Dates for your Diary

Thursday 12 June
Friday 13 June Zombie Stomp come dressed in your best spooky costume
Saturday 14 June Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Practice Hike leaves
Sunday 15 June Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Practice Hike returns
Monday 16 June Year 11 Health all day excursion
Tuesday 17 June Year 7 Mates Day incursion
Year 8.2 Wheelchair Basketball incursion
Eastern Zone Cross Country

Wednesday 18 June Italian Poetry Competition excursion
School Council Meeting

Thursday 19 June
Friday 20 June Kakadu Camp leaves
Year 8.1 and 8.3 Wheelchair basketball incursion

Sunday 22 June Sport Leaders AFL umpiring excursion
Monday 23 June Year 8 Science ALP begins
Year 10 Work Experience begins

Tuesday 24 June Year 12 TIS incursion
Music Support Group Meeting

Wednesday 25 June
Thursday 26 June
Friday 27 June Year 8 Science ALP concludes
Year 10 Work Experience concludes
Reports uploaded to Compass

Last Day Term 2, 2.30pm finish

Friday 4 July Kakadu Camp returns

From the Principal

Thank you to the Parent Association for a wonderful Trivia Night. It was fantastic fun and all for a very worthy cause. This year the Trivia Night was held in our school theatre which proved to be an inspired choice as the stage lighting highlighted the colourful and creative costumes of our Backyard Blitzers. The Parent Association led by the ever dynamic Alicia Eldridge and Robyn Wallace not only managed to collect an amazing number and array of goods for the silent auctions, but also worked tirelessly in the days leading up to the Trivia Night on the many small tasks and the large logistical challenges which needed to be overcome to make the night such a success. Thanks must also go out to the many generous businesses of Warrandyte and surrounding areas who donated the auctioned items.

Approximately $5000 was raised which will be now be used to improve the school grounds and external seating to create a better environment for your children. Once again Big Kev was our Trivia Master who kept us intellectually challenged and entertained throughout the night and it was the ‘Pollinators’, a collection of past and present teachers and students, plus partners, who finished the night in first place to become our 2014 Trivia Champions.

Stephen Parkin
Principal
From the Assistant Principal

**Would you like to provide a cultural experience, whilst at the same time enrich your family life?**

LONG TERM HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Warrandyte High School’s International Student Program is growing and we have a need for caring families to provide suitable Long Term “Homestay” accommodation for international students between 15-18 years.

Payment rate $260.00 per week.

If you are interested, please ring our Assistant Principal, Pamela Dunstall on 9844 2749 or email office@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

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**Reports – New format for 2014**

As mentioned in the last Gang Gang parents will find our reports for students at Years 7-10 slightly different than in previous years. In order to give parents more information on their student’s progress, this semester, the full page report for each of the subjects will now contain information on specific outcomes and assessment tasks, rather than just simply identifying their progress along the AusVELs continuum. This format is similar to that of VCE reports that many parents will have already seen.

While students will still be assessed against the AusVELs, this information will now appear on a ‘summary page’. This page will identify your student’s progress on AusVELS domains and dimensions across subjects and enable you to see whether your student is above the expected level, at the expected level, or below the expected level in each dimension.

We are also transitioning into a new grading system across Years 7-10. This grading system is similar to a University style system with High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Demonstrated and Not Demonstrated as descriptors for each assessment task. This system has been used to differentiate from the AusVELs grades of A-E and to limit confusion between the AusVELs and the more specific assessment task grades appearing on the reports this semester. A key will be included with each report which outlines what these descriptors indicate for your student’s progress.

We hope that you find this new system more informative and feedback is very welcome.

All reports will be available on the Compass Parent Portal on the final day of Term 2. If you need assistance to access this portal please contact the General Office for log on details.

*Pamela Dunstall*

*Assistant Principal*
Year 9 News

Taking The Challenge
The focus for the Taking the Challenge program this term has been on My City, the city of Melbourne. We have already visited the city multiple times this term and have been very pleased to see students developing independence and confidence in getting to, from and around the city. Throughout this term students have been working in a team to research a focus area of their choice and the time has come to present their findings at our annual ‘My City Expo’.

Please find details regarding the evening below.

**Date:** Tuesday 24 June

**Time:** 7:00pm – 7:45pm

**Where:** Doig Learning Centre, Warrandyte High School

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Krystina McCrory*

*Taking the Challenge Leader*

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Italian News

In the last few days, in our Italian classes, people have been talking more about sport than about language and not because the teacher was absent-minded. In fact, the Italian teachers appeared the most passionate when talking about a sport which is not that popular here in Australia, but very important in Italian culture and lifestyle, being the number-one-watched sport…..Of course, I mean soccer.

Next week the World Cup starts, and it could be a good opportunity to involve the students in what can be considered a typical Italian tradition, “I Mondiali”. Especially because also the Australian Socceroos participate.

I remember I was really excited about the World Championship when I was their age. Everybody was: during the World Cup matches everything is allowed, you can shout and sing and drink in the streets, and nobody will judge you. Crying desperately if you did not win is also permitted. People gather in the squares and in the bars, where huge screens are usually put up. Or you can have dinner at your friend’s place: one of your friends will definitely invite you, and will definitely offer you an ice-cream it is summer, in Italy. I remember the 2006 World Cup very well: the Italian team had just won the final match, I went out with my friends, and people were everywhere -waving their flags and diving into the fountains. I did not sleep at all -I remember very well- and I had my high school final exams next day.

Memories apart, and coming back to the present. Next Friday will be a very special one. And not only because it is Friday the thirteenth. First of all, Australia plays its first World Cup match against Chile. Moreover, I am attending my first *footy* match ever: Carlton vs Hawthorn. (And I am going to behave in a very stereotyped manner, supporting Carlton). I do not know much about Australian football, at the moment: I have watched only two matches on TV, and I am slowly learning the rules, but I am very curious about the whole thing. I happened to meet some groups of football supporters on the train a few days ago, and they looked very similar to Italian soccer club supporters -but, thank goodness, less violent. One last match will be important for me next week: England vs Italy, on the 14th June.
Both Italy and Australia are going to participate in a difficult match: the English team is a very talented one, and Chile has two players, Fernandez and Vidal, who usually play in Italian league competition and are considered very good midfielders. Also Carlton vs Hawthorn is not going to be an easy match, I guess (I have heard that Hawthorn is the most recent champion). Nobody knows what the results will be, but one thing is for sure: very sporty days are ahead of us.

Ludovica Lannini
Italian Assistant

ICT News

Global Virtual Classroom Project 2013-14
Starting in October last year, the Year 11 (now 12) VET Interactive Digital Media class have been working on a collaborative project with two school overseas. One was Monarch High from Boulder, Colorado and the other was a private language school called Winners Education in Athens, Greece. Using a variety of technologies, students in the three schools communicated across 19 time zones to come to decisions, allocate tasks and create a live website. As our US partners were studying Commerce and Business, we decided to investigate the very relevant topic of Globalisation. First order of debate was how will we spell this with an ‘s’ (Aussie style) or ‘z’ (as they do in the States)? We used both and also learnt the Greek word for our topic!

Students met online using an education forum called Edmodo, and we scheduled some face to face meetings via Skype and Google Hangouts. Not a great deal of work was done when we arrived before school to talk to the US students at the end of their school day. Questions ranged from, ‘What’s the weather like’ to ‘What’s your football game?’. The Americans loved our accents and school uniforms. We were amazed by shots of their snow covered school yard. Because of the impossible time zones, I was able to speak briefly to Greece from home in the early hours of the morning, and even met some of the Greek parents online as they picked up students from school.

Sending our team mates parcels of Aussie goodies allowed them to taste the delight that is Vegemite (no, they were not impressed!) They did however, love the Tim Tams and Cherry Ripes we sent.

Apart from time zone and language differences, we faced the big problem of being in the southern hemisphere, where our school year ended right in the middle of this northern-based project. Not only did we have to overcome the long break, but also heat and bushfires, while the US faced some dreadful snow storms – it seems Greece had the perfect climate, but a very small class of students, who were just learning English. There’s no doubt we had many obstacles to overcome.

We did manage to complete our shared website, and although we did not win a major prize, we did receive a Highly Commended Award for Collaboration.
Judge’s comments included:

- Thank you for a concise web site where all of the information presented related to your theme and focused on your experiences together. I loved the video showing the teams opening and exploring the packages from the other groups (kudos to those brave souls who tasted vegemite!). The global connections in this project were outstanding.

- The topic addresses key issues with globalization. Students show much insight in the pros and cons.

- Great photos throughout the site. The video of the participants was wonderful. I loved the care packages

- Very impactful home page. Enjoyed the photos. Great theme! I love the collaboration video and the global selfies! Well-done.

Congratulations to the students involved: Isaac Boon, Hugh Prescott, Jules Jones, Connor Vernon, Liane Pringle, Zoe Holst, Jaydan Weeks, Seb Falcone, Scott Hamilton and Sam Trusler.

The website can be seen at [http://1314.virtualclassroom.org/index.html](http://1314.virtualclassroom.org/index.html)

Claire Bloom  
IT Leader

Top Designs Excursion

Recently, Warrandyte High School VET Interactive Digital Media and Visual Communication and Design students visited Melbourne Museum Top Designs exhibit. They started the day with an Imax 3D experience, which was followed up by a talk from two of the Top Design judges (ie; the VCAA State Reviewer) and a young person from the digital media industry. The lively talk on pathways into this industry and insightful careers advice was fantastic. The main advice from our industry speaker to potential design students was: Read the Brief, Ask Questions, Never say you can’t and Travel.

Students then visited the exhibit (in the gallery next to Phar Lap) and got a chance to view the best design work from Year 12 students in 2013. Subjects covered include Media film and photography, Product Design, Engineering, Food Technology, Visual Communication and IDM. There is a huge variety of items to view from furniture to fashion, animations to machines, magazines to websites and everything in between. Particularly impressive are the visual diaries or folios that demonstrate the Design Process each student went through to come up with their creation. Although Warrandyte did not have an entry this year, I hope the 2014 students were inspired to aim for this prestigious exhibit.

Claire Bloom  
VET IDM
Friday 13th is coming and the library is getting ready for a day of all things **HORROR**!

Come to school dressed in your spookiest, most ghoulis, zombie attire and join us in the library at lunchtime for games, quizzes and some sweet treats.

Why not borrow something scary to read to get yourself in the mood; we have something for all reading abilities and tastes:

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Judy Steel
Library Leader
Auskick umpiring
Well done to our second group of students who went to the MCG to work with the Auskick children. Once again our students were praised with their interaction with the young children, officials and parents. It is great to see the students put all their practice and learning into experience. Well done Keagan Alford, Paige McDougall, Holly Rushton, Holly Motschall, Brooke Elliot, Tanya Brincat & Alana Guthrie. We look forward to our third and fourth games coming soon.

Year 7 Boys Football
Congratulations to Year 7 boy’s football team. They persevered in their round robin competition and kept playing hard throughout the day. Unfortunately the boys took some hefty defeats, but they still tackled and ran hard.

Well done to our leading goal scores:- Conner Martin and Jaydin Mustafa and our best on field vote for our team goes to Callum Bowers. Well done boys and we look forward to term 3 sports.

Divisional Cross Country
Students from Years 7 – 11 represented Warrandyte High School at the Divisional Cross Country. All students gave 100% and presented the school with pride. They continually supported each other, cheering them along and congratulating each other for their efforts. Congratulations goes to Matthew Baynon, Jari Cooper, Elaine Burdett, Harry Deakin, Trevor Edwards, Taylor Padfield, Aaron Closs and Luke Killey who will be representing Warrandyte High School at the Eastern Region Competition on Tuesday 17 June. We wish them the best of luck at the next round.

Year 8 Football
On Thursday 29 May, I had the pleasure of taking the Year 8 football team out to represent the school at the Division Sport. The boys hit the field running winning their first game 87 to 0. Straight afterwards they followed up with their second game against Kew. The boys did a great job in the first half (being up by 2 points) however ran out of legs in the second half to go down narrowly. This left the boys to play against Templestowe for 3rd and 4th position.

The boys started strong and at half time were just behind by 5 points. The second half however was played mainly in our back half as the boys struggled to keep up with a much stronger and larger team. In the end the boys fought the game out hard but went down finishing 4th overall.
Ben Davies ably captained the team on the day demonstrating excellent leadership skills. A special thank you goes to the Year 10 helpers Ben Willis, Jake Hill and Andre Balemian who took on the role of coach, boundary umpire, waterboy and runner throughout the day. In addition, congratulations go to the Year 7 boys who took on the challenge to help fill the team (Dion Mustafa, Jaydin Mustafa, Thomas Edge, Harry Deakin, Callum Bowers, Daniel Mortlock and Connor Martin). Without these boys there would not have been a team. Well done to all players on an excellent day filled with skill, sportsmanship and leadership.

For Sale
The Warrandyte High School Physical Education department are looking for a new home for their Indoor Olympic size trampoline. Unfortunately due to new regulations we are unable to continue to use it at school. If anyone is interested in purchasing or know of someone who may be interested in purchasing the trampoline please contact a member of the Physical Education department. Asking price is $500ono.

Katie Cook & Clare Rayner
PE and Health & Sport Leaders

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 & cheese, and ham, cheese & tomato are available. Egg and bacon rolls are periodically available at recess as well.

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 2014.

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Cheryl Hart
Canteen Leader

**ACMA: Cyber Smart Presentation**

*Thursday July 17*

6:30pm-8:00pm in the Warrandyte High School Theatre

WHS is pleased to inform the Warrandyte Community that we will be offering a free Cyber Smart Presentation to all parents delivered by expert Greg Gebhart from ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Authority)

The Internet safety presentation will cover topics including:
- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is thorough, non-technical and is conducted by an accredited Cybersmart trainer.

**Free Support Material will be available such as:**
- Cybersmart Guide for Families
- Say no to cyber bullying
- Sexting
- Socialising on the internet
- Guide to online safety
- Dealing with offensive content
- Mobile phone safety

**Greg Gebhart** is the ACMA’s Senior Cybersmart Trainer and one of Australia’s leading cybersafety experts. Greg is recognised across Australia and internationally for his knowledge and passion for cybersafety in education.

Please RSVP to the General Office by Monday 14 July
FREE IN-HOME TESTING OF YOUR CHILD’S ESTIMATED INTELLIGENCE, MEMORY, SELF-REGULATION AND EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIOURAL FUNCTIONING

Research is being conducted through Monash University and the Melbourne Neuropsychiatry Centre to better understand the processes underlying self-regulation in school-aged children and any links to emotional and behavioural problems. A benefit of your child’s participation is that their estimated intelligence, memory, as well as their ability to self-regulate and any emotional and behavioural problems will be assessed and the results will be provided to you within four weeks following testing in the form of a report. These tested areas of functioning are all important factors contributing to your child’s academic performance at school, as well as their ongoing social and emotional adjustment.

The research involves completion of three questionnaires by each participating child’s primary caregiver, which assesses their child’s temperament, ability to control their thoughts, feelings and behaviours and the presence and severity of any emotional and/or behavioural problems. Each participating child will undertake a 2 hour testing session that will assess their general verbal and visual skills, attention and memory. Testing can be arranged to suit, e.g. after school hours, on weekends or school holidays in your own home, or at one of our research centres.

In order to participate children must meet the following criteria: 1) Be aged between 11 years 0 months and 12 years 11 months; 2) Normal, or corrected to normal, vision and hearing; 3) English is his/her first spoken language; 4) No history of a diagnosed learning disorder (e.g. Reading Disorder / Dyslexia); 5) No history of a brain injury or diagnosed psychiatric illness; 6) Not currently take any medications that affect his/her brain function (e.g. psychiatric medications). To register your interest or for more information please contact:

Mr Jeggan Tiego, Phone: 0413 656 166, E-mail: jeggan.tiego@monash.edu

The research project has been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
The Warrandyte Fling
A Festival Fundraiser
Join us for a night of music and dancing

Featuring local entertainers

Riffmasters
Vocal Agents a capella group
and the lovely Sanett
to guide us through
some dance moves

MC Martin Walker
Door Prizes

Saturday 14 June 2014
6.00pm till late
BYO supper and drinks

Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall
Cnr Yarra and Mitchell Streets

Inquiries: John Boyle 0409 561 283
Tickets $15.00 online via TryBooking
http://www.trybooking.com/FALD
or $20.00 at the door

Warrandyte Festival