and Mollie Wilkins who have both had their work accepted into Top Designs 2013. This prestigious exhibition showcases the work of the top performing students across the State in Design based VCE subjects. In total 108 students have their work displayed. Of these, only 8 were chosen from VET Interactive Digital Multimedia. Of these 8 students, 2 come from Warrandyte High School. This is an outstanding achievement and Riley and Mollie (who both completed VET IDM in 2012 as an acceleration subject) and their teacher, Claire Bloom, deserve the highest praise. The exhibition runs from 15 March until 30 June at the Melbourne Museum.

**Dates and Deadlines**

An electronic copy of Dates and Deadlines (the school calendar of events) will be posted on the school website this week. A hard copy will also be posted out to all parents with the School Council ballot papers (see below article). Please note that the AEU work bans are likely to impact of some events currently included in Dates and Deadlines for 2013. I will inform parents of any changes as soon as I am aware of them.

**School Council Elections**

At the close of nominations the number of DEECD Employee nominations equalled the number of DEECD vacancies on the School Council. As such, I declare that Pamela Dunstall and Kathy Hooke are the successful candidates and I welcome them back onto the School Council.

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- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at **29 January 2013** (Instalment One) and **15 July 2013** (Instalment Two).
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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

**Contact:** School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is **28 February 2013**.

**Student Accident Insurance**

A reminder to parents that DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

* **Jill Treeby**
  *Business Manager*

**Working Bee Sunday 17 March**

Our first working bee for 2013 will be on Sunday 17 March. Lunch will be supplied. Please see future editions of the newsletter for updates on all our working bee information.

* **Helene Butterworth**
  *Executive Assistant*

**2013 Immunisations**

All Year 7 and Year 10 students along with Year 9 boys only have been issued with an immunisation package which includes information and an immunisation card which needs to be completed and returned to the General Office by Friday 15 March.

* **Ann Brown**
  *First Aid*

**PE NEWS**

**Premier's Active Families Challenge:**

We are joining this challenge again this year as we are firm believers that physical activity promotes so many positive and valuable aspects of life.

For the period from 4 March to 14 April your challenge is to complete 30 minutes of activity each day and you could win prizes. Simply by registering your involvement you can gain discounts and free entrances to swimming pools, fitness centres, etc. For further information please see Mrs Rayner in the PE office, or visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge) Be rewarded for your hard work! Sign up and pass the message onto others.
Year 9 & 10 Lacrosse

Well done to all the participants in the lacrosse sessions. New skills were certainly developed alongside the strategies and tactics that the students already embrace within their other sports. This proves to the students that once developed, tactics and strategies are often transferable between different sports. We hope to continue to build within this sport and look forward to tackling some tournaments latter in the year.

Clare Rayner
PE Leader

Student Wellbeing News

Year 7 Clans Day and Peer Support

On Friday the 15 February all Year 7 students participated in our annual Clans Day event. It was a fabulous success with a myriad of events for all to become involved with. There was a ‘Countries’, Tug of War, ‘Up-Ball’, ‘Watermelon Rugby’, ‘Sculpionary’, a trivia competition and The Clans Challenge with flag making, costume designing and dancing and singing. All Year 7 students participated with determination and passion. It was wonderful to witness the culture of inclusion and support evident throughout the day. Congratulations to students in 7.3 who won the event for 2013.

The Peer Support Leaders were training hard in the past few days prior to the event, with Kate Wilde and myself. They also participated in the games and activities with significant commitment and demonstrated able leadership in their running of events on the day. Thanks and well done to you all:

Amy Silva
Caley Allan
Rachel Vardy
Kelly Miller
Isabel McCabe
April Krajnc
Tara Stafford
Angelica Black
Brittney Lucas Sewart
Chloe Knoll
Zara Jackson
Haley Paul
Maverick Knight
There will be more Peer Support organised and led events for Year 7’s coming up next week when we commence our Lunchtime activities program.

**Year 10 Step-up Program**

On Wednesdays during period 5 & 6 all Year 10 students (not participating in VET) are now involved in the Step Up program. This program is specially designed to support the academic development of our new senior students. We have already had our first guest speaker for the term when Adam from *Elevate Education* came out to talk with the students about ‘Time Management’ including how to develop study time tables. We have much more planned throughout the term including many hours of study time made available to complete class work and receive tutoring from the Step-up Staff.

**Year 12 Big Love Conference**

On Thursday 21 February we presented our annual *Study Skills and Motivational Conference: The BIG LOVE*, packed with fabulous speakers and workshops as stated below.

**Workshop A: Life in India** Presenter: *HUGH VAN CUYLENBURG* (From *The Resilience Project*). Hugh shared his inspirational story about a journey into the far-flung places of the Earth and the wisdom he gained. Hugh’s messages about Gratitude, Positivity, Kindness have been learned from Indian children with nothing and little to be optimistic about.

**Workshop B: Aiming High** Presenter: *STEVE MORRIS* (From *The Resilience Project & Richmond Football Club*) Steve provided a unique and entertaining take on career planning and setting and achieving goals to get what you want from your life.

**Workshop D: Study Skills Workshop.** Presenters: *ELEVATE EDUCATION* This very important time management session provided students with strategies for motivation and goal setting. It also assisted students to develop a study routine allowing for other parts of their lives such as socialising and part-time work and how to work smarter.

*Natalie Manser*  
*Wellbeing Leader*
Music News

VCE Music is well and truly underway and our students are enthusiastic and improving their overall musicianship and performance skills at an excellent pace. All our VCE music students are also enrolled in the instrumental Music program and as a result we are now entitled to receive an exclusive one on one 50 minute lesson with their Instrumental Music Teacher during one of the students' weekly spare. This is made possible due to the Eastern Metropolitan Region rewarding VCE music students with extra funding toward their Instrumental Music Lessons. A great incentive for aspiring younger classroom and instrumental music students.

As a result of three of our VCE Music students playing piano as their first instrument, we are appointing local piano teacher Lucy Paris to teach at the school one day a week. Places are limited and we only have five 50 minute shared places left. These Piano students will share their 50 minutes with only one other student to ensure they will each get at least 25 minutes of exclusive tuition and then the other 25 minutes demonstrating their practice for their piano teacher. Lucy comes highly recommended and was responsible for training Clare Kopietz towards receiving an 'A' for her Unit 4 external VCE Piano performance exam 2012. So the standard of expertise of our Instrumental Music teachers is maintaining an exceptional elite professionalism.

Year 7 Recruitment Night was an excellent demonstration of positive advocacy from all our Music teachers, many Instrumental music students who performed in a micro concert band for the Year 7 cohort and their families. I wish to particularly commend our music captains Jenna McNamara and Nathan France who delivered an authentic and convincing endorsement for our program. Cranbourne Music were sensational in filling the redundant Billy Hyde shoes with an excellent display of musical instruments and accessories. They also offered an exception deal with a hire to purchase arrangement for any instrument.

I am thrilled with the achievements and direction of our music program within our Warrandyte High School Community.

Kal Stavropoulos
Music Leader

Library News

The Library is going to the dogs….

Welcome to 2013…..

One of the prime functions of the library is to encourage and inspire students to pick up a book and read. The importance of being a well-read and competent reader cannot be underestimated. If students wish to improve in all aspects of their education, picking up a book and reading is a good place to begin.

With this in mind the library runs a number of activities to encourage student (and staff) reading. And in term 1 our activities have a very doggy theme.
BOOK CLUBS

If you enjoy reading and sharing what you have read with others you should join one of our book clubs.

Book clubs meet at lunchtimes in the library 2 – 3 times a term.

There are three clubs:

Year 7 Book Club
Year 8-9 Book Club
Year 10 – 12 Book Club

If you are interested in joining a book club you should come to the library and sign up.

Meetings will be advertised on the Bulletin and on the noticeboard outside the library.

ON - LINE BOOK CLUB

If lunchtimes are too busy for you and you can't make it to a book club but would like to share your reading with others students then why not join the WHS online Book Club. The name of the club is Inside a Dog with the Light On and you can join by going to http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all and requesting an invite to the club.

COMPETITIONS

There will be a number of dog inspired competitions running during the term so check out the noticeboard outside the library and the student bulletin for details.

Visit the library soon – we have something to suit everyone’s tastes.

Judy Steel
Library Leader

Canteen News

The new school year has started with a spate of hot weather that has seen ice-creams, icy poles and in particular slurpees being popular items. Did you know that the canteen also offers a wide range of Healthy Eating Options such as:

Fresh Healthy Rolls – salad wraps, chicken salad rolls/wraps & ham salad rolls and wraps

Vegetarian Options – falafel wraps & vegetarian salad rolls

Specials each day – spaghetti bolognaise, chilli chicken wraps & souvlaki
Fresh Yoghurt & Coulis

Fruit juices

Lunches may be ordered before school and during recess. There is a separate counter to collect lunch orders that fast tracks service for students. There is a full menu and price list included in this Gang Gang.

**Daily specials are as follows** – ordering would be appreciated.

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**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
## SANDWICHES
\$4.00
Salad, Chicken, Ham (low fat), Tuna, Curried Egg
Rolls and Pita Bread extra 50c.

## EXTRAS
\$0.50
Ham (low fat), Chicken, Avocado, Cucumber, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Onion, Cheese (low fat)

## SAUCES
\$0.20
Soy, Chilli, Mustard, Tomato, Mayonnaise

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## ICY POLES/ICE CREAMS
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Prices will be adjusted according to wholesale food prices.
A 7 week program for mothers, fathers, partners, step-parents, carers who are supporting individuals with drug and alcohol issues

The Parent Support Program aims to –

• Develop skills and strategies that improve communication and family relationships

• Increase parental/carer confidence

• Reduce parental/carer stress and tension

• Increase parental/carer knowledge of drugs and alcohol

Commencing Tuesdays 12th February to 26th March, 2013

Includes handouts and refreshments

*****BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL *****

VENUE: 7 – 11 Shipley St, Box Hill
TIME: Evening 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
COST: Free
CONTACT: Emma at Anglicare on 9896 6322
VCE Support
Italian Conversation
Small classes with experienced tutor
to support VCE students with their
oral skills and oral exams.

**Thursdays 4.30pm -6.00pm**

Pines Learning
1/520 Blackburn Rd
Doncaster East 3109
Call 9842 6726 for further details

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**Allergy Safe Food**
**Planning to Plate**

Do you have family or friends with food allergies?
Suzanna Paxton, author, registered nurse and
mother of 2 children with life threatening allergies
will present 2 workshops

**Tuesday 5 March, 2013**

9am -12.30pm

Pines Learning
1/520 Blackburn Rd Doncaster East 3109
Gold coin donation to the Ilhan Allergy Foundation

**Bookings Essential on 9842 6726**
The Maroondah Rugby Club is undertaking a recruitment drive to attract players from Under 8 to 18’s for the 2013 season.

Can you please help by asking your school office to include the notice (shown below) in their next school newsletter and repeat for the next 2 weeks.

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**Maroondah Rugby Club**

**2013 Registration Day**

**Saturday 23 February**

**Griff Hunt Reserve**

**Lyons Road, North Croydon**

**10.30 am to 12.30 pm**

Rugby is a team sport, fun and energetic.

It’s a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and improve fitness.

Players wanted for all age groups including Under 8’s to 18’s.

Come along to renew your membership or become a new member of our great club. Have the opportunity to meet some of the Melbourne Rebels players and get an autograph or photo.

For more information contact: Robyn on 0411 477 306 or visit our website at: [www.maroondahrugby.com.au](http://www.maroondahrugby.com.au)

Games are held early Saturday mornings

Season starts last weekend in April

Training: Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm

Come down and give rugby union a try!
4 TEAMS IN A GRAND FINAL
2 FLAGS
WHAT A SEASON 2012
Play where the AFL Stars started
Paul Salmon Ess/Haw, Dean Bailey Ess/Melb Coach, Kevin Walsh
Ess, Gary O’Donnell Ess,
David Wirrpanda Eagles, Nick Malceski Swans & Sam Blease Melb.

$150 for 1st child in family; $100 for 2nd & subsequent children
New players are welcome in all age divisions including
U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17’s.

REGISTRATIONS WELCOME.
Register NOW to Guarantee Your Place!
Please bring completed Registration forms, Payment by EFT (details on-line)
Further details are available at www.rrfc.com.au
or contact Brian Veilacott on
0405 700 717 for further information.

BE PART OF THE TEAM!
ALL AGES - ALL SIZES
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

REGISTRATION DAY:
SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013
11AM TO 4PM
ELTHAM RUGBY UNION CLUB
58 BRIDGE STREET, ELTHAM
ELTHAMRUGBY.COM.AU
FUN RUN
Saturday 2nd March 2013.
Race starts 8.30am sharp!

2.5km event:
Individual children and family entry

$5.00 per entry
(family is 1 entry & must cross finish together)

5km event:
Individual entries
Teams

Showbags for all participants
No roads!!
Start/finish at St Anne’s.
Course: Domeney Sporting Ground & 100 Acres Reserve
Park Orchards.
Fully marshalled

Register on the day:
Registration opens 7.30am
at St Anne’s Primary School
(please bring forms completed)

Post Early Registrations to:
St Anne’s Primary School
Attn: Nina Foxwell,
54 Knees Road,
Park Orchards, 3114.

All enquiries:
Nina Foxwell 0409 564 724

2nd March 2013.
REGISTRATION FORM:
2.5km & 5km
$5.00 per entry
Age on day:
Race No:

Course: St Anne’s Primary School and 100 Acres Reserve.

Name:
Date of Birth:
Address:

Home Phone: ___________ Mob: ___________

Parent/Guardian (a woman): ___________
Contact on Race Day: ___________

School (if applicable):

Do you suffer from any medical condition:

If yes, will it stop you:

If yes please bringbelow medication with you:

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Signature:

Payment on Race Day at Race Number Collection Desk.

Parish of St Anne’s & St Gerard’s.
Parish Centre: 54 Knees Road, Park Orchards 3114.
Telephone 9878 1509

Bounce Health Group

Go where the elite go!!
Dates for your Diary

February
Monday 25       VCE Theatre Studies Rehearsal
Wednesday 27    Scribblit launch
Thursday 28      Year 8 Sport Round Robin

March
Monday 4         VCE Theatre Studies Rehearsal
Tuesday 5        Year 12 Studio Arts Excursion
Tuesday 5        Year 10 Parents Pathways Evening

From the Principal

A blink of an eye and we are nearly halfway through the term! Classes have really settled and I have enjoyed going into rooms and seeing the learning that is taking place.

The Year 9 program, *Taking the Challenge*, is continuing to build on its impressive first year. The focus is on the unique challenges and delights of being a Year 9 student. There are whole group tasks, small group learning tasks and an individual extension project. Their small group project this term is creating a film and I look forward to viewing the finished products. The *Step Up* program, introduced this year extends the approach of the Taking the Challenge program into Year 10.

There is also some exciting changes taking place in Year 7 and 8 with the Active Learning Projects this year focussing on innovation in English, Maths, Science and Humanities. There will be much more on this in later editions of Gang Gang.

The Year 7 Clans Day was fantastic. Teachers were exhausted at the end of the day so it must have been fun! The day is a critical part of our transition strategy for our new Year 7 students and it was fabulous to witness the skill and enthusiasm of the Year 10 and 11 Peer Support Leaders who had undertaken a two day training program.

The Warrandyte High School House Swimming Sports held last Wednesday was a fabulous event. The weather could not have been kinder with blue skies and a cool breeze. The students looked wonderful decked out in their House colours and competed in good spirits for both individual and House glory. There will be a full report on this event in the next edition of Gang Gang.
The leased netbooks have been distributed to Years 7&10 students and now all students in the school have access to anywhere, anytime learning. Whilst there is still a place for handwriting and drawing, this technology allows students to develop key skills that are absolutely essential in today’s environment.

After the recent Photo Day, the photographers commented on the polite and co-operative behaviour of our students. We had to manage this year without the theatre and the day went off without a hitch. There were only a few students out of uniform (bangles and jewellery or torn polo shirts). Please support us in ensuring that students are in correct uniform when they leave the house.

**Top Designs**

Congratulations to Year 12 students Riley Griffiths and Mollie Wilkins who have both had their work accepted into Top Designs 2013. This prestigious exhibition showcases the work of the top performing students across the State in Design based VCE subjects. In total 108 students have their work displayed. Of these, only 8 were chosen from VET Interactive Digital Multimedia. Of these 8 students, 2 come from Warrandyte High School. This is an outstanding achievement and Riley and Mollie (who both completed VET IDM in 2012 as an acceleration subject) and their teacher, Claire Bloom, deserve the highest praise. The exhibition runs from 15 March until 30 June at the Melbourne Museum.

**Dates and Deadlines**

An electronic copy of Dates and Deadlines (the school calendar of events) will be posted on the school website this week. A hard copy will also be posted out to all parents with the School Council ballot papers (see below article). Please note that the AEU work bans are likely to impact of some events currently included in Dates and Deadlines for 2013. I will inform parents of any changes as soon as I am aware of them.

**School Council Elections**

At the close of nominations the number of DEECD Employee nominations equalled the number of DEECD vacancies on the School Council. As such, I declare that Pamela Dunstall and Kathy Hooke are the successful candidates and I welcome them back onto the School Council.

The number of Parent Member nominations exceeded the number of positions available on the Council so we will be proceeding to a ballot. Every eligible parent voter will receive further information from me regarding the ballot process, including ballot papers, over the next two weeks. The ballot closes at 4pm on Tuesday 19 March 2013.

**AEU – Bans on activities outside the 38 hour working week**

The dispute between the Australian Education Union and the State Government appears no closer to resolution and the AEU bans on organizing or participating in activities which require AEU members to work beyond 38 hours per week in 2013 is continuing. This ban seeks to highlight the often unrecognized and under-rewarded out-of-hours contribution made by AEU members to enable many school activities to be held. Camps which were booked last year with cancellation deadlines prior to 22 October 2012 are exempt from this ban. For this reason the Year 7 Camp, Year 8 Camp, Music Camp and Italian Tour will proceed this year. However, there is still a question mark over all other camps and out-of-school activities.

*Stephen Parkin*

*Principal*
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment:

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

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

  * i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).
Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

**Contact:** School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is **28 February 2013**.

**Student Accident Insurance**

A reminder to parents that DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

*Jill Treeby*

*Business Manager*

**Working Bee Sunday 17 March**

Our first working bee for 2013 will be on Sunday 17 March. Lunch will be supplied. Please see future editions of the newsletter for updates on all our working bee information.

*Helene Butterworth*

*Executive Assistant*

**2013 Immunisations**

All Year 7 and Year 10 students along with Year 9 boys only have been issued with an immunisation package which includes information and an immunisation card which needs to be completed and returned to the General Office by Friday 15 March.

*Ann Brown*

*First Aid*

**PE NEWS**

**Premier's Active Families Challenge:**

We are joining this challenge again this year as we are firm believers that physical activity promotes so many positive and valuable aspects of life.

For the period from 4 March to 14 April your challenge is to complete 30 minutes of activity each day and you could win prizes. Simply by registering your involvement you can gain discounts and free entrances to swimming pools, fitness centres, etc. For further information please see Mrs Rayner in the PE office, or visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge) Be rewarded for your hard work! Sign up and pass the message onto others.
**Year 9 & 10 Lacrosse**

Well done to all the participants in the lacrosse sessions. New skills were certainly developed alongside the strategies and tactics that the students already embrace within their other sports. This proves to the students that once developed, tactics and strategies are often transferable between different sports. We hope to continue to build within this sport and look forward to tackling some tournaments latter in the year.

*Clare Rayner  
PE Leader*

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**Student Wellbeing News**

**Year 7 Clans Day and Peer Support**

On Friday the 15 February all Year 7 students participated in our annual Clans Day event. It was a fabulous success with a myriad of events for all to become involved with. There was a ‘Countries’, Tug of War, ‘Up-Ball’, ‘Watermelon Rugby’, ‘Sculptionary’, a trivia competition and The Clans Challenge with flag making, costume designing and dancing and singing. All Year 7 students participated with determination and passion. It was wonderful to witness the culture of inclusion and support evident throughout the day. Congratulations to students in 7.3 who won the event for 2013.

The Peer Support Leaders were training hard in the past few days prior to the event, with Kate Wilde and myself. They also participated in the games and activities with significant commitment and demonstrated able leadership in their running of events on the day. Thanks and well done to you all:

Amy Silva  
Caley Allan  
Rachel Vardy  
Kelly Miller  
Isabel McCabe  
April Krajnc  
Tara Stafford  
Angelica Black  
Brittney Lucas Sewart  
Chloe Knoll  
Zara Jackson  
Haley Paul  
Maverick Knight
Callum Grant
Dale Smith
Josh Kennedy
Jakeb Cullen-Hall
Holly Mulder
Maggie Elvin
Imogen Maillardet
Sarah Lawson

There will be more Peer Support organised and led events for Year 7’s coming up next week when we commence our Lunchtime activities program.

**Year 10 Step-up Program**

On Wednesdays during period 5 & 6 all Year 10 students (not participating in VET) are now involved in the Step Up program. This program is specially designed to support the academic development of our new senior students. We have already had our first guest speaker for the term when Adam from *Elevate Education* came out to talk with the students about ‘Time Management’ including how to develop study time tables. We have much more planned throughout the term including many hours of study time made available to complete class work and receive tutoring from the Step-up Staff.

**Year 12 Big Love Conference**

On Thursday 21 February we presented our annual Study Skills and Motivational Conference: The BIG LOVE, packed with fabulous speakers and workshops as stated below.

**Workshop A: Life in India** Presenter: **HUGH VAN CUYLENBURG** (From *The Resilience Project*). Hugh shared his inspirational story about a journey into the far-flung places of the Earth and the wisdom he gained. Hugh’s messages about Gratitude, Positivity, Kindness have been learned from Indian children with nothing and little to be optimistic about.

**Workshop B: Aiming High** Presenter: **STEVE MORRIS** (From *The Resilience Project & Richmond Football Club*) Steve provided a unique and entertaining take on career planning and setting and achieving goals to get what you want from your life.

**Workshop D: Study Skills Workshop.** Presenters: **ELEVATE EDUCATION** This very important time management session provided students with strategies for motivation and goal setting. It also assisted students to develop a study routine allowing for other parts of their lives such as socialising and part-time work and how to work smarter.

*Natalie Manser*
*Wellbeing Leader*
Music News

VCE Music is well and truly underway and our students are enthusiastic and improving their overall musicianship and performance skills at an excellent pace. All our VCE music students are also enrolled in the instrumental Music program and as a result we are now entitled to receive an exclusive one on one 50 minute lesson with their Instrumental Music Teacher during one of the students' weekly spare. This is made possible due to the Eastern Metropolitan Region rewarding VCE music students with extra funding toward their Instrumental Music Lessons. A great incentive for aspiring younger classroom and instrumental music students.

As a result of three of our VCE Music students playing piano as their first instrument, we are appointing local piano teacher Lucy Paris to teach at the school one day a week. Places are limited and we only have five 50 minute shared places left. These Piano students will share their 50 minutes with only one other student to ensure they will each get at least 25 minutes of exclusive tuition and then the other 25 minutes demonstrating their practice for their piano teacher. Lucy comes highly recommended and was responsible for training Clare Kopietz towards receiving an 'A' for her Unit 4 external VCE Piano performance exam 2012. So the standard of expertise of our Instrumental Music teachers is maintaining an exceptional elite professionalism.

Year 7 Recruitment Night was an excellent demonstration of positive advocacy from all our Music teachers, many Instrumental music students who performed in a micro concert band for the Year 7 cohort and their families. I wish to particularly commend our music captains Jenna McNamara and Nathan France who delivered an authentic and convincing endorsement for our program. Cranbourne Music were sensational in filling the redundant Billy Hyde shoes with an excellent display of musical instruments and accessories. They also offered an exception deal with a hire to purchase arrangement for any instrument.

I am thrilled with the achievements and direction of our music program within our Warrandyte High School Community.

Kal Stavropoulos
Music Leader

Library News

The Library is going to the dogs….

Welcome to 2013…..

One of the prime functions of the library is to encourage and inspire students to pick up a book and read. The importance of being a well-read and competent reader cannot be underestimated. If students wish to improve in all aspects of their education, picking up a book and reading is a good place to begin.

With this in mind the library runs a number of activities to encourage student (and staff) reading. And in term 1 our activities have a very doggy theme.
**BOOK CLUBS**

If you enjoy reading and sharing what you have read with others you should join one of our book clubs.

Book clubs meet at lunchtimes in the library 2 – 3 times a term.

There are three clubs:

Year 7 Book Club
Year 8-9 Book Club
Year 10 – 12 Book Club

If you are interested in joining a book club you should come to the library and sign up.

Meetings will be advertised on the Bulletin and on the noticeboard outside the library.

**ON - LINE BOOK CLUB**

If lunchtimes are too busy for you and you can’t make it to a book club but would like to share your reading with others students then why not join the WHS online Book Club. The name of the club is *Inside a Dog with the Light On* and you can join by going to [http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all](http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all) and requesting an invite to the club.

**COMPETITIONS**

There will be a number of dog inspired competitions running during the term so check out the noticeboard outside the library and the student bulletin for details.

*Visit the library soon – we have something to suit everyone’s tastes.*

**Judy Steel**  
*Library Leader*

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**Canteen News**

The new school year has started with a spate of hot weather that has seen ice-creams, icy poles and in particular slurpees being popular items. Did you know that the canteen also offers a wide range of Healthy Eating Options such as:

Fresh Healthy Rolls – salad wraps, chicken salad rolls/wraps & ham salad rolls and wraps

Vegetarian Options – falafel wraps & vegetarian salad rolls

Specials each day – spaghetti bolognaise, chilli chicken wraps & souvlaki
Fresh Yoghurt & Coulis

Fruit juices

Lunches may be ordered before school and during recess. There is a separate counter to collect lunch orders that fast tracks service for students. There is a full menu and price list included in this Gang Gang.

**Daily specials are as follows** – ordering would be appreciated.

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Spaghetti Bolognaise |
| **Wednesday** | Butter Chicken & Rice  
Hot Dog Cheese & Sauce |
| **Thursday** | Chicken Schnitzel  
Fish and Wedges |
| **Friday**  | Souvlaki – Chicken or Lamb |

**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
## SANDWICHES
$4.00
- Salad, Chicken, Ham (low fat), Tuna, Curried Egg
Rocks and Pita Bread extra 50c.

## EXTRAS
$0.50
- Ham (low fat), Chicken, Avocado, Cucumber, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Onion, Cheese (low fat)

## SAUCES
$0.20
- Soy, Chilli, Mustard, Tomato, Mayonnaise

## HOT FOOD

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## ICY POLES/ICE CREAMS
- $0.60 to $3.20
- Fruit Slushy $2.00

## SPOONS & CUPS
- $0.20

### Specials @ $5.00

- **Monday**: Chilli Chicken Sub
  - Falafel Wrap
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  - Spaghetti Bolognaise
- **Wednesday**: Butter Chicken & Rice $5.00
  - Hot Dog Cheese & Sauce $3.50
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  - Fish & Wedges
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### Orders only

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### Recess Only

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<td>Cheese &amp; Bacon Roll</td>
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Prices will be adjusted according to wholesale food prices.
PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

A 7 week program for mothers, fathers, partners, step-parents, carers who are supporting individuals with drug and alcohol issues

The Parent Support Program aims to –

• Develop skills and strategies that improve communication and family relationships

• Increase parental/carer confidence

• Reduce parental/carer stress and tension

• Increase parental/carer knowledge of drugs and alcohol

Commencing Tuesdays 12th February to 26th March, 2013

Includes handouts and refreshments

*****BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL *****

VENUE: 7 – 11 Shipley St, Box Hill
TIME: Evening 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
COST: Free
CONTACT: Emma at Anglicare on 9896 6322
VCE Support

Italian Conversation

Small classes with experienced tutor to support VCE students with their oral skills and oral exams.

**Thursdays 4.30pm -6.00pm**

Pines Learning

1/520 Blackburn Rd

Doncaster East 3109

Call 9842 6726 for further details

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Allergy Safe Food

Planning to Plate

Do you have family or friends with food allergies?

Suzanna Paxton, author, registered nurse and mother of 2 children with life threatening allergies will present 2 workshops

**Tuesday 5 March, 2013**

9am -12.30pm

Pines Learning

1/520 Blackburn Rd Doncaster East 3109

Gold coin donation to the Ilhan Allergy Foundation

**Bookings Essential on 9842 6726**
The Maroondah Rugby Club is undertaking a recruitment drive to attract players from Under 8 to 18’s for the 2013 season.

Can you please help by asking your school office to include the notice (shown below) in their next school newsletter and repeat for the next 2 weeks.

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**Maroondah Rugby Club**

**2013 Registration Day**

**Saturday 23 February**

**Griff Hunt Reserve**

**Lyons Road, North Croydon**

**10.30 am to 12.30 pm**

Rugby is a team sport, fun and energetic.

It’s a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and improve fitness.

Players wanted for all age groups including Under 8’s to 18’s.

Come along to renew your membership or become a new member of our great club. Have the opportunity to meet some of the Melbourne Rebels players and get an autograph or photo.

For more information contact: Robyn on 0411 477 306 or visit our website at: [www.maroondahrugby.com.au](http://www.maroondahrugby.com.au)

Games are held early Saturday mornings

Season starts last weekend in April

Training: Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm

Come down and give rugby union a try!
4 TEAMS IN A GRAND FINAL
2 FLAGS
WHAT A SEASON 2012
Play where the AFL Stars started
Paul Salmon Ess/Haw, Dean Bailey Ess/Melb Coach, Kevin Walsh
Ess, Gary O’Donnell Ess,
David Wirrpanda Eagles, Nick Malceski Swans & Sam Blease Melb.
$150 for 1st child in family; $100 for 2nd & subsequent children
New players are welcome in all age divisions including
U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17’s.

REGISTRATIONS WELCOME.
Register NOW to Guarantee Your Place!
Please bring completed Registration forms, Payment by EFT (details on-line)
Further details are available at www.nrtfc.com.au
or contact Brian Vellacott on
0409 700 717 for further information.

BE PART OF THE TEAM!
ALL AGES - ALL SIZES
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

REGISTRATION DAY:
SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013
11AM TO 4PM
ELTHAM RUGBY UNION CLUB
58 BRIDGE STREET, ELTHAM
ELTHAMRUGBY.COM.AU
FUN RUN
Saturday 2nd March 2013.
Race starts 8.30am sharp!

2.5km event:
Individual children and family entry
$5.00 per entry
(ie: family is 1 entry & must cross finish together)

5km event:
Individual entries
Teams

PRIZES AWARDED TO FIRST PLACE IN ALL CATEGORIES

NO ROADS!!
Start/finish at St Anne’s.
Course: Domeney Sporting Ground & 100 Acres Reserve
Park Orchards.
FULLY MARSHALLED

Register on the day:
Registration opens 7.30am
at St Anne’s Primary School
(please bring forms completed)

Post Early Registrations to:
St Anne’s Primary School
Attn: Nina Foxwell,
54 Knees Road,
Park Orchards, 3114.

All enquiries:
Nina Foxwell 0409 564 724

2nd March 2013.
REGISTRATION FORM:
2.5km & 5km
$5.00 per entry

Course: St Anne’s Primary School and 100 Acres Reserve.

Name:
Date of Birth:
Address:
Home Phone: Mob:
Parent/Guardian (if under 18):

Did you suffer from any medical condition:
Has your child ever had:
If yes please bring relevant medications on race day.

Age:
School (if applicable):
Parent/Guardian signature:

Payment on Race Day at Race Number Collection Desk.
From the Principal

A blink of an eye and we are nearly halfway through the term! Classes have really settled and I have enjoyed going into rooms and seeing the learning that is taking place.

The Year 9 program, Taking the Challenge, is continuing to build on its impressive first year. The focus is on the unique challenges and delights of being a Year 9 student. There are whole group tasks, small group learning tasks and an individual extension project. Their small group project this term is creating a film and I look forward to viewing the finished products. The Step Up program, introduced this year extends the approach of the Taking the Challenge program into Year 10.

There is also some exciting changes taking place in Year 7 and 8 with the Active Learning Projects this year focussing on innovation in English, Maths, Science and Humanities. There will be much more on this in later editions of Gang Gang.

The Year 7 Clans Day was fantastic. Teachers were exhausted at the end of the day so it must have been fun! The day is a critical part of our transition strategy for our new Year 7 students and it was fabulous to witness the skill and enthusiasm of the Year 10 and 11 Peer Support Leaders who had undertaken a two day training program.

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**Dates for your Diary**

**February**
- Monday 25: VCE Theatre Studies Rehearsal
- Wednesday 27: Scribblit launch
- Thursday 28: Year 8 Sport Round Robin

**March**
- Monday 4: VCE Theatre Studies Rehearsal
- Tuesday 5: Year 12 Studio Arts Excursion
- Tuesday 5: Year 10 Parents Pathways Evening
The leased netbooks have been distributed to Years 7&10 students and now all students in the school have access to anywhere, anytime learning. Whilst there is still a place for handwriting and drawing, this technology allows students to develop key skills that are absolutely essential in today’s environment.

After the recent Photo Day, the photographers commented on the polite and co-operative behaviour of our students. We had to manage this year without the theatre and the day went off without a hitch. There were only a few students out of uniform (bangles and jewellery or torn polo shirts). Please support us in ensuring that students are in correct uniform when they leave the house.

**Top Designs**

Congratulations to Year 12 students Riley Griffiths and Mollie Wilkins who have both had their work accepted into Top Designs 2013. This prestigious exhibition showcases the work of the top performing students across the State in Design based VCE subjects. In total 108 students have their work displayed. Of these, only 8 were chosen from VET Interactive Digital Multimedia. Of these 8 students, 2 come from Warrandyte High School. This is an outstanding achievement and Riley and Mollie (who both completed VET IDM in 2012 as an acceleration subject) and their teacher, Claire Bloom, deserve the highest praise. The exhibition runs from 15 March until 30 June at the Melbourne Museum.

**Dates and Deadlines**

An electronic copy of Dates and Deadlines (the school calendar of events) will be posted on the school website this week. A hard copy will also be posted out to all parents with the School Council ballot papers (see below article). Please note that the AEU work bans are likely to impact of some events currently included in Dates and Deadlines for 2013. I will inform parents of any changes as soon as I am aware of them.

**School Council Elections**

At the close of nominations the number of DEECD Employee nominations equalled the number of DEECD vacancies on the School Council. As such, I declare that Pamela Dunstall and Kathy Hooke are the successful candidates and I welcome them back onto the School Council. The number of Parent Member nominations exceeded the number of positions available on the Council so we will be proceeding to a ballot. Every eligible parent voter will receive further information from me regarding the ballot process, including ballot papers, over the next two weeks. The ballot closes at 4pm on Tuesday 19 March 2013.

**AEU –Bans on activities outside the 38 hour working week**

The dispute between the Australian Education Union and the State Government appears no closer to resolution and the AEU bans on organizing or participating in activities which require AEU members to work beyond 38 hours per week in 2013 is continuing. This ban seeks to highlight the often unrecognized and under-rewarded out-of-hours contribution made by AEU members to enable many school activities to be held. Camps which were booked last year with cancellation deadlines prior to 22 October 2012 are exempt from this ban. For this reason the Year 7 Camp, Year 8 Camp, Music Camp and Italian Tour will proceed this year. However, there is still a question mark over all other camps and out-of-school activities.

*Stephen Parkin*

*Principal*
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including **textbooks, stationery, uniforms** and **excursions** for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

**New EMA payment option**

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

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

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a temporary foster parent.

  * i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at **29 January 2013** (Instalment One) and **15 July 2013** (Instalment Two).
Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

**Contact:** School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is **28 February 2013**.

**Student Accident Insurance**

A reminder to parents that DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.  

*Jill Treeby*  
*Business Manager*

**Working Bee Sunday 17 March**

Our first working bee for 2013 will be on Sunday 17 March. Lunch will be supplied. Please see future editions of the newsletter for updates on all our working bee information.  

*Helene Butterworth*  
*Executive Assistant*

**2013 Immunisations**

All Year 7 and Year 10 students along with Year 9 boys only have been issued with an immunisation package which includes information and an immunisation card which needs to be completed and returned to the General Office by Friday 15 March.  

*Ann Brown*  
*First Aid*

**PE NEWS**

**Premier's Active Families Challenge:**

We are joining this challenge again this year as we are firm believers that physical activity promotes so many positive and valuable aspects of life.

For the period from 4 March to 14 April your challenge is to complete 30 minutes of activity each day and you could win prizes. Simply by registering your involvement you can gain discounts and free entrances to swimming pools, fitness centres, etc. For further information please see Mrs Rayner in the PE office, or visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge) Be rewarded for your hard work! Sign up and pass the message onto others.
Year 9 & 10 Lacrosse

Well done to all the participants in the lacrosse sessions. New skills were certainly developed alongside the strategies and tactics that the students already embrace within their other sports. This proves to the students that once developed, tactics and strategies are often transferable between different sports. We hope to continue to build within this sport and look forward to tackling some tournaments latter in the year.

Clare Rayner
PE Leader

Student Wellbeing News

Year 7 Clans Day and Peer Support

On Friday the 15 February all Year 7 students participated in our annual Clans Day event. It was a fabulous success with a myriad of events for all to become involved with. There was a ‘Countries’, Tug of War, ‘Up-Ball’, ‘Watermelon Rugby’, ‘Sculptionary’, a trivia competition and The Clans Challenge with flag making, costume designing and dancing and singing. All Year 7 students participated with determination and passion. It was wonderful to witness the culture of inclusion and support evident throughout the day. Congratulations to students in 7.3 who won the event for 2013.

The Peer Support Leaders were training hard in the past few days prior to the event, with Kate Wilde and myself. They also participated in the games and activities with significant commitment and demonstrated able leadership in their running of events on the day. Thanks and well done to you all:

Amy Silva
Caley Allan
Rachel Vardy
Kelly Miller
Isabel McCabe
April Krajnc
Tara Stafford
Angelica Black
Brittney Lucas Sewart
Chloe Knoll
Zara Jackson
Haley Paul
Maverick Knight
There will be more Peer Support organised and led events for Year 7’s coming up next week when we commence our Lunchtime activities program.

Year 10 Step-up Program

On Wednesdays during period 5 & 6 all Year 10 students (not participating in VET) are now involved in the Step Up program. This program is specially designed to support the academic development of our new senior students. We have already had our first guest speaker for the term when Adam from Elevate Education came out to talk with the students about ‘Time Management’ including how to develop study time tables. We have much more planned throughout the term including many hours of study time made available to complete class work and receive tutoring from the Step-up Staff.

Year 12 Big Love Conference

On Thursday 21 February we presented our annual Study Skills and Motivational Conference: The BIG LOVE, packed with fabulous speakers and workshops as stated below.

Workshop A: Life in India Presenter: HUGH VAN CUYLENBURG (From The Resilience Project). Hugh shared his inspirational story about a journey into the far-flung places of the Earth and the wisdom he gained. Hugh’s messages about Gratitude, Positivity, Kindness have been learned from Indian children with nothing and little to be optimistic about.

Workshop B: Aiming High Presenter: STEVE MORRIS (From The Resilience Project & Richmond Football Club) Steve provided a unique and entertaining take on career planning and setting and achieving goals to get what you want from your life.

Workshop D: Study Skills Workshop. Presenters: ELEVATE EDUCATION This very important time management session provided students with strategies for motivation and goal setting. It also assisted students to develop a study routine allowing for other parts of their lives such as socialising and part-time work and how to work smarter.

Natalie Manser
Wellbeing Leader
**Music News**

VCE Music is well and truly underway and our students are enthusiastic and improving their overall musicianship and performance skills at an excellent pace. All our VCE music students are also enrolled in the instrumental Music program and as a result we are now entitled to receive an exclusive one on one 50 minute lesson with their Instrumental Music Teacher during one of the students' weekly spare. This is made possible due to the Eastern Metropolitan Region rewarding VCE music students with extra funding toward their Instrumental Music Lessons. A great incentive for aspiring younger classroom and instrumental music students.

As a result of three of our VCE Music students playing piano as their first instrument, we are appointing local piano teacher Lucy Paris to teach at the school one day a week. Places are limited and we only have five 50 minute shared places left. These Piano students will share their 50 minutes with only one other student to ensure they will each get at least 25 minutes of exclusive tuition and then the other 25 minutes demonstrating their practice for their piano teacher. Lucy comes highly recommended and was responsible for training Clare Kopietz towards receiving an 'A' for her Unit 4 external VCE Piano performance exam 2012. So the standard of expertise of our Instrumental Music teachers is maintaining an exceptional elite professionalism.

Year 7 Recruitment Night was an excellent demonstration of positive advocacy from all our Music teachers, many Instrumental music students who performed in a micro concert band for the Year 7 cohort and their families. I wish to particularly commend our music captains Jenna McNamara and Nathan France who delivered an authentic and convincing endorsement for our program. Cranbourne Music were sensational in filling the redundant Billy Hyde shoes with an excellent display of musical instruments and accessories. They also offered an exception deal with a hire to purchase arrangement for any instrument.

I am thrilled with the achievements and direction of our music program within our Warrandyte High School Community.

Kal Stavropoulos
Music Leader

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**Library News**

The Library is going to the dogs….

Welcome to 2013…..

One of the prime functions of the library is to encourage and inspire students to pick up a book and read. The importance of being a well-read and competent reader cannot be underestimated. If students wish to improve in all aspects of their education, picking up a book and reading is a good place to begin.

With this in mind the library runs a number of activities to encourage student (and staff) reading. And in term 1 our activities have a very doggy theme.
BOOK CLUBS

If you enjoy reading and sharing what you have read with others you should join one of our book clubs.

Book clubs meet at lunchtimes in the library 2 – 3 times a term.

There are three clubs:

Year 7 Book Club
Year 8-9 Book Club
Year 10 – 12 Book Club

If you are interested in joining a book club you should come to the library and sign up.

Meetings will be advertised on the Bulletin and on the noticeboard outside the library.

ON - LINE BOOK CLUB

If lunchtimes are too busy for you and you can’t make it to a book club but would like to share your reading with others students then why not join the WHS online Book Club. The name of the club is Inside a Dog with the Light On and you can join by going to http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all and requesting an invite to the club.

COMPETITIONS

There will be a number of dog inspired competitions running during the term so check out the noticeboard outside the library and the student bulletin for details.

Visit the library soon – we have something to suit everyone’s tastes.

Judy Steel
Library Leader

Canteen News

The new school year has started with a spate of hot weather that has seen ice-creams, icy poles and in particular slurpees being popular items. Did you know that the canteen also offers a wide range of Healthy Eating Options such as:

Fresh Healthy Rolls – salad wraps, chicken salad rolls/wraps & ham salad rolls and wraps
Vegetarian Options –falafel wraps & vegetarian salad rolls
Specials each day – spaghetti bolognaise, chilli chicken wraps & souvlaki
Fresh Yoghurt & Coulis

Fruit juices

Lunches may be ordered before school and during recess. There is a separate counter to collect lunch orders that fast tracks service for students. There is a full menu and price list included in this Gang Gang.

**Daily specials are as follows** – ordering would be appreciated.

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**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_
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- **Hot Dog Cheese & Sauce $3.50**
- **Thursday**: Chicken Schnitzel
- **Fish & Wedges**
- **Friday**: Souvlaki – Chicken or Lamb

**Orders only**

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**Recess Only**

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Prices will be adjusted according to wholesale food prices.
PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

A 7 week program for mothers, fathers, partners, step-parents, carers who are supporting individuals with drug and alcohol issues

The Parent Support Program aims to –

• Develop skills and strategies that improve communication and family relationships

• Increase parental/carer confidence

• Reduce parental/carer stress and tension

• Increase parental/carer knowledge of drugs and alcohol

Commencing Tuesdays 12th February to 26th March, 2013

Includes handouts and refreshments

***** BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL *****

VENUE: 7 – 11 Shipley St, Box Hill
TIME: Evening 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
COST: Free
CONTACT: Emma at Anglicare on 9896 6322
VCE Support
Italian Conversation
Small classes with experienced tutor to support VCE students with their oral skills and oral exams.

**Thursdays 4.30pm - 6.00pm**

Pines Learning
1/520 Blackburn Rd
Doncaster East 3109
Call 9842 6726 for further details

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Allergy Safe Food
Planning to Plate
Do you have family or friends with food allergies?
Suzanna Paxton, author, registered nurse and mother of 2 children with life threatening allergies will present 2 workshops

**Tuesday 5 March, 2013**

9am - 12.30pm

Pines Learning
1/520 Blackburn Rd Doncaster East 3109
Gold coin donation to the Ilhan Allergy Foundation

**Bookings Essential on 9842 6726**
The Maroondah Rugby Club is undertaking a recruitment drive to attract players from Under 8 to 18’s for the 2013 season.

Can you please help by asking your school office to include the notice (shown below) in their next school newsletter and repeat for the next 2 weeks.

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**Maroondah Rugby Club**

**2013 Registration Day**

**Saturday 23 February**

**Griff Hunt Reserve**

**Lyons Road, North Croydon**

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Rugby is a team sport, fun and energetic.

It’s a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and improve fitness.

Players wanted for all age groups including Under 8’s to 18’s.

Come along to renew your membership or become a new member of our great club. Have the opportunity to meet some of the Melbourne Rebels players and get an autograph or photo.

For more information contact: Robyn on 0411 477 306 or visit our website at: [www.maroondahrugby.com.au](http://www.maroondahrugby.com.au)

Games are held early Saturday mornings

Season starts last weekend in April

Training: Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm

Come down and give rugby union a try!
4 TEAMS IN A GRAND FINAL
2 FLAGS
WHAT A SEASON 2012
Play where the AFL Stars started
Paul Salmon Ess/Haw, Dean Bailey Ess/Melb Coach, Kevin Walsh Ess, Gary O’Donnell Ess,
David Wirrpanda Eagles, Nick Malceski Swans & Sam Blease Melb.
$150 for 1st child in family; $100 for 2nd & subsequent children
New players are welcome in all age divisions including
U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17’s.

REGISTRATIONS WELCOME.
Register NOW to Guarantee Your Place!
Please bring completed Registration forms, Payment by EFT (details on-line)
Further details are available at www.nrrc.com.au
or contact Brian Veilacott on
0405 700 717 for further information.

BE PART OF THE TEAM!
ALL AGES - ALL SIZES
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

REGISTRATION DAY:
SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013
11AM TO 4PM
ELTHAM RUGBY UNION CLUB
58 BRIDGE STREET, ELTHAM
ELTHAMRUGBY.COM.AU
FUN RUN
Saturday 2nd March 2013.
Race starts 8.30am sharp!

2.5km event:
Individual children and family entry
$5.00 per entry
(to: family is 1 entry & must cross finish together)

5km event:
Individual entries
Teams

PRIZES AWARDED
TO FIRST PLACE IN
ALL CATEGORIES

Showbags for all participants

NO ROADS!!
Start/finish at St Anne’s.
Course: Domeney Sporting
Ground & 100 Acres Reserve
Park Orchards.
FULLY MARSHALLED

Register on the day:
Registration opens 7.30am
at St Anne’s Primary School
(please bring forms completed)

Post Early Registrations to:
St Anne’s Primary School
Attn: Nina Foxwell,
54 Knees Road,
Park Orchards, 3114.

All enquiries:
Nina Foxwell 0409 564 724

2nd March 2013.
REGISTRATION FORM:
8.30am start
2.5km & 5km
$5.00 per entry

Course: St Anne’s Primary School and 100 Acres Reserve.

Name:
Date of Birth:
Address:

Home Phone: _____________ Mob: ________________________

Parent/Guardian (1 word only):
Contact for Race Day:

School (if applicable):

Do you suffer from any medical conditions:
If yes, what is your illness?
If yes, please bring following medications on race day.

My signature:
I have read and will agree to the above rules of the race.
I have read and will agree to the above safety regulations.

Parent/Guardian signature:
Payment on Race Day at Race Number Collection Desk.
From the Principal

A blink of an eye and we are nearly halfway through the term! Classes have really settled and I have enjoyed going into rooms and seeing the learning that is taking place.

The Year 9 program, Taking the Challenge, is continuing to build on its impressive first year. The focus is on the unique challenges and delights of being a Year 9 student. There are whole group tasks, small group learning tasks and an individual extension project. Their small group project this term is creating a film and I look forward to viewing the finished products. The Step Up program, introduced this year extends the approach of the Taking the Challenge program into Year 10.

There is also some exciting changes taking place in Year 7 and 8 with the Active Learning Projects this year focussing on innovation in English, Maths, Science and Humanities. There will be much more on this in later editions of Gang Gang.

The Year 7 Clans Day was fantastic. Teachers were exhausted at the end of the day so it must have been fun! The day is a critical part of our transition strategy for our new Year 7 students and it was fabulous to witness the skill and enthusiasm of the Year 10 and 11 Peer Support Leaders who had undertaken a two day training program.

The Warrandyte High School House Swimming Sports held last Wednesday was a fabulous event. The weather could not have been kinder with blue skies and a cool breeze. The students looked wonderful decked out in their House colours and competed in good spirits for both individual and House glory. There will be a full report on this event in the next edition of Gang Gang.
The leased netbooks have been distributed to Years 7&10 students and now all students in the school have access to anywhere, anytime learning. Whilst there is still a place for handwriting and drawing, this technology allows students to develop key skills that are absolutely essential in today’s environment.

After the recent Photo Day, the photographers commented on the polite and co-operative behaviour of our students. We had to manage this year without the theatre and the day went off without a hitch. There were only a few students out of uniform (bangles and jewellery or torn polo shirts). Please support us in ensuring that students are in correct uniform when they leave the house.

**Top Designs**

Congratulations to Year 12 students Riley Griffiths and Mollie Wilkins who have both had their work accepted into Top Designs 2013. This prestigious exhibition showcases the work of the top performing students across the State in Design based VCE subjects. In total 108 students have their work displayed. Of these, only 8 were chosen from VET Interactive Digital Multimedia. Of these 8 students, 2 come from Warrandyte High School. This is an outstanding achievement and Riley and Mollie (who both completed VET IDM in 2012 as an acceleration subject) and their teacher, Claire Bloom, deserve the highest praise. The exhibition runs from 15 March until 30 June at the Melbourne Museum.

**Dates and Deadlines**

An electronic copy of Dates and Deadlines (the school calendar of events) will be posted on the school website this week. A hard copy will also be posted out to all parents with the School Council ballot papers (see below article). Please note that the AEU work bans are likely to impact of some events currently included in Dates and Deadlines for 2013. I will inform parents of any changes as soon as I am aware of them.

**School Council Elections**

At the close of nominations the number of DEECD Employee nominations equalled the number of DEECD vacancies on the School Council. As such, I declare that Pamela Dunstall and Kathy Hooke are the successful candidates and I welcome them back onto the School Council.

The number of Parent Member nominations exceeded the number of positions available on the Council so we will be proceeding to a ballot. Every eligible parent voter will receive further information from me regarding the ballot process, including ballot papers, over the next two weeks. The ballot closes at 4pm on Tuesday 19 March 2013.

**AEU –Bans on activities outside the 38 hour working week**

The dispute between the Australian Education Union and the State Government appears no closer to resolution and the AEU bans on organizing or participating in activities which require AEU members to work beyond 38 hours per week in 2013 is continuing. This ban seeks to highlight the often unrecognized and under-rewarded out-of-hours contribution made by AEU members to enable many school activities to be held. Camps which were booked last year with cancellation deadlines prior to 22 October 2012 are exempt from this ban. For this reason the Year 7 Camp, Year 8 Camp, Music Camp and Italian Tour will proceed this year. However, there is still a question mark over all other camps and out-of-school activities.

*Stephen Parkin*

*Principal*
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

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

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).
Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

**Contact:** School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is **28 February 2013**.

**Student Accident Insurance**

A reminder to parents that DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

*Jill Treeby*

*Business Manager*

**Working Bee Sunday 17 March**

Our first working bee for 2013 will be on Sunday 17 March. Lunch will be supplied. Please see future editions of the newsletter for updates on all our working bee information.

*Helene Butterworth*

*Executive Assistant*

**2013 Immunisations**

All Year 7 and Year 10 students along with Year 9 boys only have been issued with an immunisation package which includes information and an immunisation card which needs to be completed and returned to the General Office by Friday 15 March.

*Ann Brown*

*First Aid*

**PE NEWS**

**Premier's Active Families Challenge:**

We are joining this challenge again this year as we are firm believers that physical activity promotes so many positive and valuable aspects of life.

For the period from 4 March to 14 April your challenge is to complete 30 minutes of activity each day and you could win prizes. Simply by registering your involvement you can gain discounts and free entrances to swimming pools, fitness centres, etc. For further information please see Mrs Rayner in the PE office, or visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge) Be rewarded for your hard work! Sign up and pass the message onto others.
Year 9 & 10 Lacrosse

Well done to all the participants in the lacrosse sessions. New skills were certainly developed alongside the strategies and tactics that the students already embrace within their other sports. This proves to the students that once developed, tactics and strategies are often transferable between different sports. We hope to continue to build within this sport and look forward to tackling some tournaments latter in the year.

Clare Rayner
PE Leader

Student Wellbeing News

Year 7 Clans Day and Peer Support

On Friday the 15 February all Year 7 students participated in our annual Clans Day event. It was a fabulous success with a myriad of events for all to become involved with. There was a ‘Countries’, Tug of War, ‘Up-Ball’, ‘Watermelon Rugby’, ‘Sculptionary’, a trivia competition and The Clans Challenge with flag making, costume designing and dancing and singing. All Year 7 students participated with determination and passion. It was wonderful to witness the culture of inclusion and support evident throughout the day. Congratulations to students in 7.3 who won the event for 2013.

The Peer Support Leaders were training hard in the past few days prior to the event, with Kate Wilde and myself. They also participated in the games and activities with significant commitment and demonstrated able leadership in their running of events on the day. Thanks and well done to you all:

Amy Silva
Caley Allan
Rachel Vardy
Kelly Miller
Isabel McCabe
April Krajnc
Tara Stafford
Angelica Black
Brittney Lucas Sewart
Chloe Knoll
Zara Jackson
Haley Paul
Maverick Knight
There will be more Peer Support organised and led events for Year 7’s coming up next week when we commence our Lunchtime activities program.

**Year 10 Step-up Program**

On Wednesdays during period 5 & 6 all Year 10 students (not participating in VET) are now involved in the Step Up program. This program is specially designed to support the academic development of our new senior students. We have already had our first guest speaker for the term when Adam from *Elevate Education* came out to talk with the students about ‘Time Management’ including how to develop study time tables. We have much more planned throughout the term including many hours of study time made available to complete class work and receive tutoring from the Step-up Staff.

**Year 12 Big Love Conference**

On Thursday 21 February we presented our annual *Study Skills and Motivational Conference: The BIG LOVE*, packed with fabulous speakers and workshops as stated below.

**Workshop A: Life in India** Presenter: **HUGH VAN CUYLENBURG** (From *The Resilience Project*). Hugh shared his inspirational story about a journey into the far-flung places of the Earth and the wisdom he gained. Hugh’s messages about Gratitude, Positivity, Kindness have been learned from Indian children with nothing and little to be optimistic about.

**Workshop B: Aiming High** Presenter: **STEVE MORRIS** (From *The Resilience Project & Richmond Football Club*) Steve provided a unique and entertaining take on career planning and setting and achieving goals to get what you want from your life.

**Workshop D: Study Skills Workshop.** Presenters: **ELEVATE EDUCATION** This very important time management session provided students with strategies for motivation and goal setting. It also assisted students to develop a study routine allowing for other parts of their lives such as socialising and part-time work and how to work smarter.

*Natalie Manser*
*Wellbeing Leader*
Music News

VCE Music is well and truly underway and our students are enthusiastic and improving their overall musicianship and performance skills at an excellent pace. All our VCE music students are also enrolled in the instrumental Music program and as a result we are now entitled to receive an exclusive one on one 50 minute lesson with their Instrumental Music Teacher during one of the students' weekly spare. This is made possible due to the Eastern Metropolitan Region rewarding VCE music students with extra funding toward their Instrumental Music Lessons. A great incentive for aspiring younger classroom and instrumental music students

As a result of three of our VCE Music students playing piano as their first instrument, we are appointing local piano teacher Lucy Paris to teach at the school one day a week. Places are limited and we only have five 50 minute shared places left. These Piano students will share their 50 minutes with only one other student to ensure they will each get at least 25 minutes of exclusive tuition and then the other 25 minutes demonstrating their practice for their piano teacher. Lucy comes highly recommended and was responsible for training Clare Kopietz towards receiving an 'A' for her Unit 4 external VCE Piano performance exam 2012. So the standard of expertise of our Instrumental Music teachers is maintaining an exceptional elite professionalism.

Year 7 Recruitment Night was an excellent demonstration of positive advocacy from all our Music teachers, many Instrumental music students who performed in a micro concert band for the Year 7 cohort and their families. I wish to particularly commend our music captains Jenna McNamara and Nathan France who delivered an authentic and convincing endorsement for our program. Cranbourne Music were sensational in filling the redundant Billy Hyde shoes with an excellent display of musical instruments and accessories. They also offered an exception deal with a hire to purchase arrangement for any instrument.

I am thrilled with the achievements and direction of our music program within our Warrandyte High School Community.

Kal Stavropoulos
Music Leader

Library News

The Library is going to the dogs….

Welcome to 2013…..

One of the prime functions of the library is to encourage and inspire students to pick up a book and read. The importance of being a well-read and competent reader cannot be underestimated. If students wish to improve in all aspects of their education, picking up a book and reading is a good place to begin.

With this in mind the library runs a number of activities to encourage student (and staff) reading. And in term 1 our activities have a very doggy theme.
BOOK CLUBS

If you enjoy reading and sharing what you have read with others you should join one of our book clubs.

Book clubs meet at lunchtimes in the library 2 – 3 times a term.

There are three clubs:

Year 7 Book Club
Year 8-9 Book Club
Year 10 – 12 Book Club

If you are interested in joining a book club you should come to the library and sign up.

Meetings will be advertised on the Bulletin and on the noticeboard outside the library.

ON - LINE BOOK CLUB

If lunchtimes are too busy for you and you can’t make it to a book club but would like to share your reading with others students then why not join the WHS online Book Club. The name of the club is Inside a Dog with the Light On and you can join by going to http://www.insideadog.com.au/book-clubs/all and requesting an invite to the club.

COMPETITIONS

There will be a number of dog inspired competitions running during the term so check out the noticeboard outside the library and the student bulletin for details.

Visit the library soon – we have something to suit everyone’s tastes.

Judy Steel
Library Leader

Canteen News

The new school year has started with a spate of hot weather that has seen ice-creams, icy poles and in particular slurpees being popular items. Did you know that the canteen also offers a wide range of Healthy Eating Options such as:

Fresh Healthy Rolls – salad wraps, chicken salad rolls/wraps & ham salad rolls and wraps

Vegetarian Options – falafel wraps & vegetarian salad rolls

Specials each day – spaghetti bolognaise, chilli chicken wraps & souvlaki
Fresh Yoghurt & Coulis

Fruit juices

Lunches may be ordered before school and during recess. There is a separate counter to collect lunch orders that fast tracks service for students. There is a full menu and price list included in this Gang Gang.

**Daily specials are as follows** – ordering would be appreciated.

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**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_
Warrandyte High School       Canteen Price List       February 2013

☐ Eat most
☐ Eat in moderation
☐ Stop and think

**SANDWICHES** $4.00
Salad, Chicken, Ham (low fat), Tuna, Curried Egg
Rolls and Pita Bread extra 50c.

**EXTRAS** $0.50
Ham (low fat), Chicken, Avocado, Cucumber, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Onion, Cheese (low fat)

**SAUCES** $0.20
Soy, Chilli, Mustard, Tomato, Mayonnaise

**HOT FOOD**

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**ICY POLES/ICE CREAMS** $0.60 to 3.20

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**SPOONS & CUPS** $0.20

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Prices will be adjusted according to wholesale food prices.
PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

A 7 week program for mothers, fathers, partners, step-parents, carers who are supporting individuals with drug and alcohol issues

The Parent Support Program aims to –

• Develop skills and strategies that improve communication and family relationships

• Increase parental/carer confidence

• Reduce parental/carer stress and tension

• Increase parental/carer knowledge of drugs and alcohol

Commencing Tuesdays 12th February to 26th March, 2013

Includes handouts and refreshments

*****BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL*****

VENUE: 7 – 11 Shipley St, Box Hill
TIME: Evening 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
COST: Free
CONTACT: Emma at Anglicare on 9896 6322
VCE Support
Italian Conversation
Small classes with experienced tutor
to support VCE students with their
oral skills and oral exams.

**Thursdays 4.30pm -6.00pm**

Pines Learning
1/520 Blackburn Rd
Doncaster East 3109
Call **9842 6726** for further details

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Allergy Safe Food
Planning to Plate
Do you have family or friends with food allergies?

Suzanna Paxton, author, registered nurse and
mother of 2 children with life threatening allergies
will present 2 workshops

**Tuesday 5 March, 2013**

**9am -12.30pm**

Pines Learning
1/520 Blackburn Rd Doncaster East 3109

Gold coin donation to the Ilhan Allergy Foundation

**Bookings Essential on 9842 6726**
The Maroondah Rugby Club is undertaking a recruitment drive to attract players from Under 8 to 18’s for the 2013 season.

Can you please help by asking your school office to include the notice (shown below) in their next school newsletter and repeat for the next 2 weeks.

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**Maroondah Rugby Club**

**2013 Registration Day**

**Saturday 23 February**

Griff Hunt Reserve

Lyons Road, North Croydon

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Rugby is a team sport, fun and energetic.

It’s a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and improve fitness.

Players wanted for all age groups including Under 8’s to 18’s.

Come along to renew your membership or become a new member of our great club. Have the opportunity to meet some of the Melbourne Rebels players and get an autograph or photo.

For more information contact: Robyn on 0411 477 306 or visit our website at: [www.maroondahrugby.com.au](http://www.maroondahrugby.com.au)

Games are held early Saturday mornings

Season starts last weekend in April

Training: Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm

Come down and give rugby union a try!
4 TEAMS IN A GRAND FINAL
2 FLAGS
WHAT A SEASON 2012
Play where the AFL Stars started
Paul Salmon Ess/Haw, Dean Bailey Ess/Melb Coach, Kevin Walsh
Ess, Gary O'Donnell Ess,
David Wirrpanda Eagles, Nick Malceski Swans & Sam Blease Melb.

$150 for 1st child in family; $100 for 2nd & subsequent children
New players are welcome in all age divisions including
U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17's.

REGISTRATIONS WELCOME.
Register NOW to Guarantee Your Place!
Please bring completed Registration forms, Payment by EFT (details on-line)
Further details are available at www.nrjc.com.au
or contact Brian Veillacott on
0405 700 717 for further information.

BE PART OF THE TEAM!
ALL AGES - ALL SIZES
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

REGISTRATION DAY:
SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013
11AM TO 4PM
ELTHAM RUGBY UNION CLUB
58 BRIDGE STREET, ELTHAM
ELTHAMRUGBY.COM.AU
FUN RUN
Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March 2013.
Race starts 8.30am sharp!

2.5km event:
Individual children and family entry

$5.00 per entry
(ie family is 1 entry & must cross finish together)

5km event:
Individual entries
Teams

PRIZES AWARDED TO FIRST PLACE IN ALL CATEGORIES

No Roads!!
Start/finish at St Anne's.
Course: Domeney Sporting Ground & 100 Acres Reserve
Park Orchards.
FULLY MARSHALLED

Register on the day:
Registration opens 7.30am
at St Anne’s Primary School
(please bring forms completed)

Post Early Registrations to:
St Anne’s Primary School
Attn: Nina Foxwell,
54 Knees Road,
Park Orchards, 3114.

All enquiries:
Nina Foxwell 0409 564 724

Registration Form:
2.5km & 5km
$5.00 per entry

Course: St Anne’s Primary School and 100 Acres Reserve.

Name:
Date of Birth:
Address:

Home Phone: ______________ Mbl: _______________________

Parent/Guardian (if under 18):
Consent form must be signed

Do you suffer from any medical conditions?
If yes, please list:

If you suffer from any allergies please list:

Participants must be over the age of 12 years to participate in the event.芏

Payment on Race Day at Race Number Collection Desk.