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## Warrandyte High School

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## Diary Dates

DECEMBER

- Thursday 7 December**  
China 2018 Information Night for current Year 7-9 students
- Friday 8 December**  
Taking the Challenge-City Experience
- Friday 8 December**  
Year 10 Final Assembly – 2:30pm
- Monday 11 December**  
Year 7 (2018) Parent Information Evening
- Tuesday 12 December**  
Year 7 (2018) Orientation Day
- Tuesday 12 December**  
WHS Awards Night 7:00pm
- Wednesday 13 December**  
Volunteers Supper
- Wednesday 20 December**  
Year 7, 8 & 9 Final Assemblies
- Friday 22 December**  
Last Day of Term 4- -2:30 finish



**Principal:** Dr Stephen Parkin  
**Assistant Principal:** Joseph Caruana  
**School Captains:**  
 Vivien Todd and James Puls-Welsh



From the Assistant Principal

### The Year 12 Valedictory Evening

Recently at the Karralyka Function Centre in Ringwood, the gala Year 12 Valedictory Evening took place. It was a memorable night filled with happiness, celebration and nostalgia. The many achievements of the “class of 2017” were acknowledged – including numerous academic achievements across a vast range of subject areas including: English; Maths Methods; Physics; Chemistry; Business Management; Studio Arts; Visual Communications; Psychology – and that is just to name a few of the categories!

It was wonderful seeing so many of our Year 12 students, their teachers and their parents come together on this night. We wish the Class of 2017 every success in the future.

### Year 11 Awards Assembly

The end of the school year heralds





## Kitchen Garden

On Thursday 23 November Suzanne Martin, Kathy Wain, Hope Watts and Sarah Clavant attended the 40th Annual Victorian Schools Garden Awards Presentation Ceremony at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne. Warrandyte High School won the North Eastern Metropolitan Regional Award P-9, P-12 and all Secondary Schools for their edible garden entry. This year, there were 85 entries from 53 schools across the state.

Congratulations to Hope and Sarah for representing their school and collecting the award on behalf of Warrandyte High School. Well done

**Suzanne Martin - Food Technician**

## CAS Calculators

Our students in Year 11 classes are nearing the end of their Transition week leading into 2018. In General Maths and Maths Methods we need our students to have a Casio CLASSPAD II CP-400 Calculator by the beginning of next year, as mentioned on the booklist. There are still a couple available through the front office for \$218, but you may also want to contact ex-Year 12 student families for a bargain.

**Robbie Gedge - PLTT Leader**

## Hello Everyone

A few things have happened to me since my last article.

With all the swimming at the beach, I now have ear infections. Apparently, Labradors are very susceptible to ear infections if water gets in. Not nice as my ears get sore. I went to the GDV Vet and had gel squirted into my ears, antibiotic tablets to have with my meals and more drops for my eyes. It was all a bit of an ordeal but eventually all treatment was successful. So last weekend all I could do was watch Quinn swim in the sea. I could paddle only so that water could not get into my ears. Most frustrating because it was quite warm and I am not doing so well in the heat.

I had a home visit from Jenny, Puppy Advisor, last week and we were supposed to go for a walk. That did not happen because of the heat. I was given worming tablets and Jenny and Jill chatted about me. Apparently I need to be a bit more compliant when having eye drops administered. That I am trying to do.

I have a long train ride coming up so I will let you know how I went next article.

Please keep coming into see me. I am still extremely handsome.

## Love Reggie



the culmination of many student achievements. Recently we celebrated the many academic, sporting and community service achievements amassed by our Year 11 students. It was wonderful seeing so many students winning academic excellence awards across a range of subjects. The academic culture and indeed the good citizenship philosophy which underpins our endeavours is flourishing here at Warrandyte High.

## Information Evening - China Experience 2018

A gentle reminder to all students who will be in Year 8, 9 or 10 in 2018 (and their families) that we have our China Experience 2018 Information Evening happening on Thursday December 7 at 6pm in the DLC. Come and hear all about the exciting opportunity that awaits you! Addressing the audience will be two students who experienced the Life Changing China Experience in 2016. Essentially we are offering a 3 week experience in China which includes visiting our Sister School in China, numerous cultural experiences in several major Chinese cities and a taste of university life in China! Interested? Come to our Information evening!

## Booklists, Subjects and Uniforms

All students completing elective subjects in 2018 indeed know what their electives are. The Middle and Senior School office indeed has made this exciting information available. We have posted on Compass the unique Warrandyte High code which is needed when purchasing your E Bundle/books online through Campion Books. The uniform shop has extended hours now! Hurray! It is now open on Tuesdays: 2.30pm – 5pm and Thursdays 8am – 10.30am!

### Uniform for 2018

#### Facial piercings, hair and shoes

A gentle reminder that facial piercings are not part of the school uniform. Students are only permitted to wear up to three small studs or sleepers in each ear.

Students are also reminded that the uniform policy states:

“Extremes in terms of hairstyles, hair colour and facial hair must be avoided at all times. The Principal/Assistant Principal will exercise final judgement on such matters”

Finally, a reminder that students are required to wear **“black, leather, polishable, lace up or T-bar school shoes**. Boots, slip ons, zipped, canvas, suede, ballet style and runner/sport shoes are not acceptable”

#### One final gentle reminder

“Students out of uniform MUST OBTAIN the Uniform Pass from the Sub-School Office at the beginning of the day before going to class. Failure to do this will incur a penalty with repeated breaches of this school rule treated very seriously”

- Year 7 and VCE students to go straight to their period 1 class
- Year 8 students – the Gym
- Year 9 students – the DLC
- Year 10 students – the Theatre

## Bushfire Alert Drill

Recently we had a successful bushfire alert and evacuation drill. We first entered into the alert phase, then we moved onto the evacuation phase – this involved evacuating students into A Block which is the building that includes the office area, gym and theatre. It was great to see our Emergency Management Plan working smoothly.

As we are in bushfire season, here is some useful information:

### School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

### Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and via the Compass Parent Portal. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. This will be done via a notice on the Compass Parent Portal Newsfeed, an email to families and through the information message on our phone system.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school. On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

### What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
  - Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
  - Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and by checking the Compass Parent Portal regularly. If you do not know your Compass log in please contact the General Office on 9844 2749 who will be able to assist you with this.
  - Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
  - Talk to your child about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.
  - You can access more information about children’s services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>
- For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667

