Dates for your Diary

December
Friday 13 December Year 10 Final Assembly - 9:30 am
Friday 13 December Year 9 Final Assembly - 2:30 pm
Monday 16 December Activities Day
Monday 16 December Year 7 Final Assembly – Periods 1&2
Monday 16 December Year 8 Final Assembly – Periods 3&4
Tuesday 17 December Activities Day
Tuesday 17 December School Council Awards Night – 7:15 arrive
Wednesday 18 December Activities Day
Thursday 19 December Years 7 – 9 Clean Up Day
Friday 20 December LAST DAY OF TERM 4 -2:30 pm finish

2014
January
Thursday 30 January First day of term for Year 7 (normal day)
Thursday 30 January VCE students to attend from 1:40 pm
Friday 31 January All students to attend

From the Principal

Welcome to the last edition of Gang Gang for 2013. We are now well into December and the end of the school year is almost upon us. Planning for next year is nearing completion, classroom activities are winding down, the new Grade 6 students have been welcomed, Year 12 students have been bid farewell and we are celebrating the achievements of our students at our final Year Level Assemblies.

We are also farewelling Kathy Hooke whose career path is taking her to another school. Kathy has been a teacher at Warrandyte High School for the past 29 years, holding a number of significant positions including Year Level and Sub-School Leadership and this year, along with Pamela Dunstall, she has been Acting Assistant Principal. Her contributions to the school over this time and her support for other staff members have been immense. We will all miss her dearly. However, our loss is another school’s gain, and we wish her all the best and every success next year and into the future.

Other staff who will not be with us next year are Nerissa Marcon, will be on leave for 2014, and Michael Byrne, Sarah Forster-Muir, Ann-Maree Bosomworth, Lucy Hooke and Jess McKittrick. We wish all our departing staff all the best for the future. New staff appointments are still being finalised and will be announced in the new year.

To our Year 12 students who will be receiving their VCE results on Monday, I have my fingers crossed for each and every one of you. I know you have put in the hard work and I am confident that this will be reflected in your final results. Ms Miller, our Careers Leader, will be available at school for any students who wish to discuss their options once their results are known.
Finally, I would like to wish all our students and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope that you all return from the holiday break refreshed for the year ahead.

Stephen Parkin  
Principal

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.
If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.
The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:
- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.
* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

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

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


Jill Treeby  
Business Manager

**Project Uplift Fiji**

Warrandyte High School once again has supported project Uplift Fiji by sending our old books, both library and textbooks to a school in Fiji which only have books by donation. Other items that are sent to Fiji via the Uplift project are bras, please check the website [http://www.upliftbras.org](http://www.upliftbras.org) for further information. The container left Melbourne on Saturday.

**School Council Awards**

Congratulations to our students who have been invited to the School Council Awards evening, this is a very special event. It is a wonderful evening and we receive great community support in the form of sponsorship of the major awards. Again this year we have received sponsorship from Hire A Hubby East Doncaster, Rotary Club of Warrandyte/Donvale, Ryan Smith member of Parliament for Warrandyte District, Lions Club of Warrandyte, Warrandyte RSL, The Australian Defence Force, The Kiwanis Club of Doncaster/Templestowe, Manningham Promoting Character, Past Principals Glennis Pitches and Michael Blake.
Kittens at Warrandyte High School

We discovered that a cat has given birth to kittens at Warrandyte High School. We have taken the very petite kittens to the Warrandyte Vet at Goldfields where they have been health checked, fed and vaccinated. One kitten is still looking for a new home, if you are interested please contact the Vet on 98443071.

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant

Sport News

Taylor Padfield wins Bronze Medal at State Athletics Championships

Warrandyte High School wishes to congratulate Taylor Padfield on her fantastic result at the State Athletics championships held earlier this term. Taylor progressed through the Eastern Zone competition in triple Jump jumping 9.90m which meant she would go on to represent the Eastern Zone at the State Athletics Championships held at the State Athletics Track. Taylor entered the competition just wanting to do her best as she was up against some tough competition and students who compete and train in Athletics competitions on a regular basis. Taylor definitely did this. Not only did she jump a personal best of 10.10m but this jump rewarded her with a bronze medal putting her 3rd best in the state! Not bad for someone who after the event made the comment that “next year maybe I may even train and see how far I can get”. All of the Warrandyte High School community are very excited and proud of Taylor’s success and we look forward to see her continual development over the coming years.

Congratulations Taylor!

Parent Association Wrap Up

Second Hand Book Fundraiser

What a wonderful turn out it was on Saturday for our second hand book fundraiser. Thank you for your support in this popular event.

Due to the implementation of the Australian Curriculum, the amount of books available for sale was minimal so it was certainly a case of first in, best bargain.

It was also lovely to meet some of our new Year 7 parents on Monday’s Information evening.

Books are an expensive part of education and the PA was very proud to be able to on-forward out of edition books to children in need. Books not collected have also been donated to school for families in financial distress. Thank you to those families for their kind donations.

A new format junior science book is being introduced this year covering two years of curriculum, Year 7-8 and 9-10. The Science textbooks have been customised and there are only two textbooks for Year 7 to 10. There is one textbook for Year 7 & 8 students and one for the Year 9 & 10 students. The textbook is two textbooks in one, therefore instead of paying for two textbooks in Year 7 and then Year 8, you only will be paying for one, making it less expensive in the long run. … so that’s one less book needed for next year!
A reminder that the password needed to purchase new books online through www.campion.com.au is F6C6 for Warrandyte High School.

Second hand books can also be bought and sold through lilydalebooks.com.au.

**Trivia Night Kitchenette**

Our trivia night was a huge success this year. It was terrific to hear our cooking theme was well received. Money raised from this fundraiser was for the installation of a kitchenette in our DOIG Centre. It’s great to see the fruit of our labour is currently under construction and we look forward to our children making good use of this space next year.

Grab a pen …. the next year’s Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 31 May 2014 in our theatre. We look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our wonderful mums on Parent Association. We enjoy raising funds for our children and enjoy a giggle along the way. The more the merrier so please contact me on 0438 220 266 if you would like to join the fun or find out more about our wonderful parent association.

*Alicia Eldridge*

*Parent Association*

**G’Day USA program**

On the 3 December EWT Educational World Travel held a parent information night promoting the G’Day USA exchange program that is running in January 2015. This program is open to 14-18 year olds and is a 20 day exchange that includes hosting with an American family, time in an American high school and some famous sights including Disneyland and Universal Studios. Information packages were handed out on the night and those families that weren’t able to attend on the night were contacted by EWT and provided with this information.

In order to secure a place in the exchange program families need to pay their deposit and return forms by Tuesday 17 December. If insufficient Warrandyte students are interested in the program (they need 10) there is an opportunity for students to join with another school group.

If you would like further information regarding this program please contact EWT on 9830 4545 or see Mrs Dunstall at school.

**Compass and Reports**

All reports will now be published and available on Compass as of the current report cycle. Parents need to log in to Compass and then go to the tab entitled ‘reports’ to access them. In 2014 we will be continuing to use the Compass Parent Portal as our main source of communication between the School and parents. The Parent Portal URL is as follows: http://warrandytehigh.vic.jdlf.com.au. If you are unaware of your Compass parent login or have any issues logging in please contact the school for assistance.

*Pamela Dunstall*

*Assistant Principal*
The Great Victorian Bike Ride

This year the ride covered 600km in 8 days from Mount Gambier to Geelong, featuring wind, rain and sunshine, plus Lavers Hill (twice). Thirty-six students, three teachers, 5 ex-students and six parents made up the Warrandyte High School Team and everyone had a fantastic time. The Great Ocean Road was spectacular, the Otways were beautiful and the riding was both challenging and exhilarating. The GVBR is a special experience that I would recommend to anyone and everyone.

VCE ART SHOW 2013

It was very exciting to hold the ART/Technology Show again this year and to showcase the creative and diverse folios from our VCE class of 2013. Congratulations to these students, extremely well done.

Opening Night was a vibrant success and attracted parents, friends, teachers and students (current and past) who enjoyed viewing our Year 11 and 12s’ quality work over drinks and nibbles. Dr. Parkin’s words on the importance of the arts in our society resound clearly in the Warrandyte context.

Many teachers and students visited the exhibition throughout the day. It was wonderful to hear the comments from younger artists. The breadth of art forms, themes and design concepts was enlightening for the whole school community.
Thank you to the Staff for their positive support, in particular Helene Butterworth, plus our appreciation to Stephen Dale and the student ‘handlers’ as well.

Great news that Mollie Wilkins, Studio Arts Year 12 and our W.H.S. 2013 Arts Award Recipient who has been shortlisted for TOP ARTS at National Gallery Victoria.

Claire Kopietz has also had two pieces of work shortlisted.

Well done girls, great effort.

Heather Ferguson Dale on behalf of the Art/Technology Staff.
Anita Petrik, Deborah Bradbury, Brod Ashmole, Claire Bloom

Canteen News

Daily specials are as follows – ordering would be appreciated.

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The Canteen is selling hot toasted sandwiches at recess for $2.50. Ham and cheese, and ham, cheese and tomato are available.

Egg and bacon rolls are periodically available at recess as well.

Cheryl Hart
Canteen Leader
NORTH RINGWOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

New players are welcome in all age divisions including U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17’s.

Details are available on-line at www.nrjfc.com.au or contact Brian Vellacott on 0409 700 717.

East Doncaster
Free Community Open Day
Try tennis for free
@ Warrandyte Tennis Club
Sunday 2nd February 2014
9.30am - 12 noon

✓ free fun activities for all ages and abilities;
✓ hot shots;
✓ social play;
✓ cardio tennis;
✓ targets;
✓ BBQ & bar;
✓ entertainment.

Put the date in your diary now.

See warrandytetennisclub.org.au for further information.

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26th January - Australian Open Mens Final – see the final on the big screen at Warrandyte Tennis Club. Check out www.warrandytetennisclub.org.au for information closer to the date.