Diary Dates

**SEPTEMBER**

**Wednesday 3rd September**  
VET Rec 3/4 Camp leaves

**Thursday 4th September**  
VET Rec 3/4 Camp day 2

**Friday 5th September**  
VET Rec 3/4 Camp returns

**Monday 8th September**  
Kindergarten Football Coaching

**Monday 8th September**  
Taking the Challenge camp over night stay

**Tuesday 9th September**  
Taking the Challenge

**Wednesday 10th September**  
Taking the Challenge camp Over Night Stay

**Wednesday 10th September**  
Year 7 Sport Round Robin

**Thursday 11th September**  
Year 11 Theatre Studies Visit to Theatre

**Friday 12th September**  
Year 8 Drug Education Day
Young Leaders Sustainability Conference
Primary Schools’ Concert Band Tour
Year 12 Theatre Studies excursion - Red Stitch Theatre 7.30pm

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**Our school production Aladdin held its final performance just over a week ago. 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, ex-students and parents who worked in the background and gave up their time willingly to enable the show to occur.**

**School Self-Evaluation and Review**

As mentioned in the last edition of Gang Gang, the school is currently undertaking its four year self-evaluation and review. The self-evaluation stage involves an evaluation of practice and performance across the three outcome areas of Achievement, Engagement and Wellbeing.

Three staff teams are analysing the multiple forms of data available to the school and holding student and staff focus groups to further explore this data. A parents’ focus group is planned for the evening of Tuesday 16 September. The purpose of this focus group will be to enable the analysis teams to unpack and develop a greater understanding of the feedback we currently receive through our parent survey data. The more parents who can volunteer their time to attend this focus group, the better will be the quality of the analysis.

The focus group will be held in the school library on Tuesday 16 September from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. If you are able to attend please RSVP to Helene Butterworth via phone, 9844 2749 or email butterworth.h@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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

Unfortunately this is an ongoing issue I wish to draw 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 Warrandyte Road and 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

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**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Interviews will be held on Thursday 18 September between 12noon and 8pm. Compass will be open for booking from 9am on Monday 8 September. There will be no formal classes on this day; 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.

**Helene Butterworth**  
Executive Assistant
Dear WHS Community

Wow! What a busy few weeks it has been in the theatre. Huge congratulations to every student who was part of ‘Aladdin 2014’. Whether it was in the cast, back stage in the various crews, up in the box with the techies, or in the foyer and theatre helping our guests, you all achieved so much and should be very pleased with your efforts. Thank you to all the wonderful staff that revelled in the opportunity to contribute time and skills in this terrifically inclusive event. I know the students love seeing your involvement and the expertise you bring to the project is not only a pleasure to witness but all culminates in a better quality and more meaningful experience for all. I also hope you enjoyed the immense satisfaction that comes from the special opportunity this event provides to build a positive connection with students outside of the classroom. To all of the talented parents and ex-students who were involved, productions simply wouldn’t happen without your help and generosity. It is a testament to the tremendous culture of WHS productions, built over many years, that this level of commitment and volunteerism takes place.avour and foster that culture as it is something the whole school community can be proud of.

Finally, programs like this would not continue, nor would they be half as enjoyable without one thing…an audience. To every student, staff member, parent, relative and friend that came to one (and in some cases a few) of our performances, a massive thank you. Whilst I know I don’t have to remind you how entertaining it was, your support not only of our students and staff but of the Performing Arts in general is greatly appreciated. We are delighted with the number of people that saw our show and we look forward to you, and anyone that missed it, coming back next year.

Regards,

Lachlan Mackay
Director – Aladdin Jr. 2014

Order Your Aladdin DVD

A DVD of the last performance and the professional photos is now available. Please return the order form, with payment, to the General Office by Thursday 18 September.

Aladdin DVD Order

Student Name ___________________________ Class ___________________________

Please supply me with ______ copies of the DVD at $15.00 each.

Amount paying: $ ___________  Cash  Cheque

Please deduct my  Mastercard  VISA

Card Number ___________________________ Expiry ___________________________

Cardholder’s Name ___________________________ Signature ___________________________
Dear WHS Community

On Tuesday the 19th August, Jonty Rushton and I had the pleasure of attending a conference along with Pamela Dunstall at Victorian State Parliament House. Walking up the front stairs of one of Melbourne’s iconic landmarks felt as though we were walking into a building full with history. Built on the wealth generated by gold in 1855 the magnificent architecture and detail of the building was visually impressive. After refreshments with other school captains and leaders from around the eastern suburbs, several politicians gave inspiring speeches about the role of leadership and the number of opportunities it can lead to. Whilst quite disrupting we experienced the bells ring throughout Parliament House and its environs so that any Members who are not in the Chamber when a Division is called are aware that a vote is about to occur. Following this, we were given a tour around Parliament House where we were taken through the Legislative Assembly (Lower House) and the Legislative Council (Upper House.) We also took a tour through the Library which has only recently been opened to the public. It was very interesting with its floor to ceiling bookshelves, leather bound books and ladders; much different to the library at Warrandyte high. After going down a little blind as to what to expect from the night, it turned out to be quite a valuable experience.

Jessica Brincat
School Captain

The main winter exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria this year has been dedicated to Italian art. On 18 August, the whole of the Italian department was there, together with all the Year 8 classes. There were paintings and drawings of Italian artists from the 16th and 17th Century (Raffaello, Michelangelo, Tiziano, Tintoretto among the others)... but the students especially enjoyed the big coloured bears in the hall, a definitely original installation. This also an Italian artwork, created by the author and Italian artist Paola Piva. They are far less ancient than the other works (it is dated 2013) and far less religious as well.

The exhibition also housed several paintings from Caravaggio’s school. If you are really interested in art, and you are particularly passionate about Caravaggio’s works, you must book a flight and get straight to Rome, to the church of Saint Louis of the French.

So let’s continue with the list of ten places you can’t miss in Rome (do you remember from last newsletter…?):

5) San Luigi dei Francesi (Saint Louis of the French): it is a church not far from Piazza Navona. Nothing special on the outside, but just get in and look for the Contarelli Chapel: You’ll find an amazing cycle of paintings representing the life of Saint Matthew, realized by Caravaggio in 1599-1600. The artist’s use of light and shadow make the images intense and dramatic, especially in the “Inspiration of Saint Matthew”. Matthew the tax collector, avaricious and money-mad, is sitting at a table with other men, when Jesus Christ enters and a beam of light illuminates the faces of the ones who are looking at him. Matthew is still quite uncertain, Jesus is pointing at him, and he is pointing at himself, as if to ask “me?!?”- but this is the very moment he first realizes he is being called. One last thing: to turn the light on, and thus be able to observe the paintings, you need to put in some coins, or wait for someone to do it.

6) Gianicolo (Janiculum) is a hill in western Rome, which overlooks the city. It was the main center for the cult of the two-faced god Janus in Romans time. He had two faces, since he looked to the future and to the past, that’s why the future was predicted by the priests here. The Romans also named the month of January in his honor. Now, it is a beautiful place to have a walk. Naturalists will find the orto botanico (botanical garden) here, while art lovers can enjoy the Tempietto del Bramante, a small shrine built upon the site where Saint Peter was thought to be crucified. Bramante’s purpose was to give concrete life to perfection and he was definitely successful. If you happen to be there at 12 pm and you hear suddenly the shot of a cannon, don’t be scared. Every single day, at noon, a cannon fires once in the direction of the Tiber to signal the exact time. This a tradition dates back to the 19th Century. The main reason why you should come here, though, is the view. The Janiculum is one of the best locations for a view of the domes, bell towers, ancient ruins and monuments that shape the skyline of the city. You can actually see the whole of Rome: so if you don’t have the time to visit the city, just come here.

Ludovica Lannini
Italian Assistant

My name is Haoyuan Song, in Chinese this is 宋昊源. I have had a great school life at Warrandyte High School.

Warrandyte High had many things that I liked. First is the students. The first day I came here Mr Ashmole told me the students here are very friendly, and they really are. Almost all the students greeted me. They were very friendly to me and helped me a lot. Second is the teachers. The first teacher I met at this school was Mrs Dunstall. She helped a lot to let me come to this fabulous school, and then, every teacher I met helped me a lot. The school’s environment also attracted me. The school is big and beautiful, its classrooms are big and bright, I liked them very much.

There are many differences between Chinese and Australian schools. The biggest difference is subjects. In China, schools pay much attention to the score, so almost all the subjects have their official test. But in Australia, schools pay more attention to the social studies. All the subjects are useful when we grow up. Homework is also a big difference, there is a lot of homework in China to let students improve their study. In Australia students do most of their homework at school so they can relax at home.

Because of the population in China, my school in Beijing has about 3000 students but has less area. So we study nearly all the class in one classroom and only have the subjects like science in different classrooms. In China, we also have many tests. In Math, we even have test once a week, and that score will get into your final grade.

I did many other things in Australia too. I went to visit Melbourne city in my first week. The most exciting things I did out of school. I went to Uluru and Healesville Sanctuary. In Uluru, I saw the great giant rock, it was spectacular. I went to Healesville with my mother, Mason King and Mrs Dunstall. We have a fantastic journey there. I hope I can come back here again.

Haoyuan Song

Italian News
Future jobs in Victoria: Facts and Figures

Over the next five years, Victoria will need about 70,000 employees in construction, 108,000 in healthcare and social services, 72,500 in education and training and 64,000 employees in accommodation and food services. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has created a range of industry snapshots designed to help students and their families find out more about career prospects in a range of fields. There are 19 new career trends fact sheets that will give you an idea of future employment opportunities in Victoria.

You can find the fact sheets at:

Key Dates for Year 12 students:

September 30 VTAC closing date. Year 12 students need to have registered, paid the $28 fee and applied for at least one course by this date. You can still register after this date but the cost goes up to $93.

October 7 SEAS applications close. Impact statements are very important. How has your circumstance impacted your ability to study and perform during the VCE? For any assistance with your SEAS application see Mrs Dunstall or Ms Lamb.

October 17 Scholarship applications close. I would recommend everyone to put in a scholarship application. All you need to do is to complete one application via the VTAC website which then makes you eligible for all the university scholarships offered through VTAC.

Pre-Apprenticeships Direct Application to the providers ASAP.

Early Achievers Programs. Both La Trobe University and Australian Catholic University offer early entry programs where students who have been active in their school and communities and maintained a strong academic profile can apply for early entry where they are accepted into their course before knowing their ATAR.

Amanda Silipo
Careers Leader

Year 8 Hockey

On a sunny Thursday last week a group of Year 8 students headed out to Malvern hockey club for interschool hockey. The boys had a big team and only 2 games to play. Mitch Pinder suited up as the goal keeper and had a lot of action during the day. He did a great job saving lots of goals but unfortunately he couldn’t save them all.

The boys’ ran hard and tried their best but unfortunately lost their games to Balwyn High School and Camberwell High School. They played with great school spirit and Roman North showed great sportsmanship after a player on the opposition was injured. He made an effort to go over and make sure he was ok. A great effort from the boys.

The girls’ team only had 11 girls and three games to play, which meant a lot of running for them. The first game against Balwyn High School was very tough with the ball spending a lot of time in their defence, but to the girls credit they drew the game with a nil all draw.

In game two Fynn Groves (Year 7) did a great job as goalkeeper, with lots of balls coming her way. The referees did a great job giving the girls tips and explaining all the rules. The girls started to spread out and had the ball in their attacking half. Unfortunately the girls were not able to score and went down 2 – 0.

Game three against Balwyn High A team saw another draw. The girls were tired and playing one girl short but did an amazing job. There was a lot of attacking and great defending but unfortunately there were no goals scored. The girls had a great day and ran hard. Their hockey skills improved over the day and they conducted themselves in a great manner.

Well done to both teams.

Sport news continued on the next page

Three big changes to the vaccine program

In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program will impact on parents of secondary school students:

The Manningham Council’s immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school on 98442749 or by emailing office@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au by 28 February 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to the Manningham Council.

In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys will be completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

Look out for the vaccine consent form/s coming home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised at school.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

Ann Brown
First Aid
So much has been happening...

So much has been happening in the library during the past few weeks. It is fabulous to see so many students coming in and enjoying our wonderful space.

Thanks to Ms Bradbury… we have a fireplace! Now the library is really starting to feel like home!

We are looking forward to the ever-changing displays where new books (and old) will be promoted.

Currently on the mantelpiece are some old favourites: Peanuts and Tin Tin as well as a great U2 biography and a Little Golden Book on everything you need to know in life.

Last week we celebrated Book Week with The Great Warrandyte High Bake Off. Entries were spectacular as you can see from these photographs:

Feast and Read

Twenty students participated in our inaugural Feast & Read session, where students shared books they have enjoyed whilst devouring pizza and cake! These books have been recommended:

- Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick
- The invention of Hugo Cabret – Brian Selznick
- Once, Then, After & Now – 4 books by Morris Gleitzman
- Noah Barleywater runs away – John Boyne
- The tale of Despereaux – Kate DiCamillo
- Because of Winn Dixie – Kate DiCamillo
- The tiger rising – Kate DiCamillo
- Anything by Kate DiCamillo really……
- In the sea there are crocodiles – Fabio Geda
- Little Women – Louisa May Alcott
- Dork Diaries – Rachel Renee Russell
- The vampire diaries – L.J SmithAll of the books by Robin Hobbs
- Gone Girl – Gillian Flynn
- Shiver series – Maggie Stiefvater
- Mao’s last Dancer – Cunxin Li
- The other Boleyn girl – Philippa Gregory

Feast and Read was a huge success and we look forward to doing it again next year.

The Melbourne Writer’s Festival

On Tuesday 26 August, 21 students attended three sessions at the Melbourne Writer’s Festival. We were entertained by SLAM poet Emilie Zoe Baker, received an insight into the world of Shakespeare from Jackie French and listened to what motivates writers Cath Crowley and David Metzenthen. It was a beautiful spring day and Federation Square was crowded with students from schools from all parts of Victoria. Year 7 Alexis Bucciacchio took to the piano in Fed Square and played a couple of songs for the listening pleasure of other people lunching in the sunshine. The Writer’s Festival always provides those that go with inspiration and motivation and we are already looking forward to next year’s visit.

Amanda Silipo
Careers Leader

Judy Steel
Library Leader

Intermediate Hockey

Both the intermediate hockey teams went out this week. They knew they were facing some tough competition and they coped very well. They played with pride, perseverance and great support of each other. These are all keys values we constantly try to bring into work within school.

The boys’ team won against Templestowe, a great balanced match, with Ryan Seini scoring our winning goal. Unfortunately, they lost against Camberwell who were the eventual winners of the day.

With the girls competition 4 matches were played in total. They also embraced same the values of the boys drawing 3 games versus Canterbury, Camberwell and Kew and great achievement, but unfortunately again lost to the eventual winners Balwyn.

Well done to all players, I hope we can continue to develop our hockey skills next year.

Intermediate Basketball

On Tuesday 21 August the Intermediate girl’s basketball teams made the long trek over to Waverley Basketball Stadium for a busy day of competition.

The Year 10 team had 7 players and six games to play. They did a great job winning two of their games against Balwyn and Kew, narrowly losing to Doncaster and losing their other three games. The girls ran hard all day and never gave up. Annie De Zwart was the top scorer for the day, being supported by Livvy Kienhuis. Bec Smith did a great job in defence blocking lots of shots, allowing Brooke Elliot, Allie Woods, Caitlyn Sanderson and Eliza Phillips to bring the ball up the court. The girls did a great job against some very tough competition.

The Year 9 girls only had five girls in their team, and had a long day with five games, so lots of running. By game three against Camberwell the girls found some form and won the match in a close encounter. They continued this great form with a come from behind win against Kew. Unfortunately in game five they ran out of legs, but still put in a great effort. Brilee Barrow top scored for the day making some important fast breaks. Casey Ryan also scored in each game. Holleigh Mann, Juliette Crosbie and Brandi Angelo also made a solid contribution to the game. It was great to see the girls put in a huge effort, never giving up and supporting each other throughout the games.

Intermediate Boys Basketball played their round robin competition at Waverley Stadium. The A team had 6 tough matches and the B team had 5. The games were very competitive and it was good to see the boys come away with a couple of wins. The boys represented the school well, a good effort!

Amanda Silipo
Careers Leader

Judy Steel
Library Leader

Next Feast & Read Session will be held week 2 term 4
**Baseball World Cup**

I’m Cooper Goodman of Year 9 and I have recently returned from Mexico after competing for Australia in the U15 Baseball World Cup. It is considered the premier world event of elite Junior Baseball. The tournament was made up of 18 countries who competed through their own regions to qualify to compete in the event. The event was held across three cities in Sinaloa, Mexico. These cities were Mazatlan, Culiacan and Los Mochis. Australia was in an initial grouping with Baseball Heavyweights Cuba and current World Champions Venezuela, so our work was cut out for us even before we hit the diamond.

Our first round was held in Los Mochis. This was a smaller town than the other two, but in my opinion the best. The locals came out in their thousands to watch (despite it being live on free-to-air TV) and we were treated like superstars, with autograph hunters and reporters everywhere. We ended up 3rd in this grouping behind eventual Gold Medalist Cuba and Bronze medalists Venezuela (for the record USA came 2nd in an outstanding Gold Medal Play-off).

Our second round was held in Culiacan and were again grouped with baseball heavyweights and current World #2 Japan and other high performing nations. Our tournament ended with a 9th placing overall, with some well fought out games and close competition. Our world ranking as a result went from 14th to 9th, which is outstanding.

The highlight for me was my opportunity to hit the mound in a packed stadium under lights and pitch to Cuba. This was one of our best games and went the full 9 innings against the eventual world champions. Baseball is an extremely statistical game and I fared well in both hitting and fielding. Overall the team did really well and it was an experience I don’t think I’ll ever forget.

I met many new friends from lots of countries around the world and forged even stronger friendships with team mates from around Australia.

It was a great experience and an honour to be able to represent my country.

Cooper Goodman
Year 9 Student

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**National Science Week**

The theme for National Science Week 2014 was “Food for our future: Science feeding the world” and was inspired by the International Year for Family Farming. Now into its seventeenth year, National Science Week provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Australian scientists’ to the world of knowledge. It also aims to encourage an interest in science pursuits among the general public, and to encourage younger people to be fascinated by the world we live in.

The science of food production is one of Australia’s most important fields of research and brings together a wide spread of scientific disciplines—from areas such as genetics and microbiology through to engineering, physics, chemistry, mathematical modelling and materials science.

To celebrate National Science Week at Warrandyte High both students and staff explored the relationship between science and food. In the classroom some year 10 students used jelly and lollies to construct cell models to aide their learning of all the cell structures and functions. Staff were able to celebrate science week with a morning tea of a Periodic Table of cupcakes, beautifully put into correct order by students Bryce Leenaerts and Luke Killey.

During lunch time activities students from all year levels participated in activities that gave a scientific look at some of the foods around us. They examined whether white, milk or dark chocolate melted faster, how a lemon could power a clock, the effects of heat on popcorn kernels, the reason pop rocks pop, and were then able to make (and enjoy) their own ice-cream using a simple endothermic reaction of ice and salt. A huge thank you to Chloe Davies and Stephanie Villani for helping run these activities.

Grace Johnstone
Lab Technician
Are you ready for Christmas?

Warrandyte High School World Challenge team are raising money for the community project they will be completing in Kelabit Highlands Village, Borneo. We have organised a shopping tour to start your Christmas shopping. Come along and visit eight of Melbourne's best warehouses, as well as enjoy a delicious two course meal.

All funds raised from the shopping tour will go towards a better future for the children of the village.

Looking for cheap city parking? Secure Parking will donate $1 to Warrandyte High School for every transaction made using Secure A Spot


- Each time a parking booking is made using promotion code: WHS, Secure Parking will donate $1 to Warrandyte High School.
- Secure Parking has $5 Night & Weekend parking all over Melbourne PLUS weekday early bird parking from $10.
- This offer applies to weekend parking, evening parking, early bird parking & casual parking all over the city when booked online at www.secureparking.com.au using promo code: WHS

PUBLIC TALK IN WARRANDYTE

Local Professor Doug Hilton Profiling:

Walter and Eliza Hall Institute

Professor Doug Hilton, from Warrandyte, along with staff and students from Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research will give a public talk at the Warrandyte Community centre on Thursday 2 October. The idea behind the talk is to make the findings of medical research accessible to the community and to highlight the Institute's current findings. The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute works on cancer, immune and inflammatory diseases and diabetes. This talk will be about what the Institute does generally and highlight their findings specifically in regard to breast cancer.

Detailing discoveries that trigger major disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Focusing on breast cancer research.

WHEN: Thursday 2 October at 7:30pm
WHERE: Warrandyte Community Centre

For more information contact: Warrandyte Neighbourhood House - 9844 1839
Maxine Chapman 0400 948 334
Visit www.wehi.edu.au for more information about the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research

We are recruiting players for the 2014-15 season
If you’re 5 to 85 we have a team for you!

Juniors Training Starts Wednesday 3 September
Juniors/Milo – Contact Jason Ditcham
0419 507 254

Join us on Saturday 20 September from 12pm for our Season Launch, Registration, BBQ at the Clubrooms

First in best dressed!
Date: 18 October 2014
Cost: $50 per person
Please pay at the general office if you have any enquiries please contact the general office on 9844 2749.