



# Gang Gang

## Warrandyte High School

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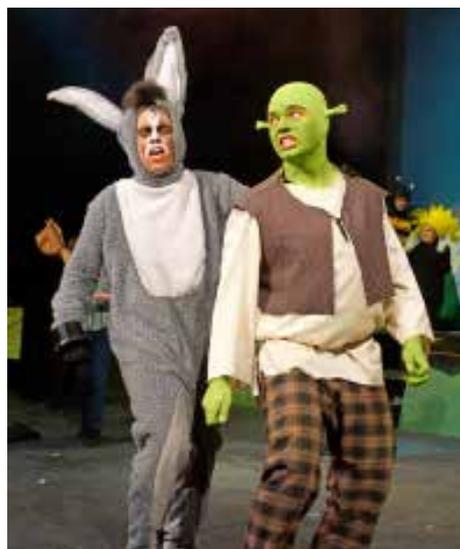
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### Shrek

Our school production "Shrek The Musical Jr." held its final performance last week. Once again our students put on a wonderfully entertaining show. I hope that you were all able to attend at least one performance, both for your own enjoyment and also to show support for our talented students who have worked so hard to create such a great show. Each year I am amazed at the breadth and depth of talent that our students display and I would like to congratulate the entire cast for their professional performance. On behalf of the whole school community I would also like to thank all the staff, students and parents who worked in the background and gave up their time willingly to enable the show to occur.



From the Principal

## Diary Dates

OCTOBER SEPTEMBER

**Tuesday 13 September**  
Year 8 Sports Day

**Thursday 15 September**  
Parent/Teacher Interviews 12pm - 8.00pm (No formal classes)

**Friday 16 September**  
Last Day of Term - 2:30 Finish

**Monday 3 October**  
First day of Term 4



**Principal:** Dr Stephen Parkin  
**Assistant Principal:** Joseph Caruana  
**School Captains:**  
Tyler Findlay and Ben Willis



### No Place for Race

Congratulations to Year 11 students Tom Downie and Harry Bebbington on their exceptional achievement in taking out second place in the 'Sleek Geeks Science Video Clip' category at The National Eureka Science Awards with their video "No Place for Race". This follows on from their third place last year with "Gravity Sucks". This is a truly phenomenal effort by the boys to be placegetters in successive years in such a prestigious national science competition. Congratulations also to teachers Clare Bloom and Dave Davies who provided support to Tom and Harry with the planning and production of their video.





## Science Week

We had a wonderful week of activities to celebrate Science week. The theme was Drones, Droids and Robots. Every class was given the opportunity to participate through robotic themed quiz questions at the start of each day with prizes handed out to many lucky students.

We had many different students participate through the different activities on offer each lunch time. Some of these activities included; a viewing of science award videos, making illusions, building of Rube Goldberg machines incorporating robotics, a hands on go at flying a small drone, and the crowd favourite a demonstration of some professional filming drones. Many thanks to Nick Romano for donating his time and bringing his drones along to show everyone, it was a real treat!

### “Science week”

Science week was so much fun! We got to do amazing things, during lunch, which was good. I really liked flying the drone because it's so cool. I would love to come back here again. I learnt how to do illusions and to fly drones and watching the science films was very interesting. I loved learning about this topic and I love coming here. I think we should do science week a lot more often because it was fun. I also enjoyed watching someone (Nick Romano) fly those really big drones. I wish it could last longer because it was so much fun.

**Dylan Mullin**

**Year 7 Student**

### “Science week summary”

I thought that this science week was really cool with the robotics and drones theme. My most favourite things would be flying the drones making the illusions and watching some of the science films. I definitely think that the school should do it again because this was one of the most fun things that I have done so far this year.

I really liked learning about all these new things about robotics and if it came back on I would definitely do it and the fact that they got all the classes to participate in the quiz was pretty cool. It was cool learning about all these new things especially because it was one of my favourite subjects.

**Luke Myers**

**Year 7 Student**

**Mr Mathew Steed**  
**Science Teacher**

### Young Leaders to China program

Our Year 9 students participating in the Young Leaders to China program have completed their two week tour of China and will soon be moving in with their Host Families in Suzhou. See Mr Caruana's article for more details.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held on **Thursday 15 September** between 12noon and 8pm. Compass will be open for booking from 9am on Monday 12 September. There will be no formal classes on 15 September; however students are expected to attend their interviews with their parents.

Please select your interview times carefully and allow 5 minutes between each interview to ensure adequate time to travel between appointments.

If you have any problems please call the General Office for assistance on 9844 2749.

Parents making a Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Booking

To access PTS Conferences log into the Compass parent portal using your Username and Password. If you are unsure of your log in details please contact the school.

On the Compass homepage a list of your students will be listed. If a conference has been opened for any of your students a link to the PTS Conference will appear under their name. Click on the link. This will display the PTS Conference Dashboard which includes a list of all of the conferences for all of the students linked to your parent account. If a conference is open for bookings 'False' will appear in the 'Locked' column.

Each event in the list is specific to one of your students, therefore if you have two or more students with conferences during the same event that event will appear once for every student in the list of Available events. To make bookings for one students' conference click on that Event in the table. This will display a list of all available booking times. A list of teachers linked to this student will be displayed at the bottom of the screen. To see when a teacher is available for an appointment you can click on their name in this list. A teachers schedule for PTS Conference will appear – this screen is read only; bookings cannot be made on this page.

### Student Drop-off outside General Office: Urgent and Dangerous Issue

Unfortunately this is an ongoing issue which I need to draw once again to your attention. Parents continue to stop their cars outside the General Office to drop-off and collect students from school. This is an incredibly dangerous practice as students exit from these cars into traffic. There is also the very real possibility of these illegally stopped cars being struck from behind by other cars entering the car park. This dangerous situation is being created by parents. There are drop-off areas at the top of the school on the service roads parallel to Warrandyte Road and also behind the gymnasium. As parents you are role models. Please put the welfare of your own children and the children of others before the few minutes saved by this dangerous action.

**Stephen Parkin**  
**Principal**

Use the drop-off zones at the top of the school or behind gym



## Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

This is a reminder of Warrandyte High School's position regarding the use of mobile telephones and other personal electronic devices. While there are no school rules preventing students bringing mobile telephones/personal electronic devices to school there are guidelines regarding the possession, security and use of these devices by students. The aim of these guidelines is to prevent interruptions to the efficient running of the school and to protect the privacy of individuals.

Students are reminded that:

- During class time mobile telephones and other electronic devices are to be turned off and kept out of sight unless otherwise instructed by a teacher.
- Mobile telephones/electronic devices are not to be taken into examination/test rooms; this is in accordance with Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) rules.
- Mobile telephones/electronic devices must not be taken into toilet facilities or change-rooms.
- The photographing or filming of staff, students or visitors to the school is not allowed without their express permission.
- Under teacher direction, mobile telephones and other electronic devices may be used for educational purposes.

Students should be aware of the consequences for breaching the above rules:

- Mobile phones/devices in class will be confiscated and the teacher will place them in the office strongroom with name, date and description of device. Devices will be returned to the student at the end of the day on the first offence, however for subsequent offences parents may be asked to come to the school to collect the device.
- Students collecting or distributing inappropriate images, video, audio or text will face consequences as per the Student Code of Conduct outlined in the Student Planner.

Parents and students are reminded that the school does not have insurance to cover loss, theft or damage of student property.

In the event of an illness or emergency at school, it is advisable that the school is notified immediately by the student and that contact with the parents is then made via the General Office.

## Greetings from China!

Thirteen year 9 students, myself and fellow staff member, Grace Johnstone are currently in China, participating in the Victorian Young Leaders to China program. This involves studying and immersing in the Chinese culture for 6 weeks!

So far we have spent several days exploring the wonders of Beijing, Xi'an and Nanjing. Some of the places we discovered in and around Beijing included The Forbidden City, The Great Wall of China and The Summer Palace.

In Xi'an some of our cultural experiences included visiting the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses and the vibrant Moslem Street where all sorts of culinary delights can be found!

In Nanjing we visited the Confucius

Temple as well as Mendong old town area! Did you know that Nanjing was once the capital of China? Correct, similar to how Melbourne was once the capital of Australia!

We are now set to travel to our sister school in Suzhou and this is where the next chapter in this life changing experience will begin. Students will attend classes at our sister school in Suzhou for 2 weeks, during which time they will each be living with a Chinese homestay family. These are families who send their child/children to our sister school. What an experience for our students! And it doesn't stop there - after all of this, the third and final 2 week chapter of our breathtaking journey begins - but you will have to await the next Gang Gang edition to hear more about that.

Nanjing, China greetings!

**Joe Caruana**  
Assistant Principal



## Warrandyte High School Parent Association

Do you want to make a real difference and contribute to your child's school?

Join the Parent Association and do a bit of work with other like-minded parents!

Minimum work required (not like when the kids are at primary school!!) No heavy workloads - we only have ONE major fundraiser a year - the Trivia night in May.

We meet one night a month (the 2nd Thursday of each month), often over a casual dinner.

The Meetings for this year are: Thursday 13 October Thursday 10 November

This year we have lost 5 parents due to them no longer having children at school, and are looking to swell our ranks with new people with new ideas.

The Parent Association has raised significant funds over the years, and have paid for

- New air conditioning and heating in the VCE centre
- Theatre curtains
- new carpet
- Raised garden beds for growing herbs and vegetables for the kitchen / food tech area
- Lots of new seating and tables for students

To mention just a few of the latest benefits made possible by our fundraising.

Please consider spending a little of your time to make a BIG difference and contact the school office (and they will pass on your details) or contact **Fay: 0412 156 566**

## Hello Everyone

I am celebrating the school production along with everyone.

How do you like my ears!!!

The Shrek's ears were on for just a few seconds but my friends were quick with their phones and captured the moment. I don't look too impressed but I humoured the girls.

My Mitcham walk went well and I didn't have to go to the train station. Apparently that is on hold for a few weeks but tram experience is on the increase. The tram station down in Box Hill has a platform similar to a train station so that will be a great place to start. On the Mitcham walk we went over the pedestrian bridge across the busy road. The height didn't bother me and we arrived on the other side of the road without any fuss. My walking, going up and down steps and walking over different surfaces greatly impressed my puppy advisor, Katherine.

On the weekend Jill took me down to Box Hill and amongst the busy roads, people and tram station I was brave enough to get onto a tram. It was my second attempt but I did it and did it a second time. The second time I was a little reluctant to get off but all was well I didn't up in the city; I plucked up enough courage to hop over that scary gap between tram and platform. Lucky there were plenty of treats in Jill's pocket.

I am now allowed into small shopping centres like the one at Ringwood Square. This weekend I will be checking it out. I guess there will be more smells and distractions that will really test me. Wish me luck.

Please come and visit me.



**Love Nerida**

**MORE EUREKA GLORY!**

Tom Downie and Harry Bebbington, both in year 11, have once again done amazing things in the Eureka Prize Science Awards. On Wednesday 31 August they were awarded Eureka Silver ( 2nd prize, \$2000! ) at the Sydney Town Hall in front of 800 people for their 3 minute video “ No Place For Race “.

They were up against hundreds of other videos from all over Australia. Their video looked at how humans invented various creation myths ( eg. Adam & Eve) and how we really evolved from our ape-like ancestors over millions of years. They then explained why the concept of “Race” is meaningless. This was done in an inventive, original and humorous way. A 30 second rap song at the end summed it all up with the closing line “We are all African!”. Their aim is to try and reduce racism.

The prizes in over 20 categories for the top scientists in Australia are run each year by the Australian Museum and their category is sponsored by the “Sleek Geeks” Dr. Karl Kruselnicki and Adam Spencer. They interviewed the lads at a lunch before the “black tie” evening Dinner. Their flights, accommodation and dinner tickets (\$260 each!) were all paid for by the Eureka people in addition to the prizemoney.

Last year they got 3rd prize for the video “ Gravity Sucks “. They went one better this year with 2nd. Bronze, then silver....who knows what could happen next year?!

Overall, Tom and Harry have worked incredibly hard and achieved consistent success at a very high level. What a great achievement. Well done lads!

The 3 finalist videos can be viewed by googling “sleek geeks 2016 secondary finalists”

**Claire Bloom & David Davies**



This week the library has hosted a couple of interesting literary events. On Monday 29 August a group of students travelled into Federation Square to take part in the Writers Festival. Several talks by local and visiting writers were attended and students were intrigued and motivated by the stories and discussions they heard.

Best-selling American author Rainbow Rowell captivated a huge audience in the Deakin Edge with her anecdotes about her struggle to get published and her inspiration for characters drawn from her own life. Yassmin Abdel-Magied a young Sudanese-Egyptian-Australian background Muslim woman challenged all cultural, religious and gender stereotypes with her accounts of her life as an engineer, Financial Review Young Leader of the Year and Marie Claire Woman of the Future. Together with David Burton, she discussed what it meant to be a feminist in the 21st Century. Chris Miles made the audience both laugh and cringe when reading from his latest book, Spurt, the story of a young boy who fakes puberty... you will just have to read this one. Alice Pung and Melina Marchetti engaged and amused their audiences with tales of the challenges faced when growing up as children of migrant parents.

All in all the day was both educational and entertaining; the sun was shining and the long wait in the book signing queue was definitely worth it. Books by all of the writers we heard are available for borrowing in the library.

As I write this I still have the smell of steaming hot pizza in my nostrils because our other exciting event for the week was the lunchtime Girls Book Talk... with free pizza! A group of 15 girls and 5 teachers shared their favourite reads with each other all while having a jolly good feed. The range of books shared was very interesting; Magda Szubanski’s autobiography, harrowing tales from tragic Mt Everest climbs, novels with strong female protagonists and even a nanny who was a pig. Thanks to Ms Bloom, Ms Sakellaris, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Wain and all our participants for sharing books which have inspired them.

Next week we do it all again for the boys! Stay tuned.

**Judy Steel  
Library Leader**

**Working Bee**

Thanks to Andrew Watts, Kellie and Stephanie Mortlock, Anthony, Anissa Elizabeth and Rose Silver, Faye Theodore and Ken Seery who came along to our Working Bee this term. We spread mulch around the bottom car park and painted the side benches in two science rooms.

What a different this has made, thank you for your assistance.

**Helene Butterworth  
Executive Assistant**



## House Day

On 25 and 26 August, house captains organised and ran a House day for Middle and Senior Schools across the two days. All students came dressed in their house colours and were able to enjoy a BBQ lunch, as well as participating in a fun game of ultimate dodge ball in the gym during lunchtime. The day ran successfully as most students participated and there was no food left over.

Overall on the day, house points were awarded for participation in the dodgeball competition. For the Middle School in first place was Newman on 66 points, second place was Michele on 54 points, third place was Anderson on 53 points and fourth place was Stiggant on 27 points. For the Senior School in first place was Newman 57 points, second place was Stiggant on 53 points, third place was Michele on 42 points and in fourth place was Anderson on 14 points.

It was a great day full of great sportsmanship between all year levels and was great to see everyone get involved for their houses. We would also like to thank Ms Thomson for helping to organise the day and making it so successful. Well done everyone!

**Brooke Elliott and Bec Smith**  
Year 12 Students



## VET SPORT and RECREATION 3 & 4

On Wednesday 31 August the VET Sport and Recreation 3-4 class set off on our three day sailing camp at "The Victorian Sailing School" located right Eastern Beach, Geelong. The camp comprises of theory lessons on sailing and water safety, plus practical sailing experience. Only one of the class had any previous sailing experience, however by the end of the camp all were able to rig the boats, read weather conditions, and sail the "Envy 4.3" sail boats in three man crews.

On day one, after the morning's theory lesson, the students rigged their boats with small main sails and set off on Corio Bay in 10 – 15 knot North winds. This made sailing a tricky prospect for novices. With a couple boats capsizing due to the conditions and limited sailing experience of the group. The students as a whole did a great job, due to them paying careful attention to morning's theory lesson.

Day two, we were presented with stronger winds (15 – 20 knot southerly winds) and the boats were rigged with full size main sails. With these strong winds and full size sails the students were able to experience some fast challenging sailing.

By the time day three rolled around all of the group were now capable sailors, being able to rig, tack, jibe, beat, navigate through congested waters and race a small sail boat.

I'd like to thank Chantelle Wilson for accompanying us on the camp and commend the behaviour of the group who were at all times a credit to Warrandyte High School

**Martin Yates**

**VET Sport & Recreation 3 & 4 Teacher**

## Year 7 Boys Hockey

The Year 7 boy's field hockey team went to Doncaster hockey club to compete against other schools, coached by us the Year 10 VET Sport and Recreation class. We played a total of two games for the day. The games were played for 15 minute halves. The boys played sensationally and where always attacking and hungry for the win.

The first game went 5-0 our way after we started quickly and scored 2 goals in the first few minutes. The goal scorers being Oscar Mitchell-3, Patrick Siddall-1 and Jordan McCall Ong-1. We also won the next game with the score being 3-1 our way. We got the first two goals in the first half and then the other team took control at the end of the first half and scored a goal.

The last half was very intense because we didn't want the opposition to overtake us. We fought hard and played as a team to get that final goal to safely run away with the game. The goal scores in that game were Jordan McCall Ong 1 Patrick Siddall 1 Tai Collins 1. Thanks to our goalies Luke Smith and Reef McCarthy for stopp0ing many goals in both game.

Our team all played very well and brought to each game the very best we had. Because of our sensational effort we are into the next round. The coaches where VET Rec students whose names where Brooke Mulder, Seth Martin, Chelsea Cooper and Luke De Zwart.

## Year 7 Girls Hockey

As you all may or may not know, on Wednesday 31 the Year 7 girls hockey team went out on Year 7 sports day to Doncaster hockey ground to compete in a hockey round robin coached by us, the Year 10 VET Sport & Recreation students.

The girls did a great job drawing both their games and never giving up. The Year 7 hockey girls consisted of Tiana Cooper, Rebekah Cullen-Hall, Kate Foster, Alexandra Bloomer, Emma Dodds, May Griffiths, Emily Miller, Cassandra Notley, Oakie Oehlmann, Sienna Rohde, Elizabeth Silver, Portia Ting and Dedre Van Zyl. The coaches on the day were Britt Williams, Madison Jennings, Dylan Jennings and Jari Cooper

Year 7 Girls basketball

On Wednesday 31 August the girls Year 7 basketball teams competed in an interschool sports basketball day, being coached by us, the Year 10 VET Sport and Recreation students. We had two girls teams (A&B). Unfortunately neither team managed a win and we had to forfeit one of the B teams games due to someone feeling ill. The girls were greats sports and worked hard all day despite being outplayed. Well done girls.

**Year 10 VET Sport & Recreation Coaches**



## 2017 Student Diary Cover Competition

What would you like on the cover of your Student Diary for 2017?

Design what you would like on the Student Diary cover for 2017 and submit it to Mrs Butterworth in the General Office. Our school captains, Tylar Findlay and Ben Willis will judge the competition.

**The closing date is 16 September 2016**



## Warrandyte Neighbourhood House

### Event: Teen Yoga/Relaxation Session – reduce EXAM stress!

Maintain well-being and manage the stress of study/exam period with a special teen relaxation session which includes classic poses and conscious breathing. A very helpful skill to learn and utilise when required during this stressful time of year.

**Place:** Warrandyte Neighbourhood House

**When:** Tuesday Oct 4th 6:30 – 8:30pm

**Cost:** \$18

**Contact:** Warrandyte Neighbourhood House Ph: 9844 1839 or enrol online

See [www.warrandyteneighbourhoodhouse.org.au](http://www.warrandyteneighbourhoodhouse.org.au) for more information

## Four-Day Camp for Girls 13 to 15 Years to:

- \* Build Self -Esteem and Self- Worth
- \* Build Positive Body Image
- \* Build Social Skills

Create New Friendships Through a variety of workshops, inspiring guest speakers and activities at the Bridge Builders 10th Annual UR Retreat for Young Women will be happening during the firstweek (Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd) September school holidays,

**Cost: \$99.00 per girl** – the local business community sponsor each young woman to attend. We have limited places available – urgent response required to secure a place for your daughter,

please contact the UR Retreat Manager – Nat Haraida directly  
**on 03 9038 8818 or 0421 177 570**

or via email [nat@bridgebuilders.com.au](mailto:nat@bridgebuilders.com.au)

[www.bridgebuilders.com.au](http://www.bridgebuilders.com.au)



## Beverley Hills Junior Football Club

[www.bhjfc.org.au](http://www.bhjfc.org.au)

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**WHERE:** ZERBES RESERVE CNR BLACKBURN RD  
& SAXONWOOD DVE DONCASTER EAST

**REGISTER:** BY MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2016  
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## NORTHERN STORM NETBALL TRIALS FOR 2017

### 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of October

11/u, 13/u & 15/u from 9am to 11am  
17/u & Open from 11:30am to 1:30pm

RMIT Bundoora Sports Complex  
McKimmies Road, Bundoora

\$5 per week to trial  
(assists in court hire expenses)

Email or Post back to:

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Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 6:00pm

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10AM - 4PM

FAMILY \$25  
ADULT \$10  
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