### Dates for your Diary

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### From the Principal

**Year 7 Camp**
By the time that you read this, the Year 7 students and student leaders from Year 11 will have returned from camp. They left full of enthusiasm on Monday morning and we look forward to hearing all of their stories when they return.

**Working Bee**
I had a very pleasant Sunday morning with students and parents at the working bee. After the recent weather extremes of ten days of heat followed by a day of heavy rain, we were greeted by a beautiful Warrandyte morning. The garden looks much tidier after some mulching and the Year 7 locker bay has a new coat of paint.

**Open Night**
Often in the move to secondary schools, parents do not get the same opportunities to see around the school. Our Open Night will be held on Thursday 2 May and our current parents are most welcome to attend. There is also a school tour on every Wednesday at 9.30am and you are most welcome to come along and see the school in action. We are very proud of the learning culture of this school and would love for you to see it.

**Warrandyte Festival**
There will also be the opportunity to see some of our students and their work at the Warrandyte Festival this weekend. Our senior students will be represented in the Rotary Art Show and our Symphonic Band and VCE Contemporary Band will be performing on the Main Stage at 1.45 pm.
on Saturday. Bring your pet along to the ‘The WHS Pet Show’ on Sunday morning, Chief Dog Judge being yours truly, and buy a sausage from our hardworking Music Support Group who do a wonderful job throughout supporting our Music Program. The Warrandyte Festival Sausage Sizzle being their major fundraiser for the year.

**Interim Reports**
These will be distributed on Wednesday 27 March. Due to the ongoing industrial dispute between the AEU and the Government, the interim reports will only include a ‘Progress to Date’ rating and an ‘Interview Required’ recommendation.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
These will be held on Thursday 18 April between 12pm and 8pm. Information was mailed out on Monday 18 March explaining the process for making appointments. This year the appointments are being made through the parent portal in Compass, our new student management system. We have received a lot of positive feedback regarding the implementation of Compass this year, and I am confident that the new appointment process will be another success for the system. Each family will receive an individual login, if you have not received your letter by Thursday, please contact the school. With the current industrial dispute showing no signs of an imminent resolution, it is quite possible that the mid-year reports will have no comments included. This makes the Parent/Teacher interviews even more important and I urge you to take up the opportunity to meet with your child’s teachers and discuss their progress.

**Compass**
Once you have received your personal login details, you will also be able to
- View up to date class and school attendance information
- Approve or enter upcoming or past absences for your child
- Download, print and approve upcoming excursions
- Update your registered email and mobile number details
- Access information regarding upcoming events and news

There will also be further functions available in coming months

**Top Designs**
Congratulations once again to Year 12 students Riley Griffiths and Mollie Wilkins who have both had their work accepted into Top Designs 2013. I mentioned this in an earlier edition of Gang Gang, however, on Friday I had the pleasure of attending the Opening Night at the Melbourne Museum and I highly recommend the exhibition to all parents and students. The quality of the work across a number of design disciplines is inspiring. Congratulations must also go to Claire Bloom our VET IDM teacher and of course to Riley’s and Mollies’ parents.

*Stephen Parkin*
Principal
WARRANDYTE HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP
Looking for a few more volunteers!

Could you give us an hour or two of your precious time at
The Warrandyte Festival Sausage Sizzle (March 23th or 24th)?

We are looking for volunteers for Saturday, 11-1pm
1-3pm and 3-5pm and for Sunday 10-12am, 12-2pm, 2-4pm.

This is our major fundraiser for the year and we really need your help. Join in the fun!

Money raised goes directly to support the music program.

Please Contact Jo Roberts (MSG secretary)
ASAP with times that would suit you.

jopete.roberts2012@gmail.com
0439794425
Wellbeing News

The Murdoch Children’s Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is conducting a randomised controlled trial of an online weight management program designed for overweight adolescents aged 12 to 17 years.

“We want to find a fun and interactive way to help adolescents learn about healthy food choices and physical activity. Around 30% of all 12 to 17 year old Australians are overweight and spaces in clinical services are limited. Staying Fit is an interactive online program designed to help adolescents learn about healthy lifestyle choices. We would like to find out if it is more effective than the information that is already available to Australian adolescents.

We are looking for 550 overweight adolescents aged 12 - 17 to help us test two ways of providing health information. Those who take part in the study will be randomly assigned to either the Staying Fit group or the Usual Care group.

Both groups will receive information for young people about healthy food choices, physical activity, stress and coping with eating disorders, and a list of useful websites to visit. The Staying Fit group will also spend about an hour each week (for 12 weeks) working through a fun, interactive, online session and they will be provided with a pedometer and a walking program.

Working Bee

We had a great working bee for 2013 thanks to our Principal Stephen Parkin and our wonderful team of helpers Julie Downie, Tom Downie, Alex Downie, Mary Burton, Andy Burton, Kellie Mortlock, Gary Foster, Liam Foster, Harry Foster, Gordan Findlay, Karen Findlay, Jackson Findlay, Tylar Findlay, Jozica Kutin, Mandy Savage, Daniel Vandermeer, Michelle Krajnc, Lojzek Krajnc and others whose names I don’t have. We mulched gardens, removed old sleepers in readiness for new sleeper seats and painted the Year 7 Locker Bay.

Working bees are the only way we can upgrade our grounds and I greatly appreciative of those people who gave up their time to help achieve a better environment. The next working bee will be on Sunday 28 April 2013.

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant
If we find that the Staying Fit program is more helpful, then at the end of the study the Usual Care group will also get access to the Staying Fit program.

All participants are asked to complete questionnaires and have their height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measured at baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months follow-ups. Parents are also invited to complete questionnaires, height and weight measurements. These measurements can be taken at the Royal Children’s hospital or during home visits (not at schools) and all individual information is confidential.

Recruitment has commenced and we are looking for overweight young people aged between 12 and 17.

If you would like to know more, contact the Staying Fit Project Coordinator, Karly Cini on (03) 9345 6954 or email: stayingfit@mcri.edu.au  web: www.rch.org.au/cah/stayingfit

Year 7 Peer Support Activities.

Throughout term 1 the Year 10 and 11 peer support students have been running a series of lunchtime activities with their young peers. Many students have participated in sporting events such as mixed netball and dodgeball. They have been involved in cupcake decorating, a music trivia quiz and a mobile phone amazing race. The activities were all developed and delivered by the Year 10 and 11 leaders. They have done a wonderful job in marketing and delivering these memorable events.

A special thanks to Holly Mulder, Maverick Knight and Dale Smith all of whom have remained in the Year 7 locker bay throughout the term to act as trouble shooters and mentors to the Year 7 students. They have done a wonderful job.

Year 12 Big Love Conference

On Thursday 21 February our Year 12 students participated in the annual Big Love Event and whilst the program was amended, it still provided a valuable and powerful experience to our students. Presenter Hugh Van Cuylenburg (From The Resilience Project) shared his inspirational story about a journey into the far-flung places of the Earth. Judy Steel has continued to remind the students of the importance of ‘Gratitude’ with the establishment of the ‘Gratitude Wall’ in the library.

Stepping Out Year 9 Leadership Program

We are very fortunate to have received a grant from the Department of Youth of a youth week leadership program to be delivered throughout term 1 and into term 2.

A group of dedicated Year 9 leaders has been working with me to explore aspects of self-esteem, healthy living and body image in an attempt to construct some interactive and educational workshops around these themes to deliver to Grade 5 students at Andersons Creek Primary School. It is such a treat to work with our young leaders and watch them develop their skills throughout the program.

Next term promises to be full of wellbeing events

- Year 7 Friendship Program
- Year 10 & 11 Peer support training on offer and involvement in the Year 7 friendship program (voluntary involvement)
- Stepping Out Leadership Program Delivery at Andersons Creek Primary School
- Year 9 REACH Rugby Day

Class Captains Leadership Training

The Class Captains all participated in a special leadership training morning on Thursday 14 February. The event was organised by Ms Thomson and included an introductory session delivered by an ex-
student Dylan Burns, who is now undertaking youth work and education training. The leaders worked together wonderfully well to organise a special inaugural event; The Close the Gap Project which will take place on Thursday 21 March. This awareness campaign focused on educating the community about the substantial gap that exists between Aboriginal Health indicators and non-indigenous communities. The students have planned the program to be delivered during lunchtime on this day and it promises to be a memorable event. We hope most of the school becomes involved in some capacity.

Natalie Manser
Wellbeing Leader

Sport News

Year 8 Boy’s Cricket

Thursday last week saw the Year 8 boy’s cricket team (with some help from some Year 7’s) involved in the school sports competition. This competition was an elimination based event, with the winners from each match pitted against the winners from the other sections of the draw. The team played exceptionally well in every game, with great performances from all involved. In the first game it was the batsman who delivered, scoring 20 runs more than the opposition in only 8 overs. The second game was much closer, coming down to the last over where Warrandyte hit the winning runs on the third last ball. The last match was the highlight of the three, with Warrandyte in the Grand Final, and bowling first. The team managed to achieve a hat trick while also having two individual opportunities for hat tricks! It was a great bowling and fielding performance by the boys. In the last over batting we needed 10 runs to win, alas, we came up 6 runs short. A hectic last over saw a few wickets fall, along with a few dropped catches and some daring running between the wickets! Congratulations to the whole team for an outstanding effort throughout the long day in the sun. In the end they were runners up for the competition! Thank you also to those students who came along to assist in scoring and umpiring for the event.

Lacrosse

Well done to those students who came down and participated in our lunch time exhibition Lacrosse game. It was great to see students participating in a different sport. The students got fully involved, making tackles and scoring goals. Thanks to Mr Sunjo as well for organising to borrow the local lacrosse teams goals! We hope to play some more games and possibly even have some teams play in tournaments towards the end of the year. If you’re interested watch this space for further dates of lunch time games.
Year 10 VET REC - Kayaking Experience:

Our Year 10 students completed a very hot day kayaking last week on the Yarra River. They really embraced a totally new range of skills; including learning to paddle and manoeuvre on the water, which is not as easy as it seems. The water level was extremely low, providing the added challenge of avoiding the rocks. All students completed a great job without too many capsizes.

Clare Rayner
PE Leader

Canteen News

Daily specials are as follows – ordering would be appreciated.

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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 Festival Battle of the Bands

Friday 22 March 2013
6.00 – 10.00pm, Main Stage, Stiggants Reserve, Yarra Street

Come and see our best local youth bands battle it out.

Show your support for Chital, Little Big, Dog Whistle Politics, Selling Time, The Pipers and Girl In The Fire.

Free admission.

Soft drinks, water and hot food will be available for purchase. This is a drug, smoke and alcohol free event.
ESL
English as a Second Language

English through Cooking

Do you love to cook?
Do you love to talk about food?
Would you like to improve your English language skills through cooking?

This exciting new class, “English through Cooking”, will focus on students preparing with their teacher one dish per week and sharing their recipes and enthusiasm for cooking whilst building language skills in a friendly and fun environment.

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Leaders in Adult Community Education Programs
9842 6726
ESL
English as a Second Language

Return to Work for ESL students

A practical and engaging course for those students looking to return to work soon.

This course will help you be ready for an ever-changing workplace environment and better understand Australian workplace dynamics.

Topics covered include Resume Writing, Employability Skills, Interview Skills, How and where to look for a job, and more.

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Leaders in Adult Community Education Programs
9842 6726
Family Activity
Friday 12 April, 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Parents and children create a beautiful and enduring terracotta birdfeeder together for your garden. Price is per child (accompanying parent/guardian free of charge).

Cartoon Drawing
Friday 12 April, 3.15 pm – 4.45 pm
Try your hand at drawing some cartoon favourites as well as devising your own.

Manningham Art Studios
Bookings Essential
Call 9840 9582 or enrol online at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/artscentre

Each session $17 full / $15 concession

Family Activity
Parent plus one child $25
Parent plus two children $35
Parent plus three children $45

Please bring a smock or an old shirt for clay and bring a drink and a snack if you are staying for two consecutive sessions.

Manningham City Square
Manningham Art Studios,
Level 2, 647 Doncaster Road, Doncaster VIC 3108
phone 9840 9582
email marts@manningham.vic.gov.au

Office hours: Monday to Friday, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm