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**ITALY STUDY TRIP**

Exciting things continue to happen at Warrandyte High School. Recently our Italy Study and Cultural Trip Information Night took place. This amazing experience is happening in 2017 and is open to all students from Year 8 - 12. Cities visited will include Rome, Florence and Venice! Attending Italian cooking and language classes in Tuscany is all part of this rich cultural opportunity. Don’t despair if you were unable to attend our Information Night - indeed all you need do is forward your expression of interest, along with the deposit of $1000 to the Office by November 25! To those who did indeed attend our mesmerizing information night - a gentle reminder: that we need your expression of interest in writing and your deposit by November 25.

**Valedictory Dinner** – 2017 – this extravaganza occurred on Tuesday November 15! What excitement! The Class of 2016! Full details next edition!

**Visiting Primary Schools**

It has been lovely over the last few weeks visiting current Grade 6 students across a plethora of different primary schools, all of whom will be commencing with us next year in Year 7. Between myself and our Middle School Leaders: Farah and Mat, we visited incoming students in many schools including: Warrandyte Primary, Anderssons Creek, Wonga Park Primary, Warrawood Primary, Kalinda PS and Milgate Primary – just to name a few! Our incoming Year 7 students will spend the day with us on December 6 - this will be their official Orientation Day!

**Year 11 and 12 (2017) Transition**

Transition in the senior school is about to begin with Year 12 (2017) students undertaking one week of transition commencing Monday November 21 and Year 11 (2017) students participating in two weeks of transition classes also commencing on Monday November 21. This is designed to give our 2017 VCE students a useful head start!

**Year 10 Students (2017)** who will be undertaking a VCE subject next year are also taking part in our exciting Head Start program. During this time external VET classes, are not being run. All students will receive compulsory summer time homework which will be due during the first week of Term 1 next year. It is strongly recommended that students who miss any component of our Head Start/Transition program email their teachers prior to the end of the year to receive the essential work they need!

**School Packages and Student Movement**

Exceedingly soon most students at Years 7-11 will receive their re-enrolment packages for 2017. This will include useful information concerning uniform laptops, text books etc… If your child is not returning to Warrandyte High School in 2017 please notify the General Office by phone or via email via Compass. This is essential, not only because the appropriate paper work needs to be completed but also because we are currently turning away potential enrolments at specific year levels which are currently full.

**End of Year Assemblies**

The dates and times for the end of year assemblies are as follows:

- **Year 11:** Friday November 25 at 2.30pm
- **Year 10:** Friday December 2 at 2.30pm
- **Year 9:** Friday December 9 at 2.30pm
- **Year 7&8:** Monday December 12 at 9am

**RYPEN Camp 2016**

Last month the three of us were invited to go to the RYPEN Rotary camp in Mount Evelyn, to learn leadership skills and make friends with students from other schools. To begin with it was awkward but everyone was really nice and we made friends very quickly. We were put into groups with students we didn’t know and did get-to-know-you activities and made flags for our team. Over the course of the three days we did trust activities, problem solving games, quizzes and workshops. The workshops were on public speaking, personal values and confidence building. Our favourite activities were; crate climbing (which challenged everyone who had a fear of heights,) Edgars Alley (which was a problem solving game that everyone at the camp loved challenging each other) and the flying fox.

On the last night we had a camp party and campfire. It was really awesome to sing along to songs around the fire with all the new friends we had made. We all think the camp really improved our social skills and confidence. Seth thought that it was going to be bad, but then he got there and realised that it was one of the best things he has ever done before. We recommend going to RYPEN if you ever get the chance.

**Seth Martin, Kassie Jones, Amie Grisold**

**Year 10 Students**
Year 7 Zoo Excursion

Last Wednesday all of the Year 7s travelled by bus to the very informative Melbourne Zoo for our very interesting classification unit in Science. It was a terrific and excellent day with ideal weather, nice and sunny but not too hot and so many animals to see. We did so many different things, including walking around as a class and classifying the different animals into six separate groups. These groups were mammilla, aves, reptilla, amphibian, fish and insects. As we were walking around we also looked at the various animals and worked out if they were vertebrate or invertebrate, nocturnal or diurnal, exothermic or endothermic, carnivore, omnivore or herbivore and other things like that. We wrote all of this information down on a work sheet that we were given. On the work sheet we also wrote down the country of origin for these numerous different animals.

After lunch we were allowed to walk around in smaller groups of three or more. While we were walking in our smaller groups we found out what the scientific names are for different animals including lots of native Australian animals, like how the scientific name for a kangaroo is Macropus rufus and Macrotis is the scientific name for a bilby.

I personally believe that the day went really well. I enjoyed both walking around with the whole class and in the smaller groups. I learnt so many things about a lot of different animals. My favourite animal are the meerkats, which I learnt is a mammilla, vertebrate, diurnal, endothermic and that their scientific name is *Suricata Suricatta*.

Much information was gained from this excursion and we all had a fun time. Overall it was really great, fun and educational excursion.

By Hope Watts 7.2

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Studio Arts News

The class of 2016 Studio Arts culminated to a close with a wonderful Art Show. Ms Petrik and Ms Dale would like to congratulate all students for their hard work and dedication. The VCE Art show was a great success.

Standout student Jamie Dyson was short listed for the Top Arts Exhibition hosted by the National Gallery of Victoria. Known for exhibiting an excellent standard of work by VCE students across Victoria, a mere 2000 students apply for the honour. Being shortlisted to the last 150 is a great honour. We are all so proud of Jamie and wish her the best of luck.

Anita Petrik and Heather Dale
Art Teachers

The 2016 Art Show

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The Art Show is the culmination of the year’s work from the VCE Art and Technology students at WHS. Extremely well attended by parents, grandparents, friends and teachers. To the students of 2017 we look forward to the mesmerising work you will generate – the bar has certainly been set very high!

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